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Really!?

17.5 billion Total sales revenue from under-age alcohol use – Big Alcohol generated a total sales revenue from underage alcohol use of \$17.5 billion (7.4%) out of a total of \$237.1 billion in 2016, in the U.S. market alone.

Source: [Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs, 2021](#)

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– Theft from package liquor outlets is going up all across Melbourne – Youth are lion share Youth and it's organised. Offenders are often masked up and capped. One offender hit liquor outlets up to three times a day over a couple of months netting \$50k worth of liquor. Acquisitional Crime for cash or drugs. (Liquor Accord Update Aug 23)

ALCOHOL VS. HEALTH FOR ALL

Alcohol and Universal Health Coverage

- But treatment coverage is very low
- Fewer than 1 in 5 people receive treatment for alcohol use disorders – less than 1 in 10 in low- and lower-middle-income countries

400 Million

Adults worldwide with alcohol use disorder

400 million adults in the world suffer from an alcohol use disorder. This means 7% of all adults in the world have an alcohol use disorder.

Prevention, always – always, better than cure. So, what is going on?

Decriminalisation of Drugs has become the hot topic this last 12 months and how quickly it turned.

The Dalgarno Institute was at an online meeting during covid, where a top serving bureaucrat informed the largely pro-drug group that; *we are so close to getting decriminalisation over the line, just keep pushing the narratives.*

We saw anti-stigma mantras silence any reasonable objection to the harms and behaviours of drug use. Gatekeepers of policy ignoring Demand Reduction priorities and relegating 'prevention' to the 'conservative' bin of socio-political offerings, and thus deemed irrelevant. The mainstream media, just became silent and the very toxic world of engineered social media ensured drug use normalisation propaganda permeates the ether. The exhausted and financially weary culture which isn't really in the drug use space ignores it all – unless permission to party is on the table, then traction is gained.

Check out this abridged version of an article we had published in *World Federation Against Drugs 2023 Member Magazine* Page 16

Pot Protagonists Pushing the Permanent Permission Model - Legalisation: Australian Actors Following the Big Tobacco and Anarchist Playbook on Pot

Those who have been paying even the slightest attention are not at all

surprised at the escalation in cannabis liberalization in the last two years and the decriminalisation to legalisation trajectory we have all come to expect. In Australia it looks much like the following...

Here is the synoptic view of the core strategy elements getting this 'frog to stay in the pot'

- 1) Starts with giving only lip service to Demand Reduction and prevention, even making these the [first priority pillar in the national drug strategy](#).
- 2) Hijack the entire Three Pillared Harm Minimisation policy platform with the filter of Harm Reduction ONLY ideology, so the terms become interchangeable – Harm Reduction/Harm Minimisation!
- 3) *Wink* at cannabis use, as 'no biggie' and you get more people using with impunity, thus creating a sense of 'no body really cares, just do it' and further driving toward the 'critical mass' statistic of about 10 percent of people actively consistently using. That's happened over many years, and the community is slowly being primed for change - now...
- 4) Create a cloak of legitimacy around this substance with 'medical' nomenclature.
- 5) Aggressively promote emotive anecdotes that [bludgeon evidence-based science into submission](#) and create a 'vote for medicine' framework.
- 6) Parrot old memes like 'it's just a plant.' Or the 'war on drugs has failed' (even if there never was one)

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Dalgarno – Online & Active!



This year in June we soft-launched a new advocacy and educational campaign and platform – [World Resiliency Day/Week](#)

This is another proactive offering toward Demand Reduction endeavours to pair with our anti-substance posture. In a similar vein to the *Humpty Dumpty Dilemma Resiliency Project* (also now included on this platform) we seek to promote and build stronger communities and families.

The key slogan for this campaign is a long standing Dalgarno Institute quote... *“Resilient communities don’t use drugs, resilient families don’t want them.”*

This Trademarked resource is set in the same week as *World Drug Day* as we continue to promote best-practice actions for young people and substance use.

The platform includes Blogs, articles, resource kits and *Weaving Your Bungee Rope* Questionnaire.

The resource is both developing and growing, and we already have over a Dozen partners both nationally and internationally.

WorldResiliencyDay



Linked In Live: At the urging of one of our new partners, the Dalgarno Institute set up a new company page. We had attempted this years ago with our state campuses, but as they ended, the sites too fell silent.



After setting up our new page, we conducted a couple of *'linked In Live'* sessions with some of our new WRD Ambassadors. These lively engagements saw some of our key team members talking about life, resilience, substance

use, well-being and other capacity building experiences

Our new page is [Dalgarno Institute - Health Education Charity](#) Connect with us today.

PODCAST: The Unnecessary Harm Podcast

is currently being crafted with a number of interviews already completed.

This Podcast idea has been on the radar for some time, and as part of our new partnership with TDS we were able to secure a Podcast producer *'Bean-Talking'* to get the ball rolling.

The content will vary, and whilst focusing on alcohol and other drugs issues, it will delve into prevention, recovery, resilience building, community development, substance harms and best practice for community health and well-being.

The guests are from varied backgrounds both nationally and internationally.

So, keep an eye out for this important new work in 2024.

Coming in 2024

Heritage 100 Club

'A Partnership and a Strategy'

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D.A.R.Team Think Tank

Our very important Reference Group – The DARTeam continues to provide not only validation and contribution to our research and writing but contribute on many levels. Their work is indispensable.

