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## Draft Program

Pre-Conference Workshops 19 August 2026		
9.00 – 4.30pm	Resisting Collusion and Motivating Change: Working with Men who use Intimate Partner Violence.	
9.00 – 4.30pm	Introduction to Harm Reduction	
Day 1 – 20 August 2026		
8.00 – 8.45am	Arrivals and registrations	
8.45 – 9.15am	Welcome to Country	
9.15 – 9.25am	Address by the Hon. Donna Kirkland, Assistant Minister for Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol Treatment, Families and Seniors and Central Queensland.	
9.25 – 9.30am	Conference welcome	
Session 1 – Facilitated by Rebecca Lang		
9.30 – 10.15am	Keynote: Examining cultural insights at the intersection of social determinants affecting AOD and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.	Dr Vanessa Lee Ah Mat Black Lorikeet Consulting
10.15 – 11am	Keynote: “If We Keep Looking Back, We’ll Keep Going That Way.”: Envisioning an Alcohol and Other Drugs Sector After Drug Prohibition	Nicole Luongo Canadian Drug Policy Coalition
Morning tea (11 – 11.30am)		
Session 2 – Facilitated by		
11.30 – 12.15pm	QuIVAA’s Peer Leadership Framework	Emma Kill

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12.15 – 1.15pm	Panel Discussion: Why you can't stop progress, only slow it down.	tbc	
Lunch (1.15 – 2pm)			
Session 3			
	Breakout session 1 Session Chair Room: Plaza Terrace	Breakout session 2 Session Chair: Room: Plaza P5	Breakout session 3 Session Chair: Room: Plaza P4
2pm – 2.25pm	From Resident to qualified AOD Worker: turning lived experience into professional practice Jodey Brookes and Nathanael Martin Goldbridge	Stronger Together: an integrated model of care for youth AOD, mental health and family support Cameron Harris Better Together	Workshop Evaluating AOD Programs and Initiatives Caroline Salom The University of Queensland
2.25 – 2.50pm	The role of lived experience in a clinical hospital model John Knights Avive	Recovery doesn't pause: digital peer support for people waiting for, in and leaving treatment Katinka van de Ven Hello Sunday Morning	
2.50 – 3.15pm	Organisational readiness for implementing a Lived Experience (Peer) workforce in a statewide telephone and online alcohol and other drug counselling service Cameron Blacklock Adis	Strengthening a national alcohol and other drugs model of care: evidence, culture and integration Tam Tran The Salvation Army	

3.15 – 3.40pm		Long-acting injectable buprenorphine for the treatment of opioid concerns: drawing on insights from clinicians to enhance harm reduction and pharmacotherapy in Queensland  Tony Barnett  The University of Queensland	
Afternoon tea (3.40 – 4pm)			
Session 4 – Facilitated by			
4.00 – 4.10pm	Outstanding Contribution Awards Presentation – Part 1		
4.10 – 4.55pm	Keynote:  Neurodivergence and Substance Use.	Emily Hughes  NZ Drug Foundation	
4.55 - 5.45pm	Panel discussion:  tbc	tbc	
5.45 – 6.45pm	Welcome Function		

**Day 2 – 21 August 2026**

Session 5

9.00 – 10.40am	Breakout session 4 Session Chair Room: Plaza Terrace	Breakout session 5 Session Chair Room: Plaza P4	Breakout session 6 Session Chair: Room: Plaza P5
9.00 – 9.25am	Exploring aging anxiety and the use of anabolic steroids to resist bodily decline  Bahareh Ahmadinejad  The University of Queensland	At the intersection of GHB, gendered harm and safe care: building a coordinated workforce response in Victoria  Lucy Demant  The Centre for Impact & Change	A qualitative investigation of burnout and compassion fatigue within community mental health and AOD services  Thomas Wright  The University of Queensland
9.25 – 9.50am	Drug-checking: a gateway to health engagement locked shut in Queensland  Steph Tzanetis  Pill Testing Australia	Recognise. Reflect. Respect: A DV informed men’s program for men with AOD and mental health challenges  Anoushka Dowling  Lives Lived Well	Co-designing culturally responsive relapse prevention: development of the Strong Culture, Strong Community program  Katinka van de Ven  360 Edge
9.50 – 10.15am	Motivation without options: navigating methamphetamine treatment gaps  Sophie Osborne  Queensland Health	Women’s AAS use as an emerging AOD issue  Kim Akrigg  The University of Queensland	From Practice to Evidence: building evaluation capacity in NGO AOD services in NSW  Michele Campbell and Sam Booker  NADA

10.15 – 10.40am			
Morning tea (10.40 – 11.10am)			
Session 6 – Facilitated by			
11.10 – 11.55am	Keynote:  Nicotine: The Latest Escalation of Australia’s War on Drugs	Dr James Martin  Deakin University	
11.55 – 12.20pm	Through the smoke: Exploring drivers and deterrents of illicitly traded tobacco use to inform public policy	Cheneal Puljevic  NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence on Achieving the Tobacco Endgame  The University of Queensland	
12.20 – 1.00pm	Panel discussion:  Evolving the tobacco policy response	tbc	
Lunch (1.00 – 1.45pm)			
Session 7 – Facilitated by:			
1.45 – 2.00pm	Outstanding Contribution Awards Presentation – Part 2		
2.00 – 2.45pm	Plenary Presentation:  Substance use and the modern media environment	Benjamin Riordan  Centre for Alcohol Policy Research (CAPR)	
2.45 – 3.00pm	Conference Close	Rebecca Lang  QNADA	