

# NCETA Symposium 2026

Thursday 21 May 2026 | 9.15am to 4.30pm (ACST)  
Level 14, Flinders City Campus, Festival Tower, Station Road, Adelaide | Zoom

## PROGRAM

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Time	Session
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9:15	Registration and Tea & Coffee
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9:30	<b>Welcome to Country</b>
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[Robbie Young](#), Kuma Kaaru

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9:35	<b>Director's Welcome</b>
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[Professor Jacqueline Bowden](#), Director, National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction (NCETA)

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9:40	<b>Official Opening</b>
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[Marina Bowshall](#), Chief Executive, Preventive Health SA

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9:50	<b>Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) in Australia</b>
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- Living with FASD – [Sophie Harrington](#), Chief Executive Officer, NOFASD Australia
- Fast Facts of FASD – [Professor Elizabeth Elliott](#), Professor at Paediatrics, University of Sydney, NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence in FASD
- Empowering health: insights and evaluation of the Australian public health campaign 'Every Moment Matters' on alcohol, pregnancy, and breastfeeding – [Professor Jacqueline Bowden](#)
- Role of NOFASD – [Sophie Harrington](#)
- FASD panel discussion – [Sophie Harrington](#), [Dr Suzy Byrnes](#), Developmental Paediatrician, Sydney and [Victoria Kostadinov](#), Research Fellow

11:00	Morning Break
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11:20	<b>Latest research - Workforce Development</b>
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- Jurisdictional differences in training and registration requirements for Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid Dependence (MATOD): A review of publicly available documents – [Dr Lemlem Gebremichael](#), Research Fellow
- Social Workers and AOD-related Practice: Early Challenges and Learning Needs – [Dr Kirrilly Thompson](#), Senior Research Fellow
- Barriers and enablers to take-home naloxone access in Australia: Preliminary findings – [Dr Lemlem Gebremichael](#)

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12:00	<b>New approaches for prisoner reintegration for people who use drugs: A collaborative approach with industry and communities</b>
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- [Associate Professor Caitlin Hughes](#), Criminology and Drug Policy and [Matthew Flinders](#) Fellow at Flinders Criminology and the Centre for Social Impact

12:25	Lunch Break
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## 13.10 Latest research – Alcohol and Other Drugs

- Identifying subgroups of Australians drinking above NHMRC guidelines – [Dr Kuni Zhao](#), Research Assistant & [Dr Stine Høj](#), Research Analyst
- Illicit drug use prevention and early intervention for young people: Results from a rapid review – [Victoria Kostadinov](#), Research Fellow
- From Packaging to Promotion: Understanding Factors Associated with Public Support for Alcohol Policy in Australia – [Chloe McDonough](#), Research Assistant
- Alcohol consumption falls with marriage and parenthood and rises after separation: Exploratory analyses from a preregistered study – [Dr Gianluca Di Censo](#), Research Fellow
- The Power of Parents: Developing evidence-informed communication strategies to reduce parental supply of alcohol – [Dr Chanvi Singh](#), Research Fellow
- The SA Police Drug Diversion Initiative: exploring the health and social needs of people diverted by police for possession of illicit drugs – [Gene Mercer](#), PhD candidate
- Medicinal use of cannabis by employed Australians – [Dr Kirrilly Thompson](#), Senior Research Fellow
- Supporting Workplace Conversations: New Tobacco & Vaping Resources on Your WorkLife – [Savannah Kaveberg](#), Research Assistant
- Unsettling High-Risk Drinking Factors and Trajectories in Australian Midlife Men – [Stefano Zaccagnini](#), PhD candidate

## 15.00 Afternoon Break

## 15.20 Latest research – Tobacco and E-Cigarettes

- Evidence before implementation: generating evidence for promising new policies through survey data – [Professor Richard Edwards](#), Co-Director of SURE Program & Tobacco Research Group
- Smoking cessation in lung cancer screening: Reviewing real-world implementation data – [Nathan Harrison](#), Research Fellow
- Vaping at the margins: Engaging priority adolescent and young adult populations on nicotine vaping – [Dr Joshua Trigg](#), Public Health Researcher
- Optimising Smoking Cessation Success: Building the evidence base – [Professor Natalie Walker](#), Director, Flinders Clinical Trials
- Evidence syntheses, smoking cessation, and smoking-related health inequalities – [Annika Theodoulou](#), Research Fellow

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## 16.25 Closing Remarks

[Dr Robert Stirling](#), Chair, NCETA Strategic Advisory Board

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