*\*This media release template is a guide for Local Drug Action Teams (LDATs) wanting to publicise their launch event, post event. LDATs should update this template with relevant details. If an LDAT needs any assistance, they should contact their Relationship Manager at the Alcohol and Drug Foundation.***MEDIA RELEASE**<insert date here>**Local Drug Action Team launch**

<Insert Local Drug Action Team name> held its official launch event <insert date, for example yesterday or last week> at <insert location>.

A number of community members attended the launch, including <insert some names of attendees with their permission>.

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

<Insert LDAT name> is a partnership between <insert lead and partner organisations>**.**

The Local Drug Action Team has received an initial $10,000 from the Australian Government to finalise a Community Action Plan, which is set to focus on <insert the aim of your LDAT’s Community Action Plan, for example building resilience in local youth, or making local youth feel more connected in the community.>

<Insert quote from LDAT spokesperson, for example “The launch was a great opportunity for members of the community to learn more about the work we are aiming at doing to prevent and reduce alcohol and other drug-related harms in the local area,” > said <insert LDAT name > spokesperson <insert name>.

The Alcohol and Drug Foundation’s Chief Executive Officer Dr Erin Lalor, said the Local Drug Action Team will play a key role in building a healthy community.

“Supporting communities to be at the heart of the solution is critical if we are to prevent and minimise alcohol and other drug-related harm,” Dr Lalor said.

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.

For more information about the Local Drug Action Team Program, please visit <https://community.adf.org.au/>

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For further information about the Local Drug Action Team Program, please call the ADF’s media team on 0430 948 380.