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### **244 LOCAL DRUG ACTION TEAMS ACROSS AUSTRALIA**

244 Local Drug Action Teams are now established across Australia to prevent and minimise alcohol and other drug-related harm in their communities.

The Australian Government and the [Alcohol and Drug Foundation](#) have announced today an additional 72 Local Drug Action Teams, to join 172 existing Teams.

The [Local Drug Action Team Program](#) supports organisations to build or extend partnerships in their neighbourhoods and use local knowledge to deliver evidence-informed alcohol and other drug harm prevention activities that are tailored to individual community needs.

Alcohol and Drug Foundation Chief Executive Officer, Dr Erin Lalor said a high number of community partnerships applied to join the Local Drug Action Team Program.

“Strong demand from communities across Australia has meant the number of Local Drug Action Teams is higher than originally planned, giving us the opportunity to now work with 244 passionate community partnerships,” Dr Lalor said.

“More than 1,300 organisations are now part of Australia’s extensive Local Drug Action Team Program network. This shows how determined community organisations are about building healthier and more connected communities,” Dr Lalor added.

Local Drug Action Teams receive an initial \$10,000 and are supported by the Alcohol and Drug Foundation to develop Community Action Plans, which outline evidence informed prevention activities to address local alcohol and other drug-related issues.

Local Drug Actions Teams can also apply for further funding to deliver their Community Action Plan activities.

Local Drug Action Teams help to strengthen their neighbourhoods by delivering [primary prevention](#) initiatives such as peer support, mentoring, education in schools, support for young people and resources to reduce alcohol harms in pregnancy.

Dr Lalor said tailored community led initiatives are vital in preventing and minimising harms caused by alcohol and other drugs.

“The Local Drug Action Team Program recognises that every community is unique and there’s no one-size fits all solution to addressing alcohol and other drug issues,” said Dr Lalor.



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Local Drug Action Team Program

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.

Click here to find a map of Local Drug Action Teams across Australia

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

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For more information about the Local Drug Action Team Program please visit

<https://community.adf.org.au/> or call the Alcohol and Drug Foundation'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 and minimising 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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