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REALLY!

1. The quantity of heroin seized [Europe] in 2012 (5 tonnes) was the lowest reported in the last decade, and equivalent to only half of the quantity seized in 2002 (10 tonnes).¹
2. In 2013, 81 new psychoactive substances were notified to the EU Early Warning System, bringing the number of substances monitored to more than 350.²
3. 'In 2010, Colorado state law was changed to permit commercial production and distribution of medical marijuana. The number of registrants (both adults and children) grew rapidly— from 4819 in December 2008 to 115,467 in December 2014—and medical-marijuana dispensaries proliferated. (Remember this was all before it was then legalised for 'recreational use'!)³
4. Australian Crime Commission Report: The number of illicit drug seizures and arrests are the highest on record—The number of A.T.S (excluding MDMA) border detections and ATS national seizures are the highest on record—The number of steroid seizures and arrests are the highest on record ⁴ (Supply Reduction Strategies paying off)

1. European Drug Report 2014

2. Ibid

3. Medical Marijuana's Public Health Lessons—Implications for Retail Marijuana in Colorado

4. ICC Illicit Drug Report 2013-14

It's just ONE damn clause!?

There has been a consistent stream of aggressive alcohol deploying enterprises hitting up various municipalities for yet more liquor barn licenses! Of course, the communities most heavily targeted are generally the lower socio-economic areas and/or the ones already over-supplied!

A growing number of councils and their residents are pushing back against this shameful bombardment. So how are they going in their endeavours? You'd think well wouldn't you? I mean not only do the rate payers declare their wishes, the council vote a resounding 'NO' to new booze barn proposals—problem solved, right? Wrong!

How you say? Well, here is the synoptic overview of this, quite frankly, ridiculous process.

Council says no to a licence—Applicant simply applies to V.C.A.T. (Victorian Civil & Administrative Tribunal) and the Council and people's decision is overturned, and yet another prominent portal of popular poison is erected!

So, what happens? In lay terms, VCAT 'have their hands tied' by a planning law **Clause 52.27 in the Planning Scheme/MSS** which they conclude does NOT permit for consideration of the following, as outlined in this statement.

'Whilst town planning seeks to secure a pleasant, efficient and safe working, living and recreational environment, it is not the role of town planning to address all issues of public health, nor to regulate the pricing or general availability of a product to manage the health and well-being of society.'

As stated it doesn't even matter if the entire council and majority of residences don't want another booze barn, the purveyors of poison can still get around it if the other permit specifications are met.

I'll give you just two examples that Dalgarno have been engaged with. A few years ago a community ground swell saw a remarkable move by Seaford residents to stop a third, that's correct, third, booze barn being built in a one kilometre radius! (I know, it's mind boggling!) The residents won the day with council who

rejected the license application, but the Dan Murphy owners, Woolworths took it to VCAT and won!

The local residents didn't give up and were going to appeal at tribunal, but were advised a \$100K fund would be needed and victory unlikely. The group asked us if we could find that money—alas we could not!

In contrast, around the same time, members of the township of Sale in Victoria (now believed to have the most alcohol outlets per capita in the country) also had another Food Giant want to build yet another booze barn in the already very WET town. A previous mayor and over 600 residents formed an action group, not only to stop this project, but also the actual Council themselves who were charging ahead with another license, come hell or high water. In fact, when the consortium advised the Council that the community would fight any new licence at VCAT, the council unabashedly declared it would make no difference, they would win anyway...and all, it would appear, because of this one clause.

Even as I write there is another group in Cranbourne, Victoria protesting the same thing, but alas, until this law is changed, little can be done to stop these booze giants.

The winds of change are coming, and more and more Councils are stepping up to protest. However, we need your help to make it happen. For further reading you can download **Alcohol Outlets: Recreational Ethanol Availability and its Social Impact** from <http://dalgarnoinstitute.org.au/index.php/resources/research-reports>

Shane Varcoe—N.T&P.O.

