



Australian Indigenous Health/InfoNet

Alcohol and Other Drugs
Knowledge Centre

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Alcohol and other Drug Knowledge Centre – 4 JOQUJ61
Activity Work Plan
1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025

Task	Output(s)	Deliverable(s)	Performance Measure(s)	Timeline for Completion of Task
Provide comprehensive Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander alcohol and other drugs information on the Alcohol and other Drugs Knowledge Centre (AODKC) website.	<p>Continually update the AODKC website.</p> <p>Health information searched for, updated, curated, expanded and categorised to the various alcohol and other drugs (AOD) topics on the AODKC's online bibliography.</p> <p>The bibliography includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Publications• Policies• Resources (health promotion and health practice). <p>Other information added includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Programs• Organisations• Workforce information (events, courses, funding and jobs). <p>Audits of existing information on the AODKC website to ensure content is accurate and free of broken links.</p>	<p>New entries of publications and resources added in the AODKC's online bibliography and other information added about programs, organisations and workforce information (events, courses, funding and jobs).</p> <p>The following topics will be fully audited for content in the reporting period which includes:</p>	<p>The number of new entries of publications and resources in the AODKC's online bibliography and the number of new entries for programs, organisations and workforce information (events, courses, funding and jobs).</p> <p>Volatile Substance Use, Prescription Drugs, Kava, Harm Reduction, Social</p>	<p>Ongoing throughout the reporting period</p> <p>By 30 June 2025</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volatile Substance Use • Prescription Drugs • Kava • Harm Reduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Pharmacotherapies ◦ Mobile patrols and sobering-up shelters ◦ Injecting drug use <p>Key facts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volatile Substance Use • Harm Reduction • Social Impacts • Illicit Drugs 	Impacts and Illicit Drugs topics will be fully audited.	
Enhance the usability and relatability of the AODKC website.	Provision of a technologically advanced, best-practice web resource for delivery of comprehensive Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander AOD information.	A state-of-the-art AODKC web resource to be publicly available for a minimum of 95% of the time.	<p>The percentage of time that the AODKC website is publicly available.</p> <p>Usage statistics for the AODKC website reported in performance report.</p>	Ongoing throughout the reporting period
	User experience survey	A user experience survey report	User survey data on key indicators related to usability and relatability of the AODKC website	By June 2025
Produce knowledge exchange products (KEPs) on a key/topical AOD content area.	<p>A comprehensive summary of key messages from <i>Learning from 50 years of Aboriginal alcohol programs: Beating the grog in Australia</i></p> <p>A synthesis, analysis and interpretation of data, statistics and other information compiled for inclusion in the review <i>Addressing harms from alcohol use among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people</i></p>	<p>Summary of book: <i>Learning from 50 years of Aboriginal alcohol programs: Beating the grog in Australia</i></p> <p>Review: <i>Addressing harms from alcohol use among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people</i> (working title)</p>	<p>Publication of Summary - <i>Learning from 50 years of Aboriginal alcohol programs: Beating the grog in Australia</i></p> <p>Publication of Review: <i>Addressing harms from alcohol use among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people</i> (working title)</p>	<p>Summary to be published (including KEPs) by 31 December 2024</p> <p>Review to commence by August 2024 (to be fully</p>

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	(working title) and associated Knowledge Exchange Products (KEPs).			completed, including KEPs, by 30 June 2025
Facilitate knowledge exchange through the regular posting of AOD content via our 'social media platforms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook • Instagram • X (formerly Twitter) • LinkedIn. 	Ongoing engagement and interaction with users and other stakeholder through the production and dissemination of AOD content on Facebook, Instagram, X and LinkedIn.	Regular social media posts of AOD content on Facebook, Instagram, X and LinkedIn.	The number of social media posts, followers, impressions, engagements and click-throughs.	Ongoing throughout the reporting period.
Compile regular updates of recent and emerging key information on AOD topics for users and other subscribers to the AODKC newsletter.	Regular compilation of recent research, and other information relevant to the specified health topics for distribution via the AODKC newsletter.	At least 8 newsletters produced.	8 newsletters produced.	By 30 June 2025.
Engage with key stakeholders to inform the AODKC's KE activities and to ensure the health workforce is fully aware of, and confident accessing, the AOD information on the AODKC website.	Ongoing development of strong, reciprocal, collaborative relationships, and/or partnerships, with key organisations in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander AOD sector. Continued strong relationships with the HealthInfoNet's honorary Consultants with expertise in AOD. Continued engagement with the workforce and other stakeholders. .	One online reference group meeting each year. Regular email communication throughout each year. Seek expertise, as needed, for peer review functions and reference group membership as required. Two conference exhibitions, presentations and/or inserts in the year.	One online reference group meeting in the year. At least four email communications with Consultants in the year. Two conference exhibitions, presentations and/or inserts in the year.	September - October 2024 By 30 June 2025 By 30 June 2025.

Risk management

The Health/InfoNet operates within ECU's comprehensive governance framework. This assists the Health/InfoNet's operations in terms of human resources, finance, contracts and risk management. The Health/InfoNet receives research-related support from ECU's Research Services team.

