



NCETA
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NCETA Symposium 2025 Evaluation Report

Held 15 May 2025

Introduction

NCETA delivered a Symposium showcasing their current work along with keynote speakers to discuss opportunities for tobacco control at a state and federal level and the Indigenous HealthInfoNet on Thursday 15 May 2025. Audience attended in person at the Health and Medical Research Building, Bedford Park and online via zoom. Click [here](#) to see program.

The first half of the day showcased NCETA's workforce development research followed by PhD presentations and the afternoon showcased our Alcohol, Tobacco, E-Cigarette and Other Drug (ATEOD) research including a panel discussion looking at opportunities for tobacco control at a state and federal level with international keynote speaker Prof Janet Hoek, from University of Otago Wellington, NZ along with Prof Richard Edwards, Prof Marita Helfer and Prof Natalie Walker.

Attendance

Prior to the event, 268 people registered to attend - 74 in person and 194 online (similar numbers to 2024 Symposium) with 156 people participating on the day - 58 in person (increase from 35 people in 2024) and 98 online.

20 evaluation responses were received, 7 from those who attended in person and 13 online.

Evaluation Responses

The 20 online attendees who responded to the evaluation form identified themselves as: professional (13), researcher (2), consumer (1) and 4 selected other but did not specify.

Seven questions were asked, and participants were able to give a rating on a 5 point likert scale from 1 (being strongly disagree) to 5 (being strongly agree).

Question	Mean (average) response
The Symposium met my expectations: personally	4.1
The Symposium met my expectations: professionally	4.1
The format was easy to follow	4.4
Catering was appropriate to the event	4.9
The venue was suitable	4.7
The technology was suitable	4.0
The presentations were clear and informative	4.4

Three open questions were also asked with the following responses:

Question	2025 Responses
What did you like most about the Symposium?	• The length of the sessions made the topics and learnings easy to absorb. Great to hear all the updates on such important research. • The quick overview of so many upcoming research topics. • How the research data was explained in a clear and relatable way. • Excellent presentations. • The topics. • Panel discussion on liberalization cannabis. • Relevant, informative and new information. Networking opportunity was fabulous and worthwhile. • Being invited. • It is fantastic to hear about current studies and research and focus on improving health outcomes for vulnerable people. • You guys did a fantastic job presenting a broad range of really interesting research that aligns greatly with the space I work in and areas for my own research. • The variety of presentations and presenters. Having a number of brief presentations allows for sustained interest and a broad number of topics. • Variety of topics/domains of ATOD research/activities. • The research and study taking place currently around ATOD. • Really enjoyed perspectives from New Zealand, love a call to action. Gave me lots to think about.
What did you like least about the Symposium?	• Perhaps slightly less number of presentations. • Perhaps have the day on a Monday or Friday, making it easier for those who don't live in Adelaide to attend in person. • The zoom format could have been better. I would have appreciated being able to see the speaker in view more. • As an online participant, I couldn't see the second screen slides for many of the presentations. Also the time difference between NSW and SA wasn't represented well in the program. • It felt a bit rushed for some of the presentations.

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Any further comments?	• Great opportunity to learn about AOD effect and ongoing research work. • Very well put together. Thank you. • The speakers from NZ were a bit of a highlight for me. The way they present is quite inspirational and empowering. • Overall, well done on a great symposium and all the research you do! • Car parking - not familiar to Flinders Uni, we were late not sure where we were meant to park. Got there in the end. • Well done. A very interesting event. I particularly enjoyed the final session on tobacco. • Nothing further, thanks for your work.

Recordings

The majority of the presentations from the Symposium have been recorded and uploaded to YouTube that can be accessed [here](#).