Broad results

	Pubs	Bottleshops	Restaurants/bars
General assault	↑	↑	
Domestic violence	↑	↑	
Youth heavy drinking (cross-sectional)		↑	
Chronic disease		↑	↑

Alcohol availability and alcohol-related harm – research and policy

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TEAM NEWS—CAMPUS NEWS!

Board: We want to congratulate our very own Deputy Chair **Josephine Baxter**, on her recent election to Vice President (representing Oceania) of the **World Federation Against Drugs**, international body! Her long and distinguished service is not only being recognized, but further used—Well done Jo!

The tragic loss of our wonderful Board member and dear friend **Don Cameron** has been a terrible blow for so many... (see back page for details)

Mr. Ian Mann was voted onto the Board at our last AGM, but due to other corporate and business commitments he was unable to actively participate in Board issues until now. We are very excited to have Ian now adding exceptional value to our already amazing and hard working team.

We are looking for new quality board members as we continue to look for ways to make Dalgarno Institute more effective and impacting.

Central: Team is going well, some new changes to roles and load sharing. The Operations Manager role has transitioned to a consultative space, due to work commitments with Dylan—Shane is moving into a new Partnerships and Training role—Deb continues to look after the Education space. Mallini continues to keep the admin side ticking over nicely. Of course Derek always adds immense value as our Research Officer in his deeply appreciated volunteer capacity.

Bendigo Campus: Bendigo Hall—The process to move to

the next phase of sale of the Bendigo Temperance Hall is now firmly and fully with the Victorian Government. Our next step is to have the 'Queens Caveat' removed by an Act of Parliament. Obviously, this is a rarely done and poorly understood process, so delays are expected. However, we are quietly confident this will happen so we can release much needed funds for our growth.

Hunter-Valley Campus— Health and Physical Education students at Avondale College of Higher Education preparing to be drug and alcohol educators are introduced to the excellent suite of Dalgarno resources in a unit called Health Promotion in Adolescence. The Dalgarno website and various DVDs are primary sources cited by students in unit assessments, and the next best thing to having Shane present in person is for us to watch him in action on **Prevention! Time for a Culture Shift.**

Ryan McClelland, seen standing alongside the Dalgarno banner with Gary Christian from Drug Free Australia, is one student benefiting this year from the resources provided by Dalgarno. Ryan's message is: **"Drug and Alcohol abuse is a major issue for young people in our communities. I believe that physical activity and sports is a way in which we can help combat the use of these substances ..."** Dr Wayne Miller



Dalgarno: ONLINE

New Online Platform—Planning phase

We are working with an exceptional company, *Heartburst*, to improve our online delivery of our vital Demand Reduction and Prevention Resources to the market place. New interactive platforms which will enable easier online access to our curriculum are being developed. Watch this space.

Partae Girl Curriculum

continues to be picked up by schools and we are excited about, not only its 'usability' but the excellent way in which

this vital subject matter is being engaged. Of course, this easy to use education tool will even be more so when it can be licensed and utilized online. The 'plug and play' DVD curriculum is available at our **online STORE** www.dalgarnoinstitute.org.au

New sections

On the Dalgarno Institute website we have added two new sections under our RESEARCH Section, focusing specifically on Cannabis. The two are *Cannabis as Medicine??* and *The Cannabis Conundrum*. This dedicated space will hopefully enable quick and easy access to some of the latest research on

this complex and very volatile drug.

Newsletters

For many of you out there, you're already aware of and subscribed to our new Email Newsletters:

No-Brainer **'Heads Up' Update** which is distributed every month and the new Fence Builder bi-monthly email newsletter. This vehicle enables easier and more flexible delivery of data, articles and research in a click and collect fashion.

If you are not already a subscriber, then please go to Dalgarno website homepage or NO Brainer website to the NEWS—update page and

add your email address to our list today!

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TRENDS IN ALCOHOL—WHAT'S COMING NEXT?



Innovation for devastation? Keeping Up With the Concocters of Chaos!

