

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

Time	Session
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9:15	Registration and Tea & Coffee
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9.30	Welcome to Country Cliffy Wilson, Kuma Kaaru
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9.35	Director's Welcome Professor Jacqueline Bowden, Director, National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction (NCETA)
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9.40	Official Opening Marina Bowshall, Chief Executive, Preventive Health SA
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9.50	Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) in Australia <ul style="list-style-type: none">Living with FASD – Sophie Harrington, Chief Executive Officer, NOFASD AustraliaFast Facts of FASD – Professor Elizabeth Elliott, Professor at Paediatrics, University of Sydney, NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence in FASDEmpowering health: insights and evaluation of the Australian public health campaign 'Every Moment Matters' on alcohol, pregnancy, and breastfeeding – Professor Jacqueline BowdenRole of NOFASD – Sophie Harrington, Chief Executive Officer, NOFASD AustraliaFASD panel discussion – Sophie Harrington, Dr Suzy Byrnes, Developmental Paediatrician, Sydney and Victoria Kostadinov, Research Fellow
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11.00	Morning Break
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11.20	Latest research - Workforce Development <ul style="list-style-type: none">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 FellowSocial Workers and AOD-related Practice: Early Challenges and Learning Needs – Dr Kirrilly Thompson, Senior Research FellowBarriers and enablers to take-home naloxone access in Australia: Preliminary findings – Dr Lemlem Gebremichael, Research Fellow
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12.00	New approaches for prisoner reintegration for people who use drugs: A collaborative approach with industry and communities <ul style="list-style-type: none">Associate Professor Caitlin Hughes, Criminology and Drug Policy and Matthew Flinders Fellow at Flinders Criminology and the Centre for Social Impact
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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 Stine Høj](#), Research Analyst & [Dr Kuni Zhao](#), Research Assistant
- 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
- Evidence syntheses, smoking cessation, and smoking-related health inequalities – [Dr Annika Theodoulou](#), Research Fellow
- Optimising Smoking Cessation Success: Building the evidence base – [Professor Natalie Walker](#), Director, Flinders Clinical Trials

16.25 Closing Remarks

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