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**\$338,000 ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR LOCAL DRUG ACTION TEAMS**

The Australian Government and the Alcohol and Drug Foundation (ADF) have announced \$338,000 in additional funding for Local Drug Action Teams (LDATs) working in their communities to prevent harms from alcohol and other drugs, including crystal methamphetamine ('ice').

Sixteen community partnerships in the LDAT program receive the extra money to further support their community led action plans to address alcohol and other drug issues in their local areas.

The LDAT program is part of the Australian Government's investment of \$298 million over four years under the National Ice Action Strategy to prevent and reduce harms caused by alcohol and other drugs.

The ADF's Head of Program Delivery Allan Murphy says supporting communities to be at the heart of the solution is critical if we are to address alcohol and other drug-related harms.

"The Australian Government has listened to calls from communities for more support to prevent harms from alcohol and other drugs, and as a result has provided funding for Local Drug Action Teams to deliver projects that are locally relevant," Mr Murphy said.

"By building community partnerships, Local Drug Action Teams work together to deliver evidence-informed initiatives tailored to the particular needs of their own community," he said.

Some of the initiatives being funded include mentoring programs, awareness raising activities, campaigns targeting stigma, Indigenous projects that promote social inclusion and connection to culture, and hospitality skills training to increase employment pathways for disengaged youth.

Australia currently has 80 Local Drug Action Teams and by 2020 there will be up to 220 across the nation, with a particular focus on remote, regional and at-risk communities.

The Australian Government and the ADF encourage more partnerships to apply to join the LDAT program when the next round opens in January 2018. There will be further opportunities to be part of the program later next year and in 2019.

Below is the full list of the Local Drug Action Teams receiving extra funding:

Marumali Aboriginal Action Against Drugs (NSW)  
Gosford LDAT (NSW)  
Newcastle LDAT - Making FASD History (NSW)  
Marrickville LDAT (NSW)  
Mentoring Matters (QLD)  
T@Y – Thursdays @ the Y LDAT Program (QLD)  
St George QLD LDAT (QLD)  
Regional Victoria LGBTIQ Local Drug Action Team

Southeast LDAT (VIC)  
Geelong Drug Action Network (VIC)  
Hepburn LDAT (VIC)  
Wodonga LDAT (VIC)  
Mansfield LDAT (VIC)  
Communities That Care Stonnington (VIC)  
Stirling Local Drug Action Team (WA)  
Bunbury Geographe Aboriginal LDAT (WA)

For more information about the LDAT program please visit [www.adf.org.au/ldat](http://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.