

**The Report from the
State Substance Use Conference with ADAC &
Grannies Group SMCRP Conference**

**Parks Community Arts Function Centre
Monday 19th – Thursday 22nd May 2008.**

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Conference Objectives: (for list of Objectives refer attachment 3)	Outcome
ADAC Objective:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To discuss and understand the current environment 	<p>Achieved.</p> <p>The current environment was explored with ample opportunity to clarify thoughts and interact with others in the same or similar fields of work.</p> <p>Perspectives were given the Commonwealth, the State, regional and local presenters with special emphasis given to locals such as the Grannies Group.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To explore key strategic issues and risks, and ways of addressing them 	<p>Achieved.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To discuss and clarify the roles and responsibilities, and the relationships within the sector 	<p>Achieved.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide information about OATSIH directions and expectations in substance use 	<p>Achieved.</p> <p>OATSIH commonwealth and state addressed conference providing an overview of their plan for addressing substance use and how funds were to be implemented to achieve this.</p> <p>Emphasis was given to funding programs in remote / isolated communities. This had a mixed reception depending on where conference participants came from.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To share information and raise awareness of the Substance Misuse in the Aboriginal community 	<p>Achieved.</p> <p>Conference was able to share experiences and gain an understanding of how substance misuse was impacting across Aboriginal communities.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To promote community consultation on the topic of Community Resilience of Substance Misuse 	<p>Achieved.</p> <p>Community were consulted as part of the work of the conference.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To encourage local level communities to become proactive in Substance Misuse 	<p>Achieved.</p> <p>Local level communities participated actively in the conference and were exposed to strategies and methods for gaining assistance in dealing with substance misuse.</p>
<p>Grannies Group Objectives:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To work together on finding new ways forward for tackling issues on substance misuse. The Forum will increase the capacity to do more and be more innovative, using a Whole of Government approach, working with local level community to identified service provision needs and gaps, to discuss and develop local level resource required to meet those needs and gaps. 	<p>Achieved.</p> <p>Refer recommendations for strategies in dealing with substance misuse.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This Forum will be important for local community Networks in driving and developing local solutions to the direction of the whole of government response to the prevention of Substance Misuse. 	<p>Achieved.</p> <p>Conference were exposed to the proactive work of the Grannies Group which provided inspiration to engage and tackle substance misuse at the local level.</p> <p>Conference participants were encouraged and reassured that they all had a role to play in tackling substance misuse.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The funders of the event are to use this Forum as part of our planning process for Country Networks 	<p>Achieved.</p> <p>Opportunities arose for interested parties to network and exchange ideas pertaining to substance misuse in country regions.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Grannies Group, support by the Department of Justice, 	<p>Achieved.</p>

Aboriginal Justice & Communications Unit will host the Forum, in conjunction with the South Australian Peak Drug and Alcohol services.	Delivered at the conference.
1. To share information and raise awareness of the Substance Misuse in the Aboriginal community	Achieved. Launching the Grannies Group DVD and their session was inspirational. It demonstrated how devastating the effects are on Aboriginal users, their families and the community.
2. To promote community consultation on the topic of Community Resilience of Substance Misuse	Achieved. Through adhoc discussions and sessions woven across the conference.
3. To encourage local level communities to become proactive in Substance Misuse	Achieved. Refer recommendations.

For Conference program refer Attachment 2

Day 1 Monday 19th May 2008

Coffee, tea registration

Welcome and housekeeping

Scott Wilson introduced Haydyn Bromley (Conference Facilitator) who opened the conference with a brief word on house keeping and an outline of the day. Haydyn then introduced Uncle Lewis (Kurna Elder) who provided a traditional welcome and start to the conference.

Traditional opening

Lewis O'Brien: Kurna Elder.

Alcohol Treatment Guidelines for Indigenous Australians (Professor Charlotte De Crespigny & Sekar Valiadian)

Presentation focused on the resource package, Sekar talked through the resource and touched on the elements of the package that provided opportunities for users to engage in more proactive ways with Indigenous clientele.

Major theme: the resource kit was a valuable resource that could be incorporated into programs with a primary focus on Alcohol misuse. The kit was free at the conference and available free for interested parties.

