

Program, AMA National Alcohol Summit

Menzies Theatre, National Convention Centre, Canberra

Day 1 Tuesday 28 October 2014

Opening session 10:00 am – 11:30am

10:00am – 10:10am *Welcome to Country*

10:10am – 10:30am *Opening remarks and introduction, AMA President, A/Prof Brian Owler*

10:30am – 10:45am *Personal stories*

10:45am – 11:00am *Senator Richard Di Natale, Australian Greens*

11:00am – 11:15am *A message from the Hon Mike Baird, Premier of NSW*

A message from Senator Doug Cameron, Australian Labor Party

11:15am – 11:30am *The Hon Bill Shorten MP, Leader of the Opposition*

Session 1: Violence and the social costs of alcohol

All Australians, whether drinkers or non-drinkers, are touched in some way by the negative consequences of harmful alcohol consumption. The adverse social effects of alcohol extend beyond the individual drinker, affecting family members (including children), friends and workmates, bystanders, and the police and services that deal with the consequences of harmful drinking. These sessions underscore the need for action on alcohol by highlighting the scope of alcohol's harms to others, with a focus on alcohol-fuelled violence – both street violence and domestic violence. By drawing on the experiences of the police, families of victims, and front-line medical and community service providers, the sessions will consider the key drivers of alcohol-related violence, and how governments, at all levels, and communities can respond to tackle these underlying causes.

CHAIR: Dr Steve Parnis, AMA Vice President

[Street Violence 11:30am – 1:00pm](#)

Speakers

Mr Ralph Kelly, Thomas Kelly Foundation

Mr Vince Kelly, President, Police Federation of Australia

Dr Diana Egerton-Warburton, Director of EM Research, Monash Medical Centre

Chair, Australasian College of Emergency Medicine Public Health Committee

Ms Kate O'Connor, Manager City Business and Safety, City of Sydney

Mr Michael Thorn, CEO, Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education

LUNCH BREAK 1:00pm - 1:30pm

[Domestic Violence 1:30pm – 3:00pm](#)

Speakers

Ms Mirjana Wilson, Executive Director, ACT Domestic Violence Crisis Service

Dr Howard Bath, NT Children's Commissioner

Prof Angela Taft, Director, Judith Lumley Centre,

Faculty of Health Sciences, La Trobe University

A/Prof Peter Miller, Co Director of the Violence Prevention Program, and

Principal Research Fellow, Deakin University

AFTERNOON BREAK 3:00pm – 3:30pm

Session 2: Culture, sport and alcohol 3:30pm – 5:00pm

This session considers the cultural drivers of heavy alcohol consumption, focusing on the pervasive advertising and sponsorship associated with sporting and cultural events. Alcohol advertising and sponsorship in sport and other settings create a culture where children and adolescents perceive alcohol consumption as a normal everyday part of life. And they see it as something associated with sporting success or, indeed, being Australian. Strategies to break the nexus between sport, culture and heavy drinking will be considered, including sporting codes that have successfully refused alcohol sponsorship, and options for reducing the exposure of young people to alcohol advertising.

CHAIR: Prof Mukesh Haikerwal, AMA President 2005-2007

Speakers

*Prof Sandra Jones, Centre for Health and Social Research, Australian Catholic University
Health Institute*

*Dr Nicholas Carah, School of Journalism and Communications, The University of
Queensland*

A/Prof Kerry O'Brien, Behavioural Studies, School of Social Sciences, Monash University

Prof Mike Daube, AO Director, McCusker Centre for Action on Alcohol and Youth

Director of Public Health Advocacy Institute

Health Sciences Research and Graduate Studies, Curtin University

Summing up day one

A/Prof Brian Owler, AMA President

Brief summary of day's proceedings.

Day 2 Wednesday 29 October 2014

Session 1: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) 9:00am – 11:00 am

FASD is a devastating but entirely preventable condition that warrants a comprehensive policy response. Australia lags behind other countries in its response to FASD, and over the last three decades there has been little action in its prevention, diagnosis and early intervention or management. The National Action Plan on FASD was released by the Commonwealth in 2013. Securing a commitment to implementing and appropriately resourcing this plan is a policy priority requiring commitments from both the Australian and State/Territory Governments.

CHAIR: Dr Steve Hambleton, AMA President 2011-2014

Speakers

Prof Elizabeth Elliott AM, Paediatrics and Child Health, Sydney Medical School, The University of Sydney

NHMRC Practitioner Fellow

Paediatrics and Child Health, Children's Hospital, Westmead

Ms Sue Miers AM, Chairperson, National Organisation for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

Mr Graham Perrett MP, Shadow Parliamentary Secretary to the Shadow Attorney General

Dr Richard Kidd, Deputy Chair, AMA Council of General Practice

AMA Federal Councillor

MORNING BREAK 11:00am – 11:30am

11:30am – 12:00pm Prof Paul Haber

Medical Director, Drug Health Services, Sydney and Southwest Sydney Local Health Districts

Discipline of Addiction Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Sydney

LUNCH BREAK 12:00pm – 12:30pm

Session 2: Alcohol harm and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People 12:30pm – 2:45pm

Alcohol-related harms disproportionately affect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, who are impacted by alcohol-related violence, domestic violence, alcohol-related chronic health conditions and death. This session considers the social determinants of harmful alcohol use across Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, and will identify policies and measures that are needed to reduce these harms.

CHAIR: A/Prof Brian Owler, AMA President

Speakers

*Mr Mick Gooda, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner
Co-Chair of Close the Gap Steering Committee*

Dr Pat Anderson, Chair Lowitja Institute

*A/Prof Ted Wilkes, Aboriginal Research Programs, National Drug Research Institute
Curtin University*

Dr John Boffa, Chief Medical Officer, Central Australian Aboriginal Congress (CAAC)

A/Prof National Drug Research Institute, Curtin University

Speaking on behalf of the Peoples Alcohol Action Coalition

Senator Nova Peris OAM, Federal Senator for Northern Territory

Summit outcomes 2:45pm -3:00pm

AMA President: A/Prof Brian Owler,

Round up of outcomes, including a call to action to the Australian Government to take a leadership role in addressing the unsustainable burden of alcohol harm to the health of all Australians.