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Draft program outline

Day 1

9:00–9:20 am	Conference welcome Larry Pierce Welcome to Country
9:20–9:30 am	Ministerial welcome Dr Kerry Chant PSM <i>Chief Health Officer, Deputy Secretary Population and Public Health, NSW Ministry of Health</i>
9:30–9:50 am	Keynote Jacqui Gibson-Roos <i>Consumer Advocate</i>
9:50–10:30 am	Keynote Professor Leanne Hides <i>NHMRC Senior Research Fellow, Lives Lived Well Professor of Alcohol, Drugs & Mental Health, University of Queensland</i>
10:30–11:00 am	Morning tea
11:00–12:00 am	International keynote Manuel Cardoso <i>Deputy General-Director, General-Directorate for Intervention on Addictive Behaviours and Dependencies (SICAD), Portugal</i> Manuel will share the impact of decriminalisation on integrated responses and delivery of treatment services in Portugal. He will provide us with a keynote on the current state of play in Portugal and how this dramatic change in policy has shaped the way people who use drugs are treated—breaking down experiences of stigma and increasing opportunities for people to reach out for support.

12:00–1:00 pm	Lunch			
	Withdrawal management	Therapeutic interventions	Responding to complexity	TBA
1:00–1:20 pm	Rethinking withdrawal management within therapeutic community programs Carolyn Stubley	Therapeutic approaches to the treatment of post traumatic stress disorder and substance use in adults and adolescents Natalie Peach	<i>Lightning round presentations:</i> Health literacy of people attending residential substance use treatment: a latent class profile analysis, Tayla Degan	
1:20–1:40 pm	A new inpatient youth withdrawal service: Mission Australia David Martin Place Gabriella Holmes	The impact of the therapeutic alliance on outcomes for people seeking assistance with alcohol misuse Megan Freund	Exploring therapeutic interventions—the KRC multi-disciplinary approach Robin E. Dibble, Christine Kerr and Debbie French	
1:40–2:00 pm	Reasons for entering detoxification, perceptions of help received and satisfaction with services Frank P. Deane	How can we make alcohol and other drug treatment more client centred? Esther L. Davis	A new approach to working with families and supporters of people with behaviours of concern Josette Freeman Using technology to support the delivery services for co-occurring AOD and mental health conditions Gerard Byrne Save-a-mate (SAM) festivals and events program—harm minimisation in action Nadine Smith, Jessica Surkitt	
2:00–2:20 pm	Diversional therapy in a detox setting Samuel Gonzaga, Vicky Findlay	<i>Workshop:</i> Decriminalisation as therapeutic intervention: making it possible Will Tregoning	Loneliness in treatment-seeking substance dependent populations Isabella Ingram	
2:20–2:40 pm	NADA Practice Leadership Group Withdrawal paper		ACE Project—addressing cognitive impairment in the AOD sector Jo Lunn, Jamie Berry, Antoinette Sedwell	
2:40–3:00pm	<i>Withdrawal management discussion</i>			

3:00–3:30 pm	Afternoon tea			
	Integrated approaches to treatment	Quality and safety	Women	Working with young people
3:30–3:50 pm	Nimbin Integrated Services—an effective model of client-centred service delivery Natalie Meyer	<i>Workshop:</i> Quality and safety in AOD treatment settings Ministry of Health	Findings from a research based evaluation of a domestic violence survivor group trialed in alcohol and other drug settings Rebecca Gray, Susan Elvery	Effective aftercare: learning from the lived experiences of AOD-affected young people and their allies Bethany Bradhurst
3:50–4:10 pm	<i>Lightning round presentations:</i>			<i>Workshop:</i>
4:10–4:30 pm	Establishing a hepatitis C treatment model through community partnerships for hepatitis C assessment and treatment in a residential drug and alcohol treatment facility for women Alice Hanna, Fiona Boyd		<i>Workshop:</i> Applying a trauma informed approach and attachment theory in therapeutic practice in a residential women and children’s service Liz Pearce, Lindie Windell, Christine Watson	Collaborating with community to develop an early intervention program for young people about mental health and alcohol and other drugs Kylie Fitzmaurice, Matt Cugin
4:30–4:50 pm	Using continuing professional development as a platform to promote safer prescribing of drugs of dependence by general practitioners in a regional area Katrina Martin			
	The power of partnership: CESP HN and ACON working together to tackle LGBTI substance use Raquel Lowe			
	In the loop Rush Electra			
5:00 pm	Day one close			
5:00–6:00 pm	Welcome drinks and canapés			
6:00–10:00 pm	Conference dinner and AOD Awards for the NSW Non Government Sector			

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Day 2

8:55–9:00 am	Welcome Larry Pierce			
9:00–9:20 am	Keynote Regina Brindle <i>Consumer Participation Facilitator, UnitingCare ReGen</i>			
9:25–9:50 am	Keynote Professor Margaret Hamilton AO , <i>Chair of the National Centre for Clinical Research on Emerging Drugs of Concern</i>			
9:55–10:30 am	Keynote Nicole Laupepa <i>Manager, Rosalie House Drug Health Day Program, St Vincent de Paul NSW Specialist Drug and Alcohol Network</i>			
10:30–11:00 am	Morning tea			
11:00–11:45 am	Keynote Rodney Vlais <i>Consultant, Policy Advisor, Researcher and Trainer in Perpetrator Interventions and Perpetrator Intervention Systems</i>			
11:45–12.00 pm	Poster presentations			
	Working with Aboriginal people	Valuing the lived experience in treatment	Client outcomes	Continuing care
12.00–12.20 pm	Anomie and working within a community based cultural healing model Doug James	A 'win / win' situation—how meaningful consumer voice can be achieved Bronwyn Hendry, Chris Corcoran	SMART Recovery: emerging evidence and the innovative use of routine outcome monitoring and feedback Alison Beck	<i>Workshop:</i> It's a wrap! Getting together to provide best practice wraparound care
12.20–12.40 pm	<i>Lightning round presentations:</i> Utilising a culturally appropriate approach to delivering therapeutic alcohol and other drug services in remote Aboriginal communities Michelle Fairweather, Shelly Purvis <i>TBA</i>	<i>Workshop:</i> Workers with lived experience: why you need them on your AOD team NUAA	Working together for improved client outcomes Mellissa Doran	Michelle Ridley (NADA) <i>Panel discussion with:</i> Anne (consumer) Fiona Byrne (Community Corrections) TBA presenters

12:40–1:00 pm	<i>TBA</i>		Using NADAComs to benchmark client progress: a practical example using The Glen Centre Peter Kelly
1.00–2.00 pm	Lunch		
2.00–2.30 pm	Ministerial address The Hon. Brad Hazzard <i>NSW Minister for Health and Minister for Medical Research</i>		
2:30–3:30 pm	Panel discussion Access and equity for AOD treatment Manuel Cardoso joins our expert panel to explore how we can break down the barriers our clients experience to access and engage in supportive treatment. Are clients being turned away for the very reasons they seek help? Where does human rights fit into this discussion? What can we do as a sector to ensure equity for our clients?		
3:30 pm	Day two close		
3:30–4.00 pm	Afternoon tea		