Discussion / Questions

Morning Tea

Health and Ageing & OATSIH (Bridget Booth Director of OATSIH and Whole of Government, Heather Whatman & Susie Newman: Substance misuse section Canberra)

Department of Health and Aging session:

Presenters:

(Heather Whatman & Susie Newman: Substance misuse section Canberra)

Speakers addressed conference and provided a brief overview of the Substance misuse response from the Commonwealth perspective.

(Bridget Booth: OATSIH)

How OATSIH is implementing money from the commonwealth.

(Alison Kimber: OPAC)

Presented the COAG plan for implementing dealing with substance misuse.

Discussion / Questions

Question generated regarding the information shared by the 4 speakers

The breadth of the questions ranged from service provision to rehabilitation.

Question time lasted approximately 30 minutes.

Lunch

Launch of Alcohol Related Dementia Comic and Poster:

(Mark Elliot: Aboriginal Project Officer Alzheimer's Association)

Mark presented the Alcohol related Dementia Poster and talked through the design and story behind the poster. Mark then summarised the comic.

Community Issues Grannies Group & Country Networks Directions:

Grannies reps delivered a presentation on the foundation and work of the Grannies Group.

The presentation included discussion based on slides contained within the presentation plus a video presentation covering the impact of substance misuse on the users, their families and their communities.

ADAC Directions:

(Scott Wilson):

Delivered the ADAC directions to the conference from a global perspective.

Highlighted the project initiatives and talked through work to date plus planned work.

Powerpoint presentation delivered.

Afternoon Tea

Combined Panel Question and Answer:

Presenters fielded questions from the participants,

Participants also provided comments and statements regarding the information and topics discussed.

Themes explored included:

- Acknowledging cultural and community experience / expertise vs academic credentials;
 - Rebuilding community pride;
 - Career pathways for secondary and post secondary Aboriginal people;
 - Global allocation funding vs specific targeted funding projects;
 - Quality of Live for Aboriginal people and communities;
 - Job security;
 - Impact of Education system on Aboriginal people and community;
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Day 2: Tuesday 20 May 2008

Welcome & Housekeeping

Haydyn provided a recap of the previous day and outlined the current days' agenda before introducing Commissioner Klynton Wanganeen to address conference.

Work of the Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement:

(Klynton Wanganeen: Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement)

The Commissioner provided an outline of the work of his office and its history;

He went on to share the role of Commissioner as well as point out that his role was distinctly different to the role of Council of Aboriginal Advisors;

Commissioner Wanganeen reported that he had the power to act independently and provide advocacy & support for Aboriginal people;

He touched on Training and Development including training of Aboriginal people;

Commissioner Wanganeen was in a 12 month role;

How does Commissioner's role compliment the work against substance abuse?

- Impact of the cycle of substance abuse;
- Breaking the cycle of substance abuse;
- Linking training to employment outcomes;
- Projects need to be culturally appropriate;
- Shared goals;
- Multi agency approach;

Leadership position:

- Government leadership role;
- Working with Aboriginal leaders in the public service;
- Commissioner Wanganeen highlighted the fact that community leaders emerge from the community not the public sector and raised the importance of valuing the skills and knowledge (cultural and otherwise) of leaders in Aboriginal community;
- The Commissioner is open to receive issues and complaints in order to action resolution;
- He is keen to assist in connecting up agencies to reduce duplication;

- Assists Aboriginal people to engage in wider community initiatives;

Substance abuse:

- Harm minimisation;
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Grannies Group: Cheryl Welch presented the launch of the DVD “Lost Generations”

Participants viewed the DVD which presented substance use from a user /victim family perspective.

The DVD was received extremely well with many participants expressing their sincere appreciation for the courageous work of the Grannies Group.

Dark Time to Bright Time: Suicide prevention: Aaron Stuart: suicide prevention officer.

Presentation focus on stressors that contribute to changes in state of mind that could result in suicide.

Emphasised the need for men to communicate and start talking;

Aaron presented 3 images that provided visual concepts of the change in mood/state of mind then discussed the meaning behind the paintings.

Aaron outlined to conference how a person could transition to and from each of the three states of mind depicted in the three pictures displayed at the front of the stage. He touched on the triggers that could move a person through the different states and then provided strategies for assisting persons prone to this affliction including asking them up front if they are about to engage in self harm or if they feeling they may do so in the near future.

