

THE FENCE BUILDER

Volume 9 Issue 2

Summer 2017

REALLY!

1. "The number of liquor licenses in Victoria has increased more than five-fold from fewer than 4000 in 1986 to just fewer than 21,000 in 2016."¹

2. "A 10 % increase in off-licence liquor outlets is associated with a 3.3 per cent increase in domestic violence."²

3. "...the proportion of Australians who abstain from drinking alcohol has also risen in recent years, from 17 per cent in 2004 to 22 per cent in 2013."³

4. "The US consumes more than 80% of the global opioid pill production even though it has less than 5% of the world's population."⁴

5. "Over 25 million formerly addicted Americans are in stable, long-term recovery of a year or longer."⁵

Enabling Drug Use or Empowering Recovery?

Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Amendment (Pilot Medically Supervised Injecting Centre) Bill 2017

Hansard, 22 February 2017

More concerning than these exaggerations, though, is the underlying reality that a so-called medically supervised injecting room simply serves to increase the rate and intensity of inherently risky drug use by its clients and therefore to increase the profits of drug dealers. This is the last thing that I believe the people of North Richmond need, and for that reason alone I would oppose this bill. However, I further note that the whole notion of a supervised injecting room has been soundly condemned by the International Narcotics Control Board, which monitors the international conventions on narcotics, to which Australia is a signatory.

In paragraph 559 of its annual report for 2001 the International Narcotics Control Board states this: The board regrets that local authorities in the Australian state of New South Wales have permitted the establishment of a drug injection room, setting aside the concerns expressed by the board that the operation of such facilities, where addicts inject themselves with illicit substances, condones illicit drug use

and drug trafficking and runs counter to the provisions of the international drug control treaties. The board notes that the national policy in Australia does not support the establishment of drug injection rooms. The board urges the government to ensure that all of its states comply fully with the provisions of the international drug control treaties, to which Australia is a party.



Drug use exiting recovery needs to be the priority for those trapped in addiction—Not more drugs!

I would also like to draw on the expertise of Mr Shane Varcoe, speaking for the Dalgarno Institute here in Melbourne, who has said: Any enterprise that inadvertently enables, empowers or equips ongoing illicit drug use has already breached best healthcare practice. Harm reduction can never be about the support of ongoing, health diminishing substance use. Caring, responsible and civic-minded clinicians and policymakers will always be focused on movement

Continued on back page

¹ Livingston, M., *Packaged liquor in Victoria - 2001 to 2016*. F.A.R.E.

² VicHealth Newsletter June 2017

³ *Sobering findings in alcohol study* (ADF)

⁴ <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/aug/13/dont-blame-addicts-for-americas-opioid-crisis-real-culprits>

⁵ White, W. L. (2012). *Recovery/remission*

Global Connection: Collaborating for Change!

WORLD DRUG DAY UK—Our Executive Director was invited to speak at the UK hosting of World Drug day in London. Whilst it was hosted by the prominent Recovery Network DBRR, Dalgarno Institutes' insights on demand reduction and working with recovery alumni to change drug policy narrative in the market place drew their eye. Shane was also asked by SKUNK SENSE U.K. to speak at Westminster to an All Party Parliamentary Group on Cannabis as Medicine. Due to the snap election called by The British PM the group was dissolved, but Shane shared the podium with Dr Eva Hoch from Germany presenting to a smaller community group at Wesley Central Hall. Our E.D. was well received at both events.

IOGT— The executive Director has rekindled the connection with this prominent global '[Temperance Movement](#)', which is again gaining traction in Europe and beyond. Shane attended a regional get together in South Melbourne, as part of the GAP (Global Alcohol Policy) Conference, held for first time in Melbourne.

APFAD— (Asia-Pacific Forum Against Drugs) This one day WFAD regional forum was an important event that we were specifically and repeatedly invited to attend. Dalgarno Institute was the only Australian representative at this Forum. Excellent work is being done in the region focusing on demand and supply reduction and working toward the drug free region. The event confirmed that our innovative

approach to drug education, and working with recovery alumni is actually cutting edge.

U.N. PREVENTION HUB— Dalgarno Institute is now registered and contributing to this United Nations initiative. After our successful UNGASS submission in 2016, it is important that we keep our demand reduction and prevention messaging in that arena.

Click here for more <http://preventionhub.org/en>

Book Endorsement: Whilst speaking at the World Drug Day Conference in London, our Executive Director caught the attention of a gentleman named Dr Lefever. On completion of his presentation, Robert made a bee line for Shane and heartily congratulated him on the insightful presentation and requested a further meeting to 'pick his brains'. When Robert left the room the ED was informed by another conference attendee, that this man was considered the elder statesmen of the Recovery Movement in the UK, and that Shane had received '*high praise indeed*'. Shane met later with Dr Lefever and soon was having excerpts from the new book (quoting our executive director) sent to him for clarification. Finally a request was made by Dr Lefever for our E.D to write an endorsement for this latest offering, which of course, was his privilege to do! The book is titled: ***The Street-wise Practical Guide to Coping with and Recovering from Addiction.***

PARTNERSHIPS & TRAINING

Training Coalition Partners—October this year saw our next instalment of training for one of our key coalition members Mr Tony Hoang. As most of you already know, Tony was a key focus on two documentaries, '*Once upon a time in Cabramatta*' and '*Gangs of Oz*'. Tony was a drug kingpin in Western Sydney until his remarkable turn around.