There are some very interesting, if not disturbing things emerging in the alcohol deployment space. Some things you may not have heard about yet, are:

- *Palcohol*- powdered alcohol legal in some US states. (Whilst this is not totally new, it is getting push back from public sector—I mean, wow, how easy to carry sachets of this 'brew' into any location, any environment and just add water...or more sinisterly, just add to someone else's drink!! - OUCH!)
- *Craft and home brewing* likely to increase
- *Innovation*- robotic bar system to deliver more drinks (500 in a night)
- *Novelty*- climate change will shift wine production to different methods. Companies are already preparing for this.. e.g. Carrot beers (Australia) Green tea beer (Tokyo)
- *Creative packaging* and non-traditional marketing create demand. For example, frozen cider pouches by Swedish brand Koppenberg, Speciality wine and spirit wine bottles and social media marketing. Heineken is introducing bottles which light up in time to music in nightclubs when clicked.

"Health and wellbeing concerns are seen as a threat to the alcohol industry"

They are responding with developing driving prevention and other safety measures e.g. – Drink Savvy- cups, glasses and straws which can detect odourless date rape drugs. Cloud connected whisky bottles to authentic age and origin of Johnny Walker whisky. Smaller Pocket Breathalysers and Alcohol Detecting Steering Wheels.

Opportunities with the Internet for using Big Data to monitor individual behaviours. For example health insurance companies, justice system etc. may one day be able to monitor alcohol consumption via information provided from the refrigerator and car. Could prevent driving through monitoring of blood alcohol level—(i.e. ingestibles or wearables).

Advertising bans can be subverted on the Internet, which is currently not policed in the same way as TV etc. On- line shows paid for by alcohol companies can use product placement etc.

But... push back is here, we just tend to be playing catch up!

- **Demands for advertising restrictions**
- **Growing movement for increasing legal age for drinking**
- **Population changes in alcohol consumption- older people consuming more. Less young people drinking but drinking more potent alcohol**
- **Cultural norms around alcohol, for celebration, commiseration etc**
- **Public outrage about night-time violence especially involving young, intoxicated men increases.**
- **More understanding and promotion of link between alcohol and cancers**
- **More understanding and promotion of the impact of alcohol on adolescent and young adult brain development. On-going research confirming long-term consequences.**
- **Challenges to parental drinking levels**
- **Increase in community based campaigns to reduce alcohol consumption- Hello Sunday morning, Dry July, Feb-Fast, and of course the seminal Fence Building Fortnight, created by Dalgarno Institute (forerunner 1988)**

Also the latest Victorian Commission into Family Violence laid down this important recommendation:

Recommendation 93 states: "The Victorian Government ensure that the terms of reference of the current review of the Liquor Control Reform Act 1998 (Vic) consider family violence and alcohol-related harms. The review should involve consultation with people who have expertise in the inter-relationship between family violence and alcohol use." which will help local government agencies (Dalgarno is part of a Melbourne consortium on alcohol) grow their ongoing push for legislation that ensures familial and community welfare are also key factors in considering licensing for alcohol venues.

Spotlight on—Advocacy

Marijuana as 'Medicine' - the Victorian agenda!

Access to Medicinal Cannabis Bill 2015

The Andrew's Government has decided, against best practice national option to create its own Medicinal Cannabis industry, even after assurances from the Federal Health Minister, Sussan Ley, that a National Scheme under T.G.A. purview would be best.

The Andrews government, at the taxpayers' expense, is setting up another bureaucracy and self-styled pharmaceutical practice/process that will, if not run parallel to T.G.A., most likely negate it. The concerns around this process are:

Will those 'selected' to participate in quality control, oversight and monitoring of this new agency be equal to or better than current T.G.A. authorities and medically objective about cannabis as medicine and its deployment?

Will there be 'eligibility creep' in the process due to a now, subjectively run agency?

Will best practice be adhered to (T.G.A is clearly the bench mark) if so, then why the replication of services?

Will this experimental pilot have all necessary safe guards to protect both prospective patients and the general community from;

a) Misuse of this 'new' drug/process ?

b) Short and long term negative side effects of this unpredictable substance and

c) Litigation from potential harms due to this experimental process outside of current best practice frameworks?