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD): Helen Wilson & Tammy Colson.

Helen & Tammy contributed with a presentation on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

- 3 babies were shared around participants,
 - 1 “Normal” birth weight and development;
 - 1 exhibiting the physical effects of FASD;
 - 1 with effects of drug addiction;
 - Their address included the use of a Power point presentation which was incorporated into the presentation;
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- A FASD questionnaire was provided to participants for their information;
- Affects the babies development in the womb;
- Physical features present in common traits for FASD children;
- IQ for most FASD children is generally around 60 but some cases can be higher;
- FASD is totally Preventable by not drinking alcohol during the pregnancy;
- Awareness is one of the best preventions for FASD;
- General knowledge about the effects of alcohol are crucial to its prevention;

Helen talked through the FASD questionnaire with conference;

She also raised strategies to assist FASD children/people in achieving success;

Day 3 Wednesday 21 May 2008

AM: ADAC AGM + Grannies Group meeting.

Morning Tea

Hep C and Blood Borne Viruses: Maggie McCabe & Kerry Patterson - Hep C Council of SA.

Don't Be Buntha (Short animated documentary about Hep C)

Power point presentation re Hep C;

Quit SA – Smoke Free Pregnancy & Families: Kathryn McKenzie: Smoke Free Pregnancy Project Officer

Power point presentation about the risks associated with smoking during pregnancy and the other factors that contribute to pregnant women smoking during their pregnancy;

Kathryn reported how it is as much a responsibility of the father of the child to avoid smoking as it is the pregnant mother. She covered how often the woman would be drawn to smoking due to environmental and social issues / pressures which are hard to resist.

To fix this matter, more publicity should be given to a broader and public about the dangers of smoking during pregnancy.

Lunch

Crystal Methamphetamine (ICE) “Dontmesswithmeth” Launch of Comic, Pamphlet and website: Keith Evans: Executive Director Drug and Alcohol Services SA + Scott Wilson: Director ADAC

Keith launched the comic, pamphlet and website;

Keith praised the work of ADAC in developing the resources;

Scott talked through the website and how to incorporate the information on the site into your training;

National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Council: Scott Wilson: Deputy Chairperson NIDAC

Power point presentation covering:

- Background of NIDAC;
 - 1998: Australian National Council on Drugs;
 - Overviewed the vision of NIDAC;
 - Advisory structures for the Australia National Drug Strategy;
 - NIDAC Membership;
 - NIDAC Priorities 2007 – 2010;
 - Importance of base data and tracking data to measure impact of service provision;
 - Committee meetings based permanently in Adelaide;
 - Themes across Australia;
 - Community consultations;
 - Inter-governmental council on drugs (IGCD);
 - Comparison between Aboriginal people and non-Aboriginal people smoking showed that Aboriginal people used drugs 30% higher than non-Aboriginal people 53% - 21%;
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Day 4 Thursday May 22nd 2008

Coffee, tea registration

Welcome and housekeeping

Recap last 3 days break into workshops

Facilitator presented an overview of the Conference to date. Incorporated into the recap were observations and anecdotal information from conference. It also included recapping on the major themes of conference to pave the way for the development of recommendations in the following session.

Participants were instructed to ensure that they contributed their views and actively engage in the development of the recommendations.

Discussion / Recommendations

Conference was divided into three groups:

Group 1: **the Grannies Group**;

Group 2: **Alcohol use, misuse and abuse**;

Group 3: **Other drugs**.

The groups convened in separate areas and reviewed the work covered over the past three previous days of conference. Discussions were then condensed into recommendations that were formulated by culminating the essence of information and discussions from conference.

Community Issues report back and adoption of Recommendations.

Following the morning break, the three groups presented their recommendations to the floor of conference. Recommendations were presented in a manner allowing participants to input their views and then they were formally moved, seconded and voted upon. The resultant recommendations are incorporated into this document in **Attachment 1**.

**Recommendations from the State-wide Substance
Use Conference with ADAC and Grannies Group
SMCRP Conference Parks Community Arts Function
Centre
19th – 22nd May 2008.**

Recommendation 1

“That this conference recommends that we seek funding to provide for a bi-annual state AOD Conference”.

