

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### ADF welcomes Local Drug Action Team funding extension

[The Alcohol and Drug Foundation](#) welcomes continued Australian Government funding for the [Local Drug Action Team Program](#).

The \$153.3 million extension of the National Ice Action Strategy over two years from 2020-21 was announced in this week's budget. Part of this funding will support further Local Drug Action Team activities across the country.

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 and minimisation activities at a grass-roots level.

Activities being delivered by Local Drug Action Teams are creating strong and healthy communities by increasing protective factors against alcohol and other drug harms. Activities include skills development, education and training, youth mentoring and peer support programs, and community engagement.

Chief Executive Officer Dr Erin Lalor said tailored community led activities play a key role 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," Dr Lalor said.

There are currently [244 Local Drug Action Teams](#) established across Australia.

The Alcohol and Drug Foundation, which manages the Local Drug Action Team Program, is committed to working with Local Drug Action Teams to ensure their work is informed by evidence and is regularly monitored and reviewed.

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For media enquiries please call the Alcohol and Drug Foundation's media team on 0430 948 380.

**About the Alcohol and Drug Foundation:** Celebrating 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, health care settings and schools, offering educational information, drug and alcohol prevention programs and advocating for strong and healthy communities.