At least we know some of these concerns may be somewhat abated due to the robust engagement with the (initially) very poorly thought through proposed bill. After 7 hours of debate in the Senate and the resulting 424 Government amendments (believed to be a new record according to Clerk of Court) the revised bill was passed. One such amendment is that at no point or occasion will cannabis be prescribed for delivery via 'smoking'.

According to Shadow Minister for Health Mary Wooldridge, the bill also provides that if the T.G.A. down schedules Medicinal Cannabis from a Schedule 9 drug to Schedule 8 (which is proposed to happen) that it will not be down scheduled in Victoria. The Victorian Government argues that they would rather regulate it via our State specific, purpose built scheme than participate at a national level. I am concerned that the opportunity to ultimately be part of a national scheme will be missed if Victoria insists on going it alone.

The Government's expected timeline:

May/June 2016 – Advisory Committee appointed

Sept/Oct 2016 – testing and product development conducted

Late 2016 – hospital pharmacies to participate in product development

Late 2016 – Regulatory impact statement undertaken for patient cohorts beyond young people with epilepsy

By December 2016 – eligibility criteria for 'exceptional circumstances' access determined

Early 2017 – first cohort of patients (children with intractable epilepsy) access medicinal cannabis

Early 2017 – private sector engage in research

2017 – 2018 - industry model developed

Second half of 2017 – first commercial manufacturing licenses granted.

The Independent Advisory Committee will have a vital role advising the Minister and Department on which patient group(s) should be eligible and when eligibility criteria for 'exceptional circumstances' access and product formulation.

UNGASS 2016:

Well, on paper and in policy we had a win!

As you know for the last 18 months Dalgarno and its coalition have lobbied, participated and submitted into this once in 20 year event to counter the ridiculously well funded, but very small pro-drug lobby group backed by George Soros! The outcomes of this fiercely contested UN General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS 2016) was a clear affirmation to keep Drug Policy Conventions in the prohibitive and not permissive space, with a renewed focus on Demand Reduction and Recovery. The following excerpt is from one of the key outcome documents:

Our joint commitment to effectively addressing and countering the world drug problem

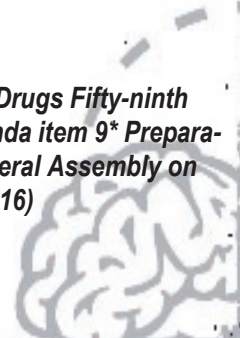
"We reaffirm our commitment to the goals and objectives of the three international drug control conventions, including concern with the health and welfare of humankind as well as the individual and public health-related, social and safety problems resulting from the abuse of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, in particular among children and young people, and drug-related crime, and we reaffirm our determination to prevent and treat the abuse of such substances and prevent and counter their illicit cultivation, production, manufacturing and trafficking;...

We reaffirm our determination to tackle the world drug problem and to actively promote a society free of drug abuse in order to help ensure that all people can live in health, dignity and peace, with security and prosperity and reaffirm our determination to address public health, safety and social problems resulting from drug abuse...

We reaffirm our unwavering commitment to ensuring that all aspects of demand reduction and related measures, supply reduction and related measures, and international cooperation are addressed in full conformity with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, international law and the Universal

Declaration of Human Rights..."