Moved: ***Rodney Welch***

Seconded: ***Jim Mulvihill***

Carried

Recommendation 2

“To implement South Australian regional Aboriginal community voicing groups aimed at strengthening community D & A issues with in each local community”

- To address workshops, education, and training
- To enable Elder and mentor program delivery
- To act as a panel in collaboration with government and service processes and programs
- To provide a national, state, local issue based voice and support mechanism that enables a state network and state voice

Moved: ***Diana Grose***

Seconded: ***Eileen Mchughes***

Carried

Recommendation 3

“To implement a 24/7 support outlet for people with special needs within each local community for transitional people and those exiting prison and hospital”.

Moved: **Lorraine Williams**

Seconded: **David Dudley**

Carried

Multi-purpose facility Drug and Alcohol facility

Recommendation 4

In order to address a whole range of gaps in the provision of services to indigenous illicit drug users, this conference is proposing the establishment of a multi-purpose facility (or one-stop shop) in Adelaide. This facility will provide the following services:-

- Assessment, education, referral and brief outpatient interventions unit, which would act as the hub of all other services provided from the facility. This service would be an accredited provider for Police Drug diversion and Drug Court purposes.
- Outpatient services including counseling, support for home detoxification, home visiting, family support services would operate in conjunction with the Assessment unit with staff sharing responsibilities.
- Inpatient residential rehabilitation – providing short to medium stay supervised and drug-free rehabilitation programs and inpatient programs assisting methadone clients to stabilise or withdraw. The facility would also be able to incorporate family rehab as well as be a place that offenders could be bailed to, to complete their sentence. This would be a 24 hour 7 day service.
- Inpatient non-medical detoxification with visiting medical officer supervision and monitoring (where home detoxification is inappropriate). This would be a 24 hour 7 day service. This service would complement existing medical detoxification facilities and work closely with medical advisers.
- Assessment and monitoring of clients on pharmacotherapies such as methadone by visiting medical officers. The facility would be a base for visiting doctors who are skilled in some of the newer treatment approaches. Counselling and support staff would assist in monitoring clients on these programs.
- Volunteer family support and harm minimisation program aimed at supporting families and utilising family networks to access illicit drug users and provide harm minimisation information for difficult to reach target groups.

- Base for outreach and street level services – youth and street workers would work from the centre to contact drug users in their homes and elsewhere and create links to the other support and treatment services offered.
- Base for needle exchange, peer education and other mobile harm minimisation programs. Whilst it would not be appropriate to locate a safe injecting room on the premises, staff could support such a centre in an appropriate location.
- Training component for indigenous substance misuse workers who could gain experience in a range of different services at the one location as well as attend formal courses run by ADAC or other training bodies.
- As a centre of excellence for Indigenous workers and community members. Concentration of services in one facility will enable that ‘critical mass’ of organization size and sophistication to justify an adequate administrative, training, worker support and research and monitoring base.
- A composite facility would be able to take referrals from police diversion programs, from Drug and Aboriginal (Nunga) Courts, from other health and welfare services and from voluntary self and family referrals. The facility would provide a useful base for future research into the nature, extent and patterns of illicit drug use in urban indigenous populations.
- Where a range of services come under the control of one management structure, co-ordination between services is facilitated and liaison and co-operation with other service providers such as DASC and Corrections Dept is enhanced. Issues relating to the special needs of dual diagnosis clients, young clients and women can be addressed.
- That as part of the overall facility that half way houses also be established to allow clients to move from rehab to halfway to community.

Moved: **ADAC**

Seconded: **Alma Ridgway**

Carried

Ceduna

Recommendation 5

“That State Government Fund an expansion and upgrade of the Sobering up Centre so Males and Females can have separate sleeping and accommodation facilities”

Moved: **Jean Carbine**

Seconded: **Mabel**

Carried

Ceduna/Koonibba Health Services

(Recommendations moved on Block)

Recommendation 6

“That funding is required for regular Drug and Alcohol Training Workshops to be held at Ceduna/Koonibba Health Services”

Recommendation 7

“That funding is required for Ceduna / Koonibba so all staff that work at Ceduna / Koonibba can do the Strong Spirit Strong Mind course that ADAC runs”

Moved: **Joy Haynes**

Seconded: **Jenny Hayes**

Carried

Recommendation 8

“That funding be provided to establish a Youth Hostel as a safe place due to various reasons for young people to be unable to go home”.

