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EXTRA FUNDING TO HELP PREVENT DRUG HARMS IN SA'S SPORTING CLUBS

More than 15,000 members of South Australia's sporting community are set to benefit from additional funding into the Tackling Illegal Drugs (TID) Program.

The South Australian Government has announced it's committing \$300,000 over the next 18 months into the TID Program.

The funding will allow an extra 75 clubs across a number of different sporting codes to participate in the TID Program, which offers sporting clubs information, training and support on how to best prepare for potential drug-related incidents, including the use of crystal methamphetamine ('ice').

The TID Program builds on the success of the Alcohol and Drug Foundation's Good Sports Program - which has helped around 800 sporting clubs across South Australia and more than 8,000 nation-wide - to build healthier, safer, more family-friendly environments.

The Alcohol and Drug Foundation's South Australia Manager Margie Fahy welcomed the funding announcement by the State Government.

"The latest investment into the Tackling Illegal Drugs Program means many more clubs will now be able to participate in the program, with thousands of members of South Australia's sporting community expected to benefit," Ms Fahy said.

"Sporting clubs are the beating heart of many local communities and can play a vital role in preventing drug-related harms," she said.

"Sporting clubs are a snapshot of society and because illegal drug use can affect all areas of society, no club is immune. The Tackling Illegal Drugs Program builds healthier sporting clubs and gives them the information and tools they need to prepare for potential drug-related issues," she added.

This funding is in addition to the \$4.6 million provided for the national program by the Australian Government under the National Ice Action Strategy.

For more information about the Tackling Illegal Drug Program, please go to:
<http://goodsports.com.au/programs/tackling-illegal-drugs-program/>

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About Good Sports: *In South Australia, the Good Sports Program is funded by the Australian Government and South Australian Government. Good Sports works with local sporting clubs to build a healthier sporting nation. More than 8,000 clubs across Australia are taking part in this three-tier accreditation program, that provides resources and training to help them create healthy and safe environments where club members look out for one another in the areas of: responsible alcohol consumption, safe transport and nutrition. The outcome is stronger clubs with a healthier membership base that attracts even more members, more passionate supporters and greater contributions from sponsors. This means healthier club revenue and healthier communities.*

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, health care settings and schools, offering educational information, drug and alcohol prevention programs and advocating for strong and healthy communities.*