**MARCH 07**

AOD ‘Our way’

Damien Martin
Indigenous AOD Education Coordinator – Insight
Eddie Fewings
Substance Use Policy and Program Coordinator – QAIHC / QISMC

Damien and Eddie will be yarning about what is happening within the Queensland community controlled AOD sector. Find out who is doing what, the best resources to guide your practice and the latest AOD statistics for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Queensland.

**MARCH 14**

Alcohol meets dementia – Sorting through the maze

Dr David Lie
Clinical Director, Older Adult Academic Clinical Unit
Metro South HHS

This presentation will explore the links and association between dementia and alcohol use. It will discuss cognitive assessment and diagnoses in general, with practical tips and advice for frontline workers.

**MARCH 21**

Codeine rescheduling: All you need to know but were too afraid to ask!

Dr Jeremy Haylalar
Clinical Director, Metro North Mental Health - Alcohol and Drug Service

On the 1st February codeine products moved to schedule 4, making it a prescription only medication. This rescheduling has caused significant discussion. This workshop will give you an overview of codeine products, the evidence about its use and effectiveness and provide advice for treatment providers on how to respond.

**MARCH 28**

Treatment within corrections

Dr Dominique de Andrade
Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Lives Lived Well / UQ School of Psychology

Dominique recently conducted a systematic review of the international evidence-base underpinning AOD treatment in prisons. With the imminent rollout of Opioid Substitution Treatment (OST) in all Correctional Centres across Queensland, this talk will discuss the range of benefits - and challenges - in delivering best-practice treatment to alcohol and drug dependent prisoner populations.

**APRIL 18**

Overview of the ADIS service

Dr Hollie Wilson
Allied Health Manager - Alcohol and Drug Information Service

The Alcohol and Drug Information Service (ADIS) has operated for over 30 years as Queensland’s 24/7 hotline for anyone experiencing issues with alcohol or other drugs and their families. This presentation outlines service directions and insights from the ADIS dataset including over 540,000 calls across 14 years of data collection.

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**MAY 02**

Harm reduction strategies for cannabis

Cameron Francis
Principal Consultant - Dovetail

Cameron will provide an overview of recent developments in harm reduction approaches for cannabis use, with a particular focus on harms associated when it is smoked. It will include some of the latest research into lung health impacts as well as information about specific issues faced by cannabis users in Australia.

**MAY 09**

Engaging Maori and Pacific Islander clients

Judy Brown
Senior Social Worker – Metro North Alcohol and Drug Service

Cultural world views have considerable significance when engaging, developing and maintaining trusting therapeutic relationships with Maori and Pacific Island people. This presentation offers a Maori and Pacific Island view of health and wellbeing, explores innovative ways of applying researched frameworks to enhance engagement, including strategies to promote culturally inclusive practice.

**MAY 16**

Screening for problem gambling in AOD and mental health

Gerard Moloney
Manager - Gambling Services, Lives Lived Well

Research indicates high rates of co-morbid problem gambling in AOD and mental health populations, yet it often remains hidden due to shame and stigma. This presentation explores the characteristics and interactions of problem gamblers, and how the Problem Gambling Severity Index can be used to screen and inform a brief intervention with this population.

**MAY 23**

Cognitive processes that increase vulnerability to addictive behaviours (and how to retrain them)

Prof. Reinout Wiers
Professor of Developmental Psychopathology
University of Amsterdam

Professor Wiers presentation will describe the neuro-cognitive processes involved in the etiology of addictive behaviours and related psychopathology. This will include his team’s research on how peoples’ brains change during the development of addictive behaviours, and the evidence-base for the cognitive training programs they have developed to “re-train” these processes back to normal, and increase control over addictive behaviours.

**JUNE 06**

Working with people with personality disorders

Kate MacDonald
Psychologist
Inner North Brisbane Mental Health Service – Metro North Mental Health

Kate is currently the coordinator for the DBT programs run at both the RBWH and TPCH. This presentation will focus upon the challenges of working with clients with personality disorders, offering practical strategies for engagement, management and treatment.

**JUNE 13**

“Coming to Terms”: Promoting AOD health literacy

Emma Armitage
Service Development Coordinator – Insight / Metro North Alcohol and Drug Service

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**MAY 30**

The Queensland Drug and Alcohol Court - Version 2.0

James Hoey
Team Leader - Queensland Drug and Alcohol Court Health Team, Metro South Addiction Services

After a four year absence and a Government election commitment, Queensland has seen the reintroduction of a drug treatment court. This seminar will provide insight into the model for this re-instated program, and also explore the reasons and principles regarding what makes diversionary courts an effective intervention and resource.

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