Moved: **Jean Carbine**

Seconded: **Lena Rigney**

Carried

We ask that Commissioner Wanganeen go to all Rural and remote communities unannounced to see what is happening”.

Carried

Koonibba

Recommendation 9

“ That funds are provided for replacement staff of people that may be sick or injured and on work-cover”

(Health worker has been off 6 Months)

“That Funds are provided for a Health Worker with a vehicle in the community that can be on call, especially needed to take people to hospital.”

Moved: ***Kevina Ware***

Seconded: ***Eileen Mchughes***

Carried

Pangula Mannamurna Inc. Mount Gambier Youth

(Recommendations moved on block)

Recommendation 10

“That there is funding supplied to generate more drug and alcohol awareness especially in regard to Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders, to educate young potential parents”.

Recommendation 11

“That ADAC is funded to produce and print a comic about Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) for circulation to youth in Primary and High School.”

Recommendation 12

“That funding is provided to developed a package about Cultural Awareness and Language techniques so Doctors Jargon doesn't intimidate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. To be circulated to Doctors and Health Workers”

Moved: ***Pangula Mannamurna***

Seconded: ***Lorraine Williams***

Carried

Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

(Recommendations moved on block)

Recommendation 13

That this conference calls on the SA State Health to make FASD awareness, diagnosis and support a health priority”.

Recommendation 14

That funding is supplied for a State Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Diagnostic Centre to be established to identify children, young people and adults affected by FASD. The centre to use validated assessment tools and once diagnosed, appropriate referral to services and support to be provided”.

Recommendation 15

“That funding is supplied for prevention and treatment FASD Kit for Doctors”

Recommendation 16

“That Funding be provided for a prevention and treatment FASD Kits that is developed to go out to community with posters and workshops that can be used in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities” That this include;

- Education kits and regular workshops for teachers at schools explaining FASD and how to educate and assist children who have FASD.
- That these Kits and workshops are also provided to University Students
- That appropriate funding is available for a FASD kit and regular workshops for the Legal system, Judges, Magistrates, Police and the Prison System so people with FASD are treated appropriately.
- That ADAC be appropriately funded run regular workshops for people to learn about FASD in urban, rural and remote locations.
- That an website be set up for FASD, that all the above people will have different sections: Judges, lawyers, Doctor, Teachers, Health Workers, Community, Parents, Young People, Youth and Adults who have FASD.
- Education on FASD and ongoing support for those young people already diagnosed and assessed to receive Centrelink payments for a disability pension and support from Commonwealth rehabilitation Services.
- Support and encourage further scientific studies into the long term effects on FASD of future generations of users of drugs that were used by parents.

Moved: **Joy Haynes**

Seconded: **Robert Rigney**

Carried

Kalparrin

Recommendation 18

“That this conference calls on the state government to establish a working party to look at and make recommendations for changes to existing legislation to enable MAP workers to be able to deal with children at risk that they come into contact with”.

Moved: **Robert Rigney**

Seconded: **Bruce Carter**

Carried

Illicit drugs

(Recommendations moved on block)

Recommendation 19

“More funding for existing successful programs to expand into regional smaller areas. Eg. Raukkan and Point Pearce”.

Recommendation 20

“Expanding “Making Tracks” to incorporate in particular a “women’s” team as a priority and youth team”.

Recommendation 21

“Interagency connections/partnerships to be made between services so that smaller communities can access up to date, current information programs eg. Statewide meetings for workers and partnership agreements to be put into place”.

- One stop shop “Healing Centre” as proposed by ADAC to include
- Holistic programs
- Cultural programs
- Living skills programs
- Clinical services
- Community development
- Education and training for workers – AOD
- Participants to be able to access training and development
- Structured ongoing support provided to participants on exit

Moved: **Pauline Walker**

Seconded: **Carolyn Rigney**

Carried

Recommendation 22

“That a small working group from ADAC and the Grannies Group be formed to target Klynton Wanganeen and other ministerial members where appropriate”.

