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Prevention program wins national drug award

The National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC) has won the Prevention and Education Award at the 2017 Alcohol and other Drugs Excellence and Innovation Awards in Canberra tonight.

The prestigious Awards, which acknowledge the work of individuals and organisations within the alcohol and other drugs (AOD) sector, are supported by the Alcohol and Drug Foundation (ADF) and the Australian Government.

NDARC runs the Climate Schools programs, which are innovative, online, school-based courses designed to prevent alcohol, cannabis and psychostimulant use. The highly effective programs reduce the uptake and harmful use of AOD for up to three years following the interventions. They are now available in schools world-wide.

ADF CEO, John Rogerson, said: 'These Awards recognise the commitment, hard work and passion of those in the AOD sector.'

'A lot of work is done by many anonymous people within the AOD sector. It is very important we shine the spotlight on the significant contribution that organisations like NDARC make.'

'We congratulate everyone who entered the Awards. Choosing a winner is always a difficult decision because of the high calibre of entrants and this year we received a record number of nominations.'

There were nine categories in the 2017 Alcohol and other Drugs Excellence and Innovation Awards:

- The Prime Minister's Award
- National Honour Roll
- Prevention and Education
- Treatment and Support
- Reduction of Harm
- Research
- Media Reporting
- First Australians
- Law Enforcement and Supply Reduction

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About the Alcohol and Drug Foundation: Celebrating more than 55 years of service to the community, the Alcohol and Drug Foundation is one of Australia's leading bodies committed to preventing alcohol and other drug problems in communities around the nation. The Foundation reaches millions of Australians in local communities through sporting clubs, workplaces, healthcare settings and schools, offering educational information, drug and alcohol prevention programs and advocating for strong and healthy communities.