

Media Release

NATIONAL CONFERENCE FUNDING STRENGTHENS AOD SECTOR

16 October 2013: Seven organisations and 21 individuals from across Australia are the recipients of a national conference funding program designed to strengthen the alcohol and other drugs (AOD) sector in Australia.

Funded by the Australian Government Department of Health, and now in its second year, the Conference Funding Program provides both conference sponsorship funding up to the value of \$10,000 to provide limited financial assistance to support conferences and events in related areas as well as individual scholarships to attend conferences, to the value of \$2,000.

The program aims to promote the understanding of national issues in prevention, service improvement and early intervention in AOD misuse, promote debate on AOD issues and support the delivery of conferences with an AOD focus.

The program is managed by the Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education (FARE) on behalf of the Department of Health.

FARE Chief Executive Michael Thorn congratulated the successful applicants and recognised the Department's efforts in providing valuable funding to the Sector.

"The Alcohol and Other Drugs Conference Funding Program is important because it both acknowledges the valuable work being carried out throughout this country by sector researchers and workers and also provides opportunities to debate important issues and to share knowledge and expertise," Mr Thorn said.

Applicant – Sponsorship	Conference name	Total
YSAS PTY LTD	Youth and Alcohol Drug Practice Conference	\$10,000.00
Drug and Alcohol Nurses of Australasia (DANA)	Drug and Alcohol Nurses Annual Conference	\$10,000.00
NOFASD Australia	Australasian Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Conference	\$10,000.00
Alcohol Tobacco and other Drug Association (ACT) Ltd	Advancing new paradigms: Alcohol, tobacco and other drug research, policy, practice and participation	\$10,000.00
Alcohol Tobacco and other Drug Council (TAS) Inc	Visions, Values – where will they take us?	\$10,000.00
Lives Lived Well Ltd	2014 Australian Winter School Conference	\$10,000.00
WA Network of Alcohol & Other Drug Agencies	Western Australian Alcohol and Other Drugs Symposium	\$10,000.00

Applicant - Scholarship	Conference Name	Total
Penny Bridge Women's and Children's Health Network Incorporated (SA)	FASD Conference	\$1,514.52
Anne Russell RFFADA	FASD Conference	\$1,803.63
Andrea Stone DANA	APSAD Conference	\$1,281.82
Vicki Henricks & Di Mahoney Byron Youth Service	Newcastle CDAT Conference	\$1,254.00
Charlotte Pritchard Jarrah House	3rd Perinatal Substance Use Conference	\$889.08
Olga Turkovskaya Palmerston Association Inc	ATCA Conference	\$886.36
Kerri Felemenow Women's Hospital, Vic	APSAD Conference	\$1,633.33
Sacha Filia Monash Alfred Psychiatry Research Centre	Smoking Cessation Conference	\$928.17
Amy Anderson University of Newcastle	FASD Conference	\$1,544.26
Courtney Breen NDARC , University of New South Wales	FASD Conference	\$1,286.36
Elizabeth McEntyre Mandurah Hunter Indigenous Business Chamber	FASD Conference	\$1,300.91
Megan Whitty Menzies School of Health	APSAD Conference	\$1,272.81
Adele Gibson Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation	FASD Conference	\$1,874.56
Vance Borbandy Rankin Court Opiate Treatment Centre	FASD Conference	\$1,309.98
Sally Lovering Department of Education and Children's Services Northern Territory	FASD Conference	\$1,730.11
Trish Davis Mid North Coast Local Health District	Smoking Cessation Conference	\$827.27
Dean de Haas The Wayside Chapel	APSAD Conference	\$1,690.90
Dr Peter Nixon University of Queensland	FASD Conference	\$568.18
Amanda Street Alcohol Tobacco and other Drug Council (TAS) Inc	APSAD Conference	\$1,659.07
Sarai Stevely Injury Control Council of Western Australia	FASD Conference	\$1,660.91

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