



MEDIA ALERT/DIARY NOTE

For the attention of Chiefs of Staff, News Desks, Health/Medical Editors
Wednesday 4 November 2015

APSAD 2015 – Australasia’s Major Alcohol and Other Drugs Conference Monday 9 to Wednesday 11 November 2015, Perth

- WHAT:** [The Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and other Drugs Scientific Conference \(APSAD 2015\)](#) is Australasia’s major forum for the latest research on the nature, prevention and treatment of problems related to the use of alcohol and other drugs (AOD).
- WHO:** APSAD is Australasia’s leading multidisciplinary organisation for professionals in the alcohol and other drugs field. APSAD 2015 will bring together more than 380 leading researchers, health professionals and frontline clinicians from major universities, research institutes, treatment facilities and healthcare agencies in Australia and internationally.
- WHEN:** Monday 9 to Wednesday 11 November 2015
- WHERE:** Pan Pacific Hotel, Perth

APSAD 2015 will address a diverse range of alcohol and other drug issues. Session and symposium themes include: alcohol; cannabis and tobacco; e-health; gambling; impacts of research and policies on First People; injecting drug use; maternal AOD use and foetal alcohol spectrum disorder; media and social marketing; methamphetamine; naloxone; offender health; older people; opioids; performance and image enhancing drugs; treatment; workforce development; youth.

APSAD 2015 MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

Monday 9 November

[Sandra Brown](#), University of California, USA

Addiction, development and beyond: The new behavioural neuroscience opportunities

[Beau Kilmer](#), RAND Drug Policy Research Centre, California, USA

Losing your license to drink: Insights from RAND evaluations of 24/7 sobriety programs

[Tanya Chikritzhs](#), National Drug Research Institute, Curtin University

‘Moderate’ drinking: A toast to your health?

Tuesday 10 November

[Kairi Kolves](#), Australian Institute for Suicide Research and Prevention, Griffith University

Impact of alcohol use on suicidal behaviours: Research and prevention

[Kirsten Horsburgh](#), National Naloxone Coordinator, Scottish Drugs Forum

Naloxone in Scotland, A national approach



[James Ward](#), South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute, Adelaide

Injecting drug use among Aboriginal people is a critical and emerging issue

[Amy Peacock](#), University of Tasmania (2015 APSAD Early Career Award winner keynote)

A mixed hazard? Alcohol, caffeinated energy drinks and the consequences of co-ingestion

Wednesday 11 November

[Rebecca Cunningham](#), University of Michigan Health System, USA

Utilising technology to address substance use and violence in fast paced clinical settings

[Anthony Shakeshaft](#), National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC), UNSW

Effectiveness and costs of community-based interventions for reducing alcohol harms

[Stephen Bright](#), Curtin University

“Won’t somebody think about the children?” Alcohol and other drug moral panics

MEDIA INFORMATION

- The APSAD 2015 [Conference Program](#) and [Abstracts](#) can be downloaded from www.apsadconference.com.au. Please note that presentations are **embargoed until the day of delivery**, but exceptions may be made on request.
- **Interviews** are available with most conference presenters. For a conference overview or to discuss key themes, incoming APSAD President [Dr Lynda Berends](#) and APSAD 2015 Conference Co-convenor [Dr Robert Tait](#) are available for interview.
- Media releases and suggested media highlights on selected presentations will be available.

For further information or interviews, or to register to attend conference sessions,

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