Moved: **Mabel**

Seconded: **Alma Ridgway**

Carried

Recommendation 23

“This conference recommends that 10% of all revenues received from across SA go to a fund to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island programs including Alcohol and other Drug programs”.

Moved: **George Cooley**

Seconded: **Colleen Welch**

Carried

Alcohol:

Recommendation 24

“Funding to be provided on an ongoing basis for half way houses after care programs that allows a holistic and culturally appropriate service especially in the area of after care where people have completed a rehab program. This concept is along the lines of a One stop shop” in the local community that can provide a culturally appropriate service”.

Moved: **Lena Rigney**

Seconded: **Mabel**

Carried

Recommendation 25

“Formalized agreements to be formulated with State and Commonwealth departments to support people to access detox programs. This to include ongoing income support, suspension of clients Housing SA rent”.

Moved: **Diana Grose**

Seconded: **Judy Johnson**

Carried

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Conference Parks Community Arts Function Centre**

Conference Agenda Monday 19th May

9.30 am	Coffee, tea registration
10.00 am	Welcome and housekeeping
10.10 am	Traditional opening
10.25 am	Minister for Substance Abuse
10.45 am	Discussion / Questions
11.00 am	Health and Ageing & OATSIH (Bridget Booth Director of OATSIH and Whole of Government)
12.15 pm	Discussion / Questions

12.30 Lunch

1.20 pm	Launch Alcohol Related Dementia Comic and poster (Mark Elliot Indigenous Awareness Officer Alzheimer's Association SA)
1.30 pm	Community Issues Grannies Group & Country Networks Directions
2.20 pm	Discussion / Questions
2.30 pm	ADAC Directions
3.20 pm	Discussion / Questions

3.30 pm Afternoon Tea

4.00 pm	Panel Discussion and suggestions for directions Grannies on panel DoHA, OATSIH and ADAC
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Close

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9.00 am	Coffee, tea registration
9.20 am	Welcome and housekeeping
9.30 am	Opening Note Commissioner Klynton Wanganeen
10.00 am	Grannies Group "Lost Generations" DVD Launch
11.00 am	Discussion / Questions
11.15 Am	Loss and Grief / Rehabilitation / Intervention
12.20 pm	Discussion / Questions

12.30 Lunch

1.15 pm	Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) (Helen Wilson)
2.00 pm	Discussion / Questions
2.15 pm	Hepatitis and blood bone viruses (Hepatitis C Council)
2.30 pm	Discussion / Questions
2.45 pm	Substance Misuse - Eyre Peninsula (Tauto Sansbury)
3.05 pm	Discussion / Questions

3.15 pm Afternoon Tea

3.30 pm	Panel Discussion and suggestions for directions
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Close

4.15 pm	ADAC Special General Meeting Grannies Group Network Meeting
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5.30 pm Dinner Community BBQ Parks Community Centre

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Conference Agenda Wednesday 21st May

- 9.00 am Coffee, tea registration
- 9.30 am Welcome and housekeeping
- 9.35 am Alcohol Treatment Guidelines for Indigenous Australians (Professor Charlotte De Crespigny & Sekar Valiadian)
- 10.15 am Discussion / Questions
- 10.30 am National Indigenous AOD Workforce Development Project (Sharon Drage and Warren Miller)
- 11.20 am Discussion / Questions
- 11.30 am Healing our Spirit Worldwide (HOSW) (Ruby Abdullah & friends)
- 12.20 pm Discussion / Questions
- 12.30 Lunch**
- 1.30 pm Cyrstal Methamphetamine (ICE) Dontmesswithmeth Launch of Comic, pamphlet and website
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- 3.15 pm Discussion / Questions
- 3.30 pm Afternoon Tea**
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Conference Agenda Thursday 22nd May

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| 10.00 am | Welcome and housekeeping |
| 10.15 am | Recap last 3 days break into workshops |
| 11.15 am | Discussion / Recommendations |
| 11.30 am | Community Issues report back and adoption of Recommendations |

12.15 pm Close

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- This Forum will be important for local community Networks in driving and developing local solutions to the direction of the whole of government response to the prevention of Substance Misuse.
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Attachment 4

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Feedback questionnaire from conference participants. We received 20 feedback sheets from the Conference

1. Did you find the sessions and topics informative?

Of the 20 feedbacks received all 20 found the sessions and topics discussed informative.

