

Insight / APSAD Webinar Series – Semester 1, 2026

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March 18

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“It was just like boom”: Talking to tobaccoists about the illicit tobacco and vape market in Australia and implications for drug use treatment and policy.

Dr Samuel Brookfield

Senior Principal Social Scientist, School of Public Health, The University of Queensland

With the significant increase of illicit tobacco in Australia and associated crime and violence, this research presents interviews with Australian tobaccoists on how the landscape has changed over the last five years, barriers and facilitators of them engaging with illicit tobacco, and will discuss what this trend means for drug use treatment and policy more broadly.

March 25

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Drug trends 2025 – Insight, trends, markets and harms from a longstanding national study on illicit substances.

Dr Rachel Sutherland

Research Fellow, National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre, University of New South Wales

Drug Trends is a unique, long-standing national monitoring program that includes annual interviews with people across Australia who regularly use drugs. We present highlights of the Queensland and national findings from 2025's interviews about patterns of substance use and related behaviours, drug markets and harm reduction efforts.

April 29

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Straight Up! Harm Reduction Education for Young People

Brooke Walters

Social Worker, Harm Reduction Educator, QuIVAA

This presentation will discuss the development of a harm reduction booklet for young people inspired from the voices of 15-24 year olds with lived/living experience in Queensland. The key survey findings, topics and future plans will be covered.

May 6

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Under the influence: Chemical tools of coercive control

Todd Selwood

Nurse Practitioner, Gold Coast Alcohol and Drug Service

Whitney Pearce

Senior Social Worker, Metro South Health

This presentation will highlight clinical manifestations of “chemical coercive control” using case presentations. It will provide audience with a greater awareness of the complex intersection between substance use, coercive control tactics and the difficulties of managing them both concurrently.

May 13

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AOD and DFV with victim survivors

Lillian Flanagan

Advanced social worker and DFV Workforce Specialist, Metro North Health.

This webinar will focus of the intersect between DFV and AOD for victim survivors. Looking at considerations, assessment tools, risk and referrals/safety.

May 20

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Unlocking engagement: Supporting cognitive impairment in AOD treatment

Dr Suzie Hudson

Clinical Advisor, Centre for Alcohol and Other Drugs, NSW Health

Around half of all people seeking alcohol and other drug (AOD) treatment live with cognitive impairment, making it harder to stay engaged and benefit from support. This webinar explores the Alcohol and Drug Cognitive Enhancement Program of work —a practical suite of screening tools, assessments, brief interventions and cognitive remediation strategies designed for AOD settings. Learn how any service can identify cognitive impairment early and deliver tailored support that improves treatment outcomes.

May 27

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A true collaboration between AOD and mental health services is achieving sustainable outcomes

Dr Sandra Sunjic

Project Manager, Drug and Alcohol Service, Surry Hills, NSW Health

This presentation will discuss a comorbidity project, which through a co-design process generated solutions to improve the collaboration between Drug & Alcohol and Mental Health Services, to improve integrated care for people with comorbid conditions. The implementation of the recommendations from the project and other achievements in the development of the collaboration between the two services, has led to a model that is achieving sustainable outcomes. The achievements and outcomes will be discussed during the presentation, and how these can be translated to other organisations

June 17

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Whose Voice Counts? Rebuilding AOD Peer Work from Lived-Living Expertise

Emma Kill

Chief Executive Officer, QuIVAA

This presentation introduces the Queensland AOD Peer Workforce Framework, a statewide, LLE-led guide for building effective and sustainable peer roles. It will outline why the framework was developed and what it offers peers, organisations and decision-makers. Participants will leave with a clear understanding of how the framework can strengthen practice, reduce tokenism and effect lasting systems change.

June 24

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Unpacking cultural load: Learnings from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander AOD workers

Karina Clarkson

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander AOD Workforce Education Coordinator, Insight

This webinar will present the preliminary findings from a recent study examining the impacts of cultural load on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander alcohol and other drug (AOD) workers. The research highlights how additional cultural responsibilities such as community expectations, cultural brokerage, and managing kinship relationships affect worker wellbeing, stress, and role clarity.

The session will provide a clear overview of the major themes, the challenges identified by participants, and the implications for organisations aiming to build culturally safe and supportive workplaces. Practical recommendations for reducing cultural load and strengthening the AOD workforce will also be shared.