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47 NEW LOCAL DRUG ACTION TEAMS ANNOUNCED

The Australian Government and the [Alcohol and Drug Foundation](#) have announced an additional 47 Local Drug Action Teams (LDATs) across Australia to prevent and minimise alcohol and other drug-related harm.

There are now 280 LDATs nationwide.

The [Local Drug Action Team Program](#) supports organisations at a grassroots level to work with their communities. Communities play a vital role in identifying and preventing alcohol and other drug-related issues.

The Federal Government announced an additional \$500,000 for the LDAT program to increase its numbers nationwide to 280, strengthening community efforts to prevent alcohol and drug related harm in this important post -COVID era.

The Local Drug Action Team Program is part of the Australian Government's investment of more than \$450 million under the National Ice Action Strategy since 2016-17.

LDATs deliver evidence-based information, education and mentoring programs to prevent and minimise the risk of harms related to alcohol and other drugs. A wide range of other grassroots activities may be undertaken to allow people to connect, engage, empower and support each other.

Alcohol and Drug Foundation Chief Executive Officer, Dr Erin Lalor, AM said the large number of applications for this year's program demonstrates the very real will Australian communities have to help tackle problems with alcohol and other drugs.

The ADF is one of Australia's leading bodies committed to preventing and minimising alcohol and other drug harms.

It reaches millions of Australians in local communities, offering educational information, drug and alcohol prevention programs and advocating for strong and healthy communities.

“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 280 passionate community partnerships,” Dr Lalor said.

“More than 1300 organisations are now part of Australia’s extensive Local Drug Action Team Program network. This shows how determined community organisations are about building healthier, more connected and resilient communities following a tough, and often isolating year, due to COVID 19,” Dr Lalor added.

Local Drug Action Teams receive an initial \$10,000. The next step for the new LDAT’s is to work with the ADF to identify the best programs for their communities and the areas they will target.

Dr Lalor said tailored, community led initiatives are vital.

“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.

The LDAT partnerships include local councils, service providers, schools, police, young people, Indigenous and primary health services, and other non-government organisations.

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

<https://community.adf.org.au/ldat-program/about/>

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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.