2. Is there any other topic you would have liked to have seen discussed?

10-participants would have like to see other topics discussed

- More in depth discussion about the cascade of events that leads people to drug use
- Expand on the “Alcohol Treatment Guidelines for Indigenous Australians”
- Not sure
- More presentations of some successful programs already running in communities
- More on treatment programs that are available
- Innovative Programs
- All went well maybe at another conference
- Aboriginal men mentoring young men’s behaviour on how to be a man on our community
- Keeping finding ways to assist healing and new group for our community

8- participants answered no

3. Do you think the information received will help in your work place?

All 20-participants thought the information received will help them in their workplace.

- It will be good if the people wants to do it
- Very much. A great introduction to a new industry/career I have embarked on
- Yes, but we need the power that be push our bosses into addressing these issues as a service
- Definitely

4. Which session did you enjoy the most?

19-participants of the 20-participants answered this question with most enjoying all the sessions, with 5-participants mentioning FASD.

- Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder
- All, mostly every session was good
- FASD - The 3 babies were great to show the effects of alcohol and drugs
- Scekar Valadian's Alcohol Treatment Resource
- FASD
- The info on what the grannies group were doing
- Alzheimers, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, ADAC Comic launch was great (meth monster)
- Mostly all of the sessions were informative
- FASD and Grannies Group
- Debate from the floor, "Fetal Alcohol Syndrome".
- Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder
- OATSIH Question Time
- All the recommendations
- All
- All the sessions were great
- All sessions and meeting others with the same issues Grannies Group
- All sessions and catch ups during breaks
- All sessions were great, lost generation DVD was excellent
- All sessions (Excellent)

5. Are there any issues in your community that you are not receiving help with?

12-participants answered yes

8-participants answered no

- Dry area
- Aboriginal recruitment in the treatment counsellor areas.
- Training for Health Workers around substance abuse and also opportunities for ex users to be trained to talk to school, community groups etc
- I would like to get the ASG Men's Group up and running again, some funding
- Drug and Alcohol specific Youth Worker
- Recurrent funding for successful youth prevention program - need more workers
- Sobering up centre the workers who are giving the service to the program aren't being looked after eg proper wages / short staff etc
- Service delivery should be more forthcoming
- Transport for the Grannies Group members to attend meetings
- Making Organisations and their workers accountable to the wider community
- Holistic lifestyle programs to develop healthy communities
- Unsure
- Facilities that provide for specific targeted after care and ongoing support

6. Do you think this should be a biannual event?

12-participants answered yes

8-participants answered no

There was an overwhelming response from the conference to have it as an annual event and not a bi-annual event.

- The recommendations from this conference should be pursued with the next conference canvassing each recommendation and how they progressed.
- I don't think the conference should be a bi-annual event, just an annual event. There is a lot of work that comes from the recommendations, where it will take a year to progress
- Yes please
- With more input from Elders in particular men
- Constant changes within services, needs regular updating
- Annual
- Annual
- Annual
- Annual
- Need to meet on annually in different communities taking turns
- Annual and involvement with DASSA again too
- Annual
- Annual

7. Any other comments?

13-participants answered yes to further comments

- A fantastic seminar, well presented workshops and lectures. Great resources to take away
- Group participation was Great!
- Would have liked to see more small group discussion time allocated. Also thought that the MC was excellent made people feel comfortable and facilitated discussion well the nunga way. Next time I would like to see Police commissioner invited and Dept of Justice
- Just liked what I heard. Hotel could have been closer to conference
- I look forward to this conference as it delivers info in a format that is easy to understand and that invites participation.
- Thanks ADAC and the Grannies Group for putting the conference
- State Conference could become the prime Drug and Alcohol conference for Aboriginal people/organisations if promotion of conference was done earlier. A call for speakers/papers etc with rsvp date 3 months before the conference date.
- Very well managed
- I thoroughly enjoyed the conference
- Would like to see more Youth attending
- Well done to Scott, Rodney and Hayden for a job well done. Thankyou
- Very powerful conference indeed
- Look else where for funding and support, even joint partnerships within industry and commercial lobby. A clear plan of future direction more. Reports, presentation of success stories from individuals and from communities.