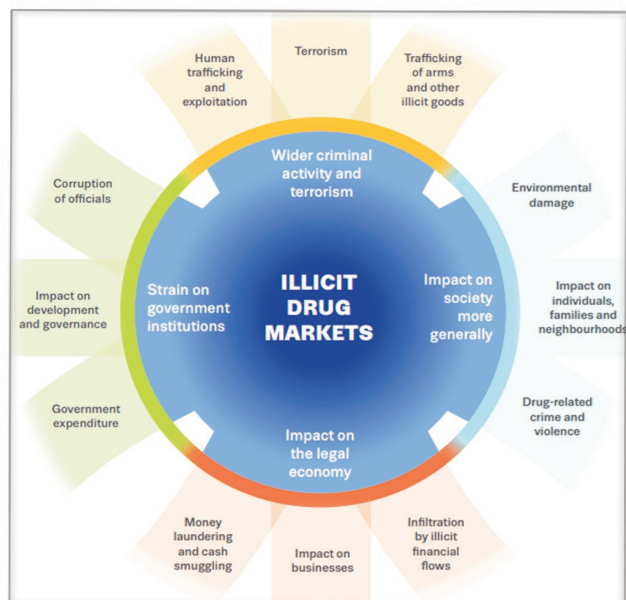
Taken from **(Commission on Narcotic Drugs Fifty-ninth session Vienna, 14-22 March 2016 Agenda item 9* Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016)**



Reducing Demand is Still the KEY!

Snapshot of European Drug Markets

'Illicit drug production and trafficking remains one of the largest and most innovative criminal markets in Europe. As it grows more complex and becomes entwined with other forms of crime, and even terrorism, it represents a key threat to the internal security of the EU...' Europol Director Rob Wainwright



are sold openly as 'legal' replacements for illicit drugs. There are no signs of a slowdown in the development of these substances; 100 new substances were reported for the first time in 2015 and the EU Early Warning System is monitoring over 560." (EU Drugs Market Report Summary 2016 page 8)

"The ramifications of the illicit drug market are wide-ranging and go beyond the harms caused by drug use. They include involvement in other types of criminal activities and in terrorism; impacts on legitimate businesses and the wider economy; strain on and corruption of government institutions; and impacts on wider society." (EU Drugs Market Report Summary 2016 page 13)

Yes, supply reduction is still necessary, but the KEY to reducing all these activities is the reduction of demand! This remains a 'whole of community' enterprise from early childhood right through to adulthood. This works only when all key socially responsible and justice focused civil societal stakeholders buy in! This is happening in ICELAND and has seen remarkable transition away from alcohol and other drug use and abuse.

Dalgarno continues to produce quality advocacy and education resources that not only speak out about what is not being said, but furnishing the vast silent majority with the understanding that current drug policy narratives aren't bringing.

What factors are driving drug market developments?

The EU illicit drug market is becoming increasingly diversified and organised crime groups (OCGs) — spurred by the desire for profit or power — rapidly exploit new opportunities for increasing revenues and evading detection. Analysing the factors driving developments can help design appropriate responses. The report describes how the rate of change in the market is driven and accelerated by globalisation and technology. As with other consumer goods, the internet has been influential in the drug business, providing both sales outlets and opportunities to shorten the supply chain, while reducing opportunities for law-enforcement interventions.

The report proposes that viewing the market from a business perspective could help identify new areas for intervention."

Drug-Net Europe Issue 94 April-June 2016 EMCDDA

"Approximately 22 million adults in the EU have used Cannabis in the last year and around 1 % of European adults use it on an almost daily basis, increasing the risk of health and social problems." (EU Drugs Market Report Summary 2016 page 7)

"A large number of new psychoactive substances (NPS)



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In Memory of our departed Board Member

Don Cameron

The Dalgarno Institute, along with so many in our City, State and beyond, owe so much to Don Cameron. Since his tragic passing after only a 6 week battle with a very aggressive and undetected cancer, there has been an incredible and totally deserving outpouring of grief and profound appreciation for this truly 'people person'.

The Dalgarno Institute will not do justice to Don by attempting to mimic those profound and voluminous expressions, but we do wish to simply, and with deep appreciation, say how very important he was to us and our harm prevention and community benefiting work. We also wish to convey our deep sympathies, along with our thanks, to his lovely wife Jo and his two beautiful daughters for being part of our journey together. Thank you Cameron Family!

Don is missed—he really is! *“With His Lord and Saviour”* March 13, 2016, aged 45.

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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 DAL-GARNO INSTITUTE (C.O.A.D.E Inc.) This will ensure your gift contributes to the continuation of helping Australians have a better chance at a safer and healthier future.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