Dalgarno institute first met with Tony in 2013-14 when he was given an [Isabella's List award](#) for his excellent AOD prevention work with young people. Tony has a number of components to his consulting business, but his drug education arm is under Dalgarno tutelage and support.

Our 4 Days in Western Sydney was very well received with 15 seminars and a full day training and

coaching being conducted. The Inspire180 project along with Tony's AOD education enterprise is making a significant and very public difference to the youth/families of the region.



E.D with key delegates from region, along with Secretary General of WFAD on right, Linda Nils-son

Indigenous AOD Curriculum

It was a real joy to officially launch our Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Curriculum Supplement at this years A.G.M!

This important addition to our education suite segues the existing 'I Wish I Never' DVD Curriculum into the Indigenous context. The project was overseen by one of our vital D.A.R.Team members Mr Paul Tolliday who has been working with indigenous communities for decades and has himself been adopted into the Gumatj Clan and is also a ceremonial leader for Mawulrom Ceremony. Paul's insights and connections to many indigenous communities enabled excellent engagement.

Content development was carried out in close consultation with a number of key indigenous folk and endorsed by prominent elder on Alco Island Maratja Dhamarrandji a Yolngu man from Arnhemland GALIWINKU Community. His clan and language is Djambarrpuyngu.

The foundational artwork for the curriculum, which was also unveiled at the A.G.M, was created by renowned Central Australian Indigenous artist, Marie Ryder. The artist was sadly unable to make it to the launch, but Paul delivered an insightful and culturally sensitive explanation of both the work and cultural influence to the curriculum. With woomera in hand, he was able to speak with both empathy and authority to this important issue.

Along with the curriculum a short graphic novel was also created '**Not My Culture**' to add further value to this next instalment of demand reduction and prevention focused education.





toward exit from, and cessation of, drug use. Mechanisms that enable any government agency to send a message to the community that we are not only supporting, but enabling taxpayer-funded illicit drug use, not only breaches care for the illegal drug user, but breaches international conventions. It also demonstrates a lack of concern for the wider majority of the non-drug using community.

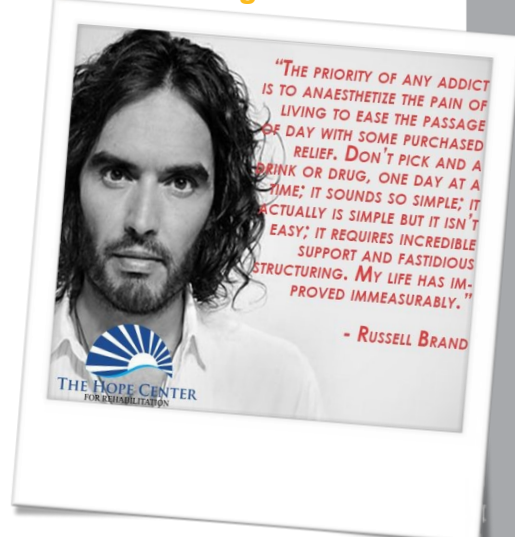
I do agree with the assessment of both the international narcotics board and the sound views expressed by Mr Varcoe. This bill quite simply is flawed. It fails academically. The evidence does not stack up. It fails vulnerable people, who are encouraged and indeed enabled to continue their risk-taking behaviour, and it fails the community as a whole.

The evidence does not stack up. It fails vulnerable people, who are encouraged and indeed enabled to continue their risk-taking behaviour, and it fails the community as a whole. We must turn to best practice, and it is clear to me that injecting rooms are far from being a best practice model. So quite simply in summary, I will not be supporting this bill.

(Excerpt from speech given by Senator Carling-Jenkins to Victorian Parliament) For complete speech go to [Hansard https://dalgarnoinstitute.org.au/images/resources/pdf/injecting-rooms/Injecting_center_speech_Rachel_Carling-Jenkins.pdf](https://dalgarnoinstitute.org.au/images/resources/pdf/injecting-rooms/Injecting_center_speech_Rachel_Carling-Jenkins.pdf)

There are better options: Check out [Naltrexone Detox & Rehab Kick Start](#) (Seeking National Trial)

Drug use exiting rehabilitation: Check out these resources ["I need to stop!"](#)



Support our work!

say...

Help us make it easier to

'No Thanks!'

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Email _____

Phone (____) _____ \$ _____

☐ please debit my credit card ☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa

Expiry Date _____

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Signature _____

☐ Schools ☐ Education ☐ Fence Building ☐ Research (D.A.R.T.)

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, however 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.



