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40 NEW LOCAL DRUG ACTION TEAMS ACROSS AUSTRALIA

The Federal Government and the Alcohol and Drug Foundation (ADF) have today announced a further 40 Local Drug Action Teams (LDATs) across Australia to help prevent harms from alcohol and other drugs, including crystal methamphetamine ('ice').

This brings the total number of LDATs around Australia to 80.

The Federal Government will provide each team with an initial \$10,000 and will be supported by the ADF to develop and deliver community led action plans. Importantly, each of these projects focus on preventing drug use, and is tailored to the particular needs of individual communities.

The LDAT program is part of the Federal Government's investment of \$298 million over four years under the National Ice Action Strategy to help local communities prevent drug misuse. By 2020, there will be up to 220 LDATs across the nation, with a particular focus on remote, regional and at-risk communities.

The ADF's Head of Program Delivery Allan Murphy congratulates the latest successful applicants.

"We acknowledge that every community is different and with government support the Alcohol and Drug Foundation assists Local Drug Action Teams to build on local strengths and knowledge to create a community-owned culture of alcohol and other drug harm prevention", Allan said.

"By working on the ground, these community partnerships deliver evidence-informed social change activities that help prevent harm from alcohol and other drugs, including 'ice'", he said.

The LDAT program builds the capacity of communities and encourages local groups to look at opportunities within their region and start building or extend partnerships to work together to tackle alcohol and other drug issues facing their local areas.

The third round of LDAT applications will open in late 2017, with more opportunities to be part of the program in 2018 and 2019.

For more information about the LDAT program please visit www.adf.org.au/ldat or call the ADF's Media and Stakeholder Manager Carmel Green on 0430 948 380.

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About the Alcohol and Drug Foundation: Celebrating almost 60 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 harms 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.