Professor Stuart Reece – not only a professor at two West Australian University’s, but also runs one of the very few and widely attended addiction support practices in QLD. Professors Reece and Hulse seminal work on the Genotoxicity and Neurotoxicity of Cannabis was proudly showcased by Dalgarno earlier this year at 66th CND at the United Nations in Vienna (see Winter Edition)

Professor Reece continues to lead the world in this imperative research and features significantly in our various submissions to government on the cannabis issue.

Another of our outstanding DARTeam, Professor John Toumbourou, presented at this years UNODC Civil Society Webinar on **World Drug Report 2023**. Professor John was nominated through Dalgarno Institute’s ECOSOC status and was invited to submit an abstract earlier this year and was accepted to present.

Professor John’s outstanding presentation was the only prevention focused and proactive one given – consequently drawing the positive attention of UNODC officials.

Consequently, John has been asked back to speak to the prevention and recovery issue in the new year.

Kudos to John and Dalgarno! You can watch John’s pre-recorded presentation [here](#)

John was very coy about the following, but he received the very prestigious ‘**Presidents Award (top award) from the Society for Prevention Research**.(SPR) An incredible honour and worthy recipient.

By the way, Professor John has been actively profiling Professor Stuart Reece’s outstanding, prolific and seminal work on genotoxic and neurotoxic harms of cannabis and consequently led the **SPR** into at least taking a very cautious line in regard to legalisation of cannabis – this tag team has been exceptional.

No Brainer Facilitator Training



In the second half of 2023, we were engaged by **Inspire 180** Mentoring to train two of their youth facilitators. After completing the online primer and being introduced to our basic NO Brainer AOD unique incursion seminars, the team went live.

Our Executive Director, who oversaw the training, went to Sydney to supervise the final stages, and in our class apprenticing model, model, assist and watch these Recovery Alumni do an excellent job of bringing well received AOD into Western Sydney school.

Inspire 180 continues to partner with the Dalgarno Institute specifically for their AOD (Alcohol & Other Drug) training and education resources.

Global Common Statement on Recovery

It was an incredible honour when the Executive Director was approached by R.U.N (Recovering Users Network) requesting that the Dalgarno Institute be one of the founding partners in developing a global position paper on Recovery.

As you know, we work closely with the Recovery Alumni and see their lived experience and earned resiliency as vital, helping build stronger prevention frameworks and the empowerment to vulnerable demographics these will bring in delaying or better, denying substance uptake.

We were one of only 12 key stakeholders in the planet to participate in this incredible seminal work.



The Team - Madrid

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- 6) but enhance that meme with new ones, such as ‘a war on cannabis is a war on me!’ and put the image up of a well-groomed twenty something young struggling mum’ to garner sympathy.
- 7) Craft new language, but first [silence dissenting voices by foisting speech codes on media and community](#) that publicly gag any legitimate censure and concerns there are about cannabis.
- 8) Then adding to the new narrative and continuing to silence legitimate challenges by diverting attention away from personal agency and choice to victimhood. Shift narrative from behaviour to ‘disease’ models, regardless of whether or not *it’s the very first use.*
- 9) Focus on another target to go after as the ‘bad actor’ in the drug arena. The legal drugs of alcohol and tobacco, decrying these public health and community saboteurs, yet with staggering cognitive dissonance, still insist on adding the psychotropic toxin of cannabis to that legal category, because *‘it won’t be as bad as them!’* pitches!
- 10) Now, you have primed the oversubscribed and under-informed public for a ‘sentimental poll’ on cannabis legalisation.
- 11) The so called ‘progressive radicals’ are emboldened, with media sentiment behind them (journalists follow, don’t lead, under the tyranny of social media cancel culture) push for the next ‘enlightened’ move – decriminalise the drugs.
- 12) Finally, the push is on! As the Dalgarno Institute predicted – the legalisation of cannabis for recreational purposes is now on State and National radar – put there in the Australian context ([ironically](#)) by [The Australian Greens](#)

See also [Open Letter to Politicians on Decriminalisation](#)

Finally, if it wasn’t already clear that prevention is utterly imperative, we want to leave you with an expertly informed, but deeply disturbing statement from an Emergency Medicine Doctor, and a trained expert in cannabis working in the first State in the U.S to fully legalise cannabis, and then decriminalise pretty much every other drug.

We can ‘reduce’ the Harm!

What little there will be – we promise!



“Every single shift I work, about 33-50% of the patients I see are in the emergency department directly as a result of substance abuse. It’s not fun dealing with these people up front and close in the ED. They are often violent. And putting in millions of dollars to their health care seems pointless when we turn them back out on to the streets.

A recent patient - she was intoxicated (meth, fentanyl, etc) sleeping on the railroad tracks - long story short - got hit by the train. Lost her left arm. She was so altered that she grabbed her severed arm and began fleeing police. Her care will exceed (easily) half a million dollars - and back out to the streets she goes. Life on the streets is violent and terrifying and I am sure that drives them to use more drugs.

Decriminalisation is not working in Colorado. Many are too far gone to recover. And is life better or safer on the streets or in an institution?”

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Schools Education Fence Building Bounce (Parent Night)

LEAVING BEQUESTS

Many long time and faithful supporters have and will choose to leave a portion of their estate to the work of Temperance. Whilst over the years, the labour and passion of our movement has not changed, its name has.

Consequently we have had recent experiences of Estates leaving bequests to our work, but under a previous name. As you can imagine, this creates some legal issues and often delays or denies our movement receiving the gracious gift.

To avoid this, we would like to simply request that if you have, or intend on, leaving a bequest to the work of Temperance that you stipulate it be given to DALGARNO INSTITUTE (C.O.A.D.E Inc.) This will ensure your gift contributes to the continuation of helping Australians have a better chance of a safer and healthier future.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.



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