

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### LOCAL DRUG ACTION TEAMS MORE THAN DOUBLED ACROSS AUSTRALIA

The Australian Government and the Alcohol and Drug Foundation (ADF) have announced an additional 92 Local Drug Action Teams (LDATs), adding to the current 80, to prevent alcohol and other drug harms at a grass-roots level.

The Local Drug Action Team Program supports organisations to build or extend partnerships in their community and use local knowledge to deliver evidence-informed alcohol and other drug harm prevention projects, that are tailored to the needs of their local area.

The ADF's CEO Dr Erin Lalor said it's great to see such a strong response from the community.

"We received a large number of applications across Australia, showing communities feel they are in a strong position to take a pro-active role in preventing alcohol and other drug-related harms," Dr Lalor said.

The total number of Local Drug Action Teams across Australia is now 172, with more than 1,000 organisations committed to the Local Drug Action Team Program.

Local Drug Action Teams receive an initial \$10,000 of funding from the Australian Government and are supported by the ADF to finalise a Community Action Plan.

Dr Lalor welcomed the latest successful applicants into the Local Drug Action Team Program.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for community partnerships to use local knowledge and build evidence-informed initiatives to prevent alcohol and other drug related-harms in their communities," Dr Lalor said.

"The Local Drug Action Team Program recognises that all local areas are different and that community-led initiatives are critical when it comes to preventing harms caused by alcohol and other drugs, including crystal methamphetamine ('ice')," Dr Lalor added.

The Local Drug Action Team Program is part of the Australian Government's investment of \$298 million over four years under the National Ice Action Strategy.



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Local Drug Action Team Program

Click here to find a map of the newly announced LDATs:

<https://community.adf.org.au/join-program/local-drug-action-team-program-overview/#map>

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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 team on 0430 948 380.

**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.

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