

Drug Policy Modelling Program Symposium 2024
4th June 2024, John Niland Scientia Building, UNSW

9.00am	Registration	
9.30am	Acknowledgement of Country & Welcome	Michelle Toy, Policy and Advocacy Lead, NSW Users & AIDS Association Professor Verity Firth, AM, Vice-President – Societal Impact, Equity & Engagement, UNSW
9.35am	Australian Drug Budget 2021/22	The Australian Drug Budget 2021/2022 Professor Alison Ritter, DPMP
	Panel discussion	Chair: Dr Paul Kelaita, DPMP Dr Annie Madden, Harm Reduction Australia Dr Robert Stirling, Network of Alcohol and Drug Agencies Dr Erin Lalor, Alcohol and Drug Foundation Emma Maiden, Uniting NSW.ACT
10.30am	Morning tea	
11.00am	Snapshots of DPMP Research 1	
11.15am	Expanding conversations on drug law reform	Chair: Emeritus Professor Geoff Gallop, Global Commission on Drug Policy
	Presentation	Fields of green – regulating home grown cannabis Liz Barrett, DPMP
	Presentation	Legalising cocaine? Considerations for the regulated supply of drugs Dr Paul Kelaita, DPMP
	Presentation	Black market tobacco in Australia Dr Cheneal Puljevic, The University of Queensland
	Discussion and Q&A	
12.30pm	Lunch	
1.15pm	Snapshots of DPMP Research 2	
1.30pm	Dialogue on Participation Practices	Chair: Isabelle Volpe, DPMP
	Introduction	DPMP participation research Isabelle Volpe
	Panel discussion	Professor Jason Grebely, Kirby Institute Michelle Toy, NSW Users & AIDS Association Dr Laura McLauchlan, Macquarie University Dr Marianne Jauncey, MSIC Uniting
2.15pm	Alcohol and other drug treatment	Chair: Carmel Tebbutt, Odyssey House
	Introduction	DPMP treatment research Alison Ritter
	Presentation	How many people miss out on treatment who need it? Keelin O'Reilly, DPMP
	Presentation	A place for compulsory alcohol and other drug treatment? Dr Claire Wilkinson, DPMP
	Discussion, Q&A	
3.20pm	Closing comments	Professor Alison Ritter
3.30pm	Close	



Speaker Bios

Michelle Toy

Policy and Advocacy Lead, NSW Users & AIDS Association

Michelle Toy is a Dharug woman and is the Policy and Advocacy Lead at NUAA and has a personal interest in evidence-based drug law and policy reform that prioritises community-driven harm reduction and centres the lived and living experience of people who use drugs. Her professional background is in law and social policy with experience in strategic litigation, human rights advocacy and health and social service system reform.

Professor Verity Firth AM

Vice-President – Societal Impact, Equity and Engagement, UNSW

Professor Verity Firth AM is the inaugural Vice-President Societal Impact, Equity and Engagement at the University of New South Wales (UNSW). She is a Professor of Practice at the School of Education, Faculty of Arts, Design and Architecture. Professor Firth has over twenty years' experience at the very highest levels of government and education sectors in Australia. Prior to her role at UNSW, Professor Firth was the Pro Vice-Chancellor Social Justice and Inclusion at the University of Technology Sydney (2015-2022). She developed and delivered the UTS Social Impact Framework, a first of its kind for the Australian university sector and founded the UTS Centre for Social Justice and Inclusion.

Professor Alison Ritter AO

Director, Drug Policy Modelling Program, UNSW

Professor Alison Ritter AO, Director of the Drug Policy Modelling Program at UNSW leads research on drug laws, drug treatment, models and methods of participation in drug policy, and research focused on policy process. Her work is supported by grants from competitive research funding bodies (NHMRC, ARC) as well as commissioned research from governments across Australia and internationally. She is past President of the International Society for the Study of Drug Policy, and an Editor for the *International Journal of Drug Policy*. Professor Ritter has an extensive research grant track record and has published widely in the field.