The Health/InfoNet also benefits in the area of information technology by operating within ECU. The University's Information Technology Services Centre (ITSC) develops and maintains computer networks, supports computer equipment and essential software, and ensures the security of the overall computing environment. This last includes protection from external IT threats, recovery in case of system faults, and the essential routine back-ups of the Health/InfoNet's work. The Health/InfoNet also undertakes daily backups of the website and these are stored off-site. The Health/InfoNet's IT staff are responsible for the specially developed database and related structures but can call on ITSC staff, or the services of the hosting company, for assistance and/or advice if needed.

Potential risks

There are five main risks to the Health/InfoNet's operations:

- cultural appropriateness
- quality control
- financial
- staffing
- information technology.

Cultural appropriateness

For over 26 years the Health/InfoNet has been guided by an Advisory Board that includes the CEOs of many peak Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peak health bodies including NAATSIHWP, IAHA, CATSINaM and NAACHO. The Advisory Board provides strong cultural governance and oversight. The AODKC is also guided by an expert reference group with membership including significant Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sector leaders. There are also strong relationships and partnerships with key stakeholders and peak bodies in the sector which ensures the Health/InfoNet remains well known and utilised. Recent user survey data shows that there are very high levels of trust and satisfaction from users. The Health/InfoNet was also rated as culturally appropriate and safe.

Quality control

All information and materials specially prepared for inclusion on the web resource are subject to documented quality control mechanisms. Maintaining the quality of the information on the AODKC web resource is dealt with in two ways:

(1) for some substantial documents, such as narrative reviews of AOD topics, formal peer review is undertaken (the Health/InfoNet's honorary Consultants and other experts can provide this service both formally and informally); all the Health/InfoNet's original publications are also subject to post publication peer review. All substantial documents including those that do not require external peer review, and those of a sensitive nature, are checked by the Director.

(2) for less substantial documents and information, quality control is performed internally. The Health/InfoNet has inclusion criteria for information added to the website which are strictly observed. It also has developed standard formats for the various types of information to be added to the web resource, and all new additions are subjected to a 'second-setting' process that means that all additions developed by a staff member are checked by at least one other person.

Financial

As noted above, the Health/InfoNet operates within ECU's comprehensive governance framework, and works closely in its financial operations with ECU's Finance and Business Services Centre. In particular, the Health/InfoNet's Business Manager works closely with ECU's Business Unit Finance team in budgeting and monitoring income and expenditure. The Health/InfoNet's financial statements are authorised by ECU's Finance and Business Services' Finance Manager.

Staffing

Because of the specialised nature of the Health/InfoNet's operations, there are also staffing-related risks. The specialised nature of its works means that there is quite a long orientation/training period before new Health/InfoNet staff, particularly those working in the research and IT areas, are fully aware of the complexities and procedures of the operations. These complexities are documented in a formal procedure manual. This has greatly assisted the orientation/training process, meaning that researchers become productive more quickly. Even then, the Health/InfoNet still has some risk with staff turnover, particularly with research and IT staff. Any greater-than-normal turnover would have an impact on the Health/InfoNet's productivity. Specialised products, such as reviews, are most vulnerable to these risks.

Information technology

With the Health/InfoNet's products being almost exclusively disseminated via the Internet, there is always a risk with the computer and network systems feeding into the Internet. As is the case with finances, the Health/InfoNet is protected to a large degree against these risks by operating within the ECU environment. The Health/InfoNet websites are run on an externally hosted virtual server which was procured by ECU IT. Daily backups are run by Health/InfoNet, in addition to the regular backups run by the hosting provider. The Health/InfoNet backups are stored externally on the Amazon S3 storage system. ECU IT regularly scan the websites for vulnerabilities and provides a report to Health/InfoNet with any areas of concern highlighted. Within the scope of capability, these vulnerabilities are addressed. The Health/InfoNet's IT staff are responsible for the specially developed database and related structures but can call on ECU IT staff, or the services of the hosting company, for assistance and/or advice if needed.

Budget AODKC activities

A large proportion of funding, under this agreement, will be used to employ the staff necessary to consolidate, expand and promote the current Health/InfoNet's AODKC web resource. Salary costs, which are based on the ECU current Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA) and anticipated future agreements, include mandatory on-costs (including superannuation, payroll tax, workers compensation, severance pay and leave payments). The salary costs provide for salary increases set out under the relevant EBA.

Funding also covers non-salary expenses, including:

- engagement expenses such as travel and accommodation for conference attendance and expenses related to other engagement events
- consultancy fees for expert assistance in the production of knowledge exchange products
- promotion expenses such as promotional materials, stands at conferences, conference registrations, postage, freight and computing expenses and the printing of the AOD topic review
- research support cost which cover costs to support and manage the program activities. The actual cost is 35% of the project's direct cost. On this project 20% has been charged which covers the support by Research Services, Legal Services, Library Services, Governance, People and Culture and Finance. The 15% of cost is recorded as in-kind.

Budget for AODKC activities 2024 - 2025

Funding		412,000
Less expenses:		
Salaries	304,530	
Engagement	5,000	
Consultancy fees	10,000	
Promotion and printing costs	10,070	
Research Support Cost	82,400	
Total expenditure		412,000

In-kind support on this project of \$105,828 has been committed for 2024-2025

Brought Forward funding budget to be included in 2024-2025 (due to late start of contract)

Funding - brought forward		15,485
Less expenses:		
Salaries	4,307	
Engagement	2,540	
Consultancy fees	5,000	
Promotion and printing costs and Other Expenses	3,638	
Total expenditure		15,485