

### 1 MARCH 7

**Dr Fairlie McIlwraith**  
Senior Researcher, QADREC, School of Population Health, University of Qld

What's in and What's out! Emerging Drug Trends and Service Delivery

The use of Illicit drugs varies across time and between age groups. Older injectors prefer heroin; younger injectors have more varied tastes. A variety of pills are contenders for the popularity once accorded MDMA (Ecstasy) including those sold legally in shops and online. Shopping for drugs online has not yet become commonplace; but the web is a mine of information about illicit drugs - how to use, make/produce. Effective service delivery relies on keeping informed of these emerging drug trends.

### 2 MARCH 14

**Mr Bill Loveday**  
Manager, Drugs of Dependence Unit, Qld Health

Pharmaceutical Opioid Drugs: To have the cake and eat it too!

Increased mortality and morbidity related to opioid prescriptions is now well documented in the USA & Canada. Similar rises in opioid prescription rates are now shown in Australia and many commentators are sounding the alarm. However disproportionate responses risk causing more harms than they reduce. How can public health authorities and clinicians work together to get the best outcomes for patients?

### 3 MARCH 21

**Ms Sophie Hickey**  
PhD Student & Research Assistant  
QADREC, School of Population Health, University of Qld

Early Intervention for Psychosis

The early onset of alcohol has been linked to alcohol disorders in later life. However little is known about these pathways among Australia's urban Aboriginal community. This presentation will examine protective and risk factors that mediate alcohol use at 14 years in Aboriginal children recruited as part of the MUSP birth cohort study.

### 4 MARCH 28

**Dr Mark Daghish**  
Director, Addiction Psychiatry  
RBWH, Qld Health

Hot Off The Press: What has HADS been up to lately?

This presentation will describe some of the current research work being conducted at HADS and some of our recent findings. The presentation will reflect on its implications for clinical practice.

### 5 APRIL 4

**Mr Shane Garvy, Coordinator, Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs**  
Queensland Healthy Communities

Addressing Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Use in QLD LGBT Communities: Creative responses

Over the past few years, Healthy Communities have implemented a range of creative projects addressing mental health and drug and alcohol use in Queensland LGBT communities. Projects include arts events and innovative social media/IT campaigns. This seminar overviews current and future projects and discusses the benefits of an arts/health community development approach when engaging with marginalised communities.

### 6 APRIL 11

**Ms Jill Fisher**  
National Coordinator, StandBy Response Service, United Synergies

The StandBy Response Service: Postvention support - suicide prevention for the future

Bereavement through suicide has considerable emotional, social and economic impacts from the immediate crisis to many years onwards. This seminar will be on the experience of suicide loss and support for those left behind, particularly how quality postvention care can save lives and improve health outcomes through initiatives such as the StandBy Response Service community based model of suicide bereavement care.

### 7 APRIL 18

**Dr Ben McDarmont**  
Psychiatrist, Qld Health

Biological Aspects of Dependence

The evidence base is increasing regarding the biological aspects of dependence. This presentation will describe its theoretical basis, recent developments and its implications for clinical practice.

### 8 MAY 2

**Ms Abby Gibson**  
Clinical Nurse/Clinical Trials Co-ordinator  
Brisbane Sexual Health and HIV Service, Qld Health

Jumping in the Deep End: Trials and tribulations of being a researcher

"Doing" research can be a euphemism for curiosity, a love of learning and wanting to make a difference through creating knowledge. It can also be a euphemism for hard work and extreme persistence. This presentation will describe the roles and responsibilities of being a researcher along with sharing lessons learnt from the experience.

### 9 MAY 9

**Ms Kathryn Kenny**  
Practice Manager, Policy, Research and Practice Division  
DRUGARM Australia

A Short History of Schoolies Week: Does behaviour change over time?

DRUG ARM has been collecting data on risk taking behaviour in young people for the past 12 years at Schoolies Week on the Gold Coast. What is your prediction - has there been any significant behaviour change over this time?

### 10 MAY 16

**Ms Lyssa-Maree Taylor**  
Training Consultant, Practice Support Project  
Indigenous Workforce Development, Alcohol and Drug Service, Qld Health

Strong Spirit, Strong Mind: Indigenous workforce development

The Community Services Work Course CHC30801 Alcohol and Drugs has been developed to up skill Indigenous Alcohol and Drug Community Workers in both government and non-government organisations. It is delivered in Cairns and in Brisbane. Building a skilled workforce means developing the capacity of the Indigenous community to address substance use issues.

### 11 MAY 23

**Ms Michelle Taylor**  
A/ Professional Leader, Occupational Therapy/ Mental Health, Dual  
Diagnosis Co-ordinator  
Metro North Mental Health, RBWH

Dual Diagnosis and Sensory Modulation

Sensory Modulation is a relatively new intervention in the treatment of mental health disorders and has been recommended as an initiative to reduce seclusion and restraint. This presentation will provide a snapshot of its use with patients with dual diagnosis.

### 12 MAY 30

**Ms Yvonne Lumsden**  
Clinical Nurse, Alcohol and Drug Service, Qld Health

Nursing Clinical Supervision: Help or hindrance?

Nursing clinical supervision has been around for sometime in many different forms. Changes in supervision policies and practices can be confusing in the least, let alone clouded by past experiences. Has this inspirational support mechanism been given a fair trial? Come along and find out what is happening within ATODS.