Dr Paul Kelaita

Postdoctoral Fellow, Drug Policy Modelling Program, UNSW

Dr Paul Kelaita is a postdoctoral fellow in the Drug Policy Modelling Program. He works on values in drug policy, focussing on policymaker and alcohol and other drug sector approaches to debate and reform. Dr Kelaita is currently researching: how values inform drug policy debate; how the agenda gets set for the upcoming NSW Drug Summit; the conditions of support for drug policy reform; and models of drug regulation. Dr Kelaita's previous research includes work on public health policy (COVID lockdowns), political participation (the marriage equality postal survey), and queer cultural geography (queer community and art practice in Western Sydney).

Dr Annie Madden AO

Executive Director, Harm Reduction Australia

Dr Annie Madden, AO has been working in the areas of illicit drug use, blood borne viruses, AOD treatment and drug user representation for over 20 years. She holds a part time role as a Project Lead with the International Network of People Who Use Drugs. Dr Madden has provided technical expertise to UNODC, WHO, UNAIDS and has been a member of Australian Government delegations to the UN General Assembly. In 2019, Dr Madden was made an Officer of the Order of Australia for her decades of work promoting the health and human rights of people who use drugs globally.

Dr Robert Stirling*CEO, Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies*

Dr Robert Stirling is the CEO of NADA and plays a key role in supporting member services in AOD and public health policy, advocacy, planning and funding, research and evaluation, performance and compliance, accreditation and quality improvement, governance, and sector and workforce development. Dr Stirling has worked in the AOD sector for almost 20 years and holds qualifications in public health and community management. His doctorate explored performance measurement of NSW non-government AOD treatment services.

Dr Erin Lalor AM*CEO, Alcohol and Drug Foundation*

Dr Erin Lalor, AM was appointed CEO of the Alcohol and Drug Foundation in 2017. Dr Lalor is a recognised leader in the health policy and not-for-profit sectors with over 20 years of experience as a clinician, researcher, advocate and leader. Dr Lalor is currently Deputy Chair of the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare and a member of the Australian National Advisory Council on Alcohol and Drugs.

Emma Maiden*General Manager, Advocacy and External Relations, Uniting NSW.ACT*

Emma Maiden currently co-manages the Social Impact & Advocacy Directorate for Uniting NSW.ACT. She has more than 25 years' experience in social justice campaigning. Emma's work covers government relations, media, social media, and philanthropy, including the Fair Treatment campaign to remove criminal penalties for the possession of drugs for personal use and increasing healthcare. Emma was formerly Uniting's Head of Advocacy & Media and formerly Assistant Secretary at Unions NSW. Emma is also a non-Executive Director of HESTA.

Emeritus Professor Geoff Gallop AC*Commissioner, the Global Commission on Drug Policy*

Professor Geoff Gallop is a Commissioner with the Global Commission on Drug Policy, advocating to bring an informed, science-based discussion about humane and effective ways to reduce the harm caused by drugs and drug control policies to people and societies. He was a member of the Western Australian Legislative Assembly from 1986 to 2006 and the Premier of Western Australia from 2001 to 2006. During his term as Premier he held a Community Drug Summit (2001) which resulted in a "prohibition with civil penalties scheme" for minor cannabis offences. He is a Patron of City Health International, a network of individuals and organizations engaged in the study of and response to structural health issues and health behaviours in the urban environment and an Advocate for Harm Reduction Australia.

Liz Barrett*Research Officer, Drug Policy Modelling Program, UNSW*

Liz Barrett is a Research Officer at the Drug Policy Modelling Program, UNSW. Her areas of interest include regulation, markets and participation in drugs policy. Liz currently convenes a national working group on strengthening harm reduction in prisons and is assisting in developing an AOD prevention framework for NSW. Her previous work has investigated experiences of cannabis reforms in the ACT, models of cannabis regulation for the Swiss government, and health and human rights for the UNODC.

