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FARE FUNDING FOR NATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS

20 February 2014: Why do friends and relatives buy grog for underage drinkers? Are small bars safer?

These are some areas of nationally significant research that will soon be underway with funding from the Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education (FARE).

FARE's 2013 Alcohol Research Grants Funding Round has awarded 12 grants totalling more than \$286,000 to universities, hospitals and medical research institutes throughout Australia.

FARE's Chief Executive, Michael Thorn, said that recent incidents of alcohol-related violence had spurred public demands for governments to act to reduce alcohol-related harms in the community.

"The research projects that FARE funds produce evidence that is helpful to government decision-makers responsible for developing effective policies," Mr Thorn said.

Since 2001 FARE has collaborated with a range of leading universities and institutes and invested more than \$20 million in research that explores the extent and nature of alcohol harm in Australia. FARE is also the principal supporting partner of the Centre for Alcohol Policy Research (CAPR), and has invested \$4.5 million in the world class Centre.

"FARE's funding of new research will continue to help governments make informed policy decisions about preventing and reducing alcohol-related harms," Mr Thorn said.

Projects to be funded include:

Project Title	Organisation	Principal Contact	Funding
Exploring the use of sport-linked alcohol marketing via social media	Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology	Aaron Smith	\$19,981.83
Conversations about alcohol and pregnancy: investigating media portrayals and women's experiences	University of Canberra	Kate Holland	\$19,537.60
A national examination of Random Breath Testing rates and Alcohol-Related Traffic Crash rates (2000–2011)	The University of Queensland	Jason Ferris	\$19,997.00
Feasibility of a Managed Alcohol Program (MAP) for Sydney's homeless	St. Vincent's Hospital Sydney Limited	Nadine Ezard	\$20,000.00
The Use and Promotion of Alcohol in Australian Secondary Schools	Monash University	Bernadette Ward	\$29,922.00
Long term evaluation of the Norseman voluntary liquor agreement	Menzies School of Health Research	Richard Midford	\$20,000.00
Typologies and disaggregated effects off-premise alcohol outlets	Monash University	Chris Morrison	\$19,979.00

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Why don't friends and relatives of underage drinkers comply with secondary supply laws in NSW?	University of Wollongong	Sandra Jones	\$20,000.00
Safer Places and Small Bars (conditional acceptance)	Adelaide West End Association	Andrew Wallace	\$19,756.00
Cherbourg Community Alcohol Management Evaluation	University of Southern Queensland	Don Gorman	\$19,900.00
Alcohol Management Plans in Aboriginal Communities: An ethnographic study	University of Melbourne	Marcia Langton	\$37,332.00

Michael Thorn is available for interview.

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Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education (FARE) is an independent, charitable organisation working to prevent the harmful use of alcohol in Australia. Since 2001 FARE has invested more than \$115 million in research and community projects to minimise the impact of alcohol misuse on Australians. Through its national grants program and commissioned research, FARE has established itself as a leading voice on alcohol and other drugs issues. FARE works with community groups, all levels of government, police, emergency workers, research institutions and the private sector to address alcohol-related problems. For more information visit FARE's website: www.fare.org.au