Dr Cheneal Puljevic*Senior Research Fellow, Centre of Research Excellence on Achieving the Tobacco Endgame, The University of Queensland*

Dr Cheneal Puljevic is an ARC DECRA Fellow at the NHMRC Centre for Research Excellence on Achieving the Tobacco Endgame (UQ). Dr Puljevic is also a core research team member for the Global Drug Survey (and is coordinating the Global Drug Survey 2024), an Associate Editor for the International Journal of Drug Policy, and the Research Convenor for The Loop Australia, a not-for-profit organisation aiming to implement drug checking (pill testing) services. In 2020, she was awarded the Australasian Professional Society for Alcohol and Other Drugs (APSAD)'s Early Career Award.

Isabelle Volpe*PhD Candidate, Drug Policy Modelling Program, UNSW*

Isabelle Volpe is a PhD candidate in the Drug Policy Modelling Program team at the Social Policy Research Centre, UNSW Sydney. Her PhD research uses critical social science approaches to explore ways that young people participate in drug policy in Australia.

Professor Jason Grebely*Viral Hepatitis Clinical Research Program, UNSW Kirby Institute*

Professor Jason Grebely is the Head of the Hepatitis C and Drug Use Group at the Kirby Institute in the Faculty of Medicine at UNSW Sydney in Australia. Dr Grebely's research focuses on the epidemiology, natural history, and therapeutic strategies for acute and chronic HCV infection in people who inject drugs. He is co-Editor in Chief for the International Journal of Drug Policy. Dr Grebely is also the President of the International Network for Hepatitis in Substance Users, an international body for improving knowledge translation, education and advocacy for HCV among people who inject drugs.

Dr Laura McLauchlan*Postdoctoral Fellow, Macquarie University*

Dr Laura McLauchlan is trained in multispecies anthropology, informed by material feminisms, environmental humanities scholarship, medical anthropology and trauma studies; with a particular focus on how transformative change takes place, particularly with respect to environmental and interspecies care and connection. Laura's research currently studies how attending to bodies and relational neurobiology can make new conversations possible.

Dr Marianne Jauncey*Medical Director, Uniting Medically Supervised Injecting Centre*

Dr Marianne Jauncey is the Medical Director of the Uniting Medically Supervised Injecting Centre (MSIC). Dr Jauncey is a Public Health Physician who has worked at the pointy end of harm reduction for decades. Dr Jauncey is committed to ensuring Uniting MSIC provides unwavering support and meets the needs of its clients beyond supervised injection. She is not afraid to speak up or bang a few tables where needed. She has conducted countless media interviews and community led conversations to improve understanding about harm reduction and the nature drug use. She is always keen to get people talking.

Carmel Tebbutt*CEO, Odyssey House NSW*

Carmel Tebbutt joined Odyssey House NSW in 2023 following significant contributions in the mental health not-for-profit sector as a former CEO of the Mental Health Coordinating Council and Director at Mental Health Australia. Carmel was the first female Deputy Premier in NSW and during her parliamentary career held a number of ministerial portfolios including health, education and community services. Carmel is passionate about Odyssey's mission to reconnect lives, families and communities.

Keelin O'Reilly*Research Officer, Drug Policy Modelling Program, UNSW*

Keelin O'Reilly is a Research Officer at DPMP working on the Drug and Alcohol Services Planning Model, for WA and for Victoria, and as such brings a depth of knowledge around treatment planning. Keelin was the Australian representative for the 2022 UNODC Youth Initiative on Drug Prevention.

Dr Claire Wilkinson*Senior Research Fellow, Drug Policy Modelling Program, UNSW*

Dr Claire Wilkinson is a Senior Research Fellow at the Drug Policy Modelling Program at UNSW, and an Honorary Research Fellow at the Centre for Alcohol Policy Research, La Trobe University. She is Vice President of the Kettil Bruun Society for Social and Epidemiological Research on Alcohol. She has served on the Editorial Boards of journals including the Journal of Studies on Alcohol and other Drugs and is currently on working groups for the International Agency for Research on Cancer and the World Health Organisation Regional Office for Europe.