


Wednesday
3 June 2026

DAY 1

Connection, Collaboration and Practice

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CONFERENCE 2026

7:30 – 8:00am The Connections Room	ARRIVAL & REGISTRATION	
8:00 – 8:15am	MC OPENING	
8:15 – 8:30am The Connections Room	WELCOME TO COUNTRY	Yvonne Moydra Larrakia Nation
8:30 – 8:45am The Connections Room	OFFICIAL OPENING	Eloise Cole Chairperson, AADANT
8:45 – 9:00am The Connections Room	MINISTERIAL OPENING ADDRESS	Hon Steven Edgington MLA
9:00 – 9:45am The Connections Room	DONNA AH CHEE	Reducing alcohol-related harm in the Northern Territory: successes, challenges and threats 
09:45 – 10:15 am	MORNING TEA	




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10:15 – 11:45 am	ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS		
The Connections Room CHAIR: ELIZABETH STUBBS	Territory Room CHAIR: CASSANDRA WRIGHT	Litchfield Room CHAIR: PHIL BLUNT/ STEPHANIE HOLMES	
Strengthening how we could share a FASD diagnosis: a co-creation approach <i>La Trobe University</i>	Aboriginal communities driving road safety solutions in the NT <i>Menzies School of Health Research</i>	Key learnings from the Aboriginal MHAOD Workforce Development Project <i>Charles Darwin University</i>	
Beyond Ice Panic: Peer-Led Methamphetamine Harm Reduction in the Northern Territory <i>Northern Territory AIDS and Hepatitis Council (NTAHC) & NT Sex Workers Who Use Drugs Project (SWOP NT)</i>	Dealing with alcohol and other drug issues in a remote community <i>Yalu Aboriginal Corporation</i>	Where Community Shapes Care: The Therapeutic Community Model in Practice <i>Australasian Therapeutic Communities Association</i>	
Using Community Art to Promote Harm Reduction and Social Inclusion <i>cohealth</i>	People, place and practice shaping the Kimberley Youth AOD Plan <i>Milliya Rumurra Aboriginal Corporation & WANADA</i>	Rethinking how we ask people about their drinking and drug use to inform local action <i>La Trobe University</i>	
Gulf Youth and Community Service on country programs <i>Gulf Youth and Community Service</i>	Cross-Sector Collaborative Support Model <i>NT Health & DASA</i>	AOD Workforce: Sustainability vs Capability? <i>Charles Darwin University TAFE</i>	
Sex Workers Who Use Drugs: Driving reforms within the NT <i>NTAHC, SWOP NT & NT Sex Workers Who Use Drugs (SWWUD) Project</i>	Stay Strong: Digital tools for young people in AOD practice <i>Menzies School of Health Research</i>		


11:45 – 12:15pm The Connections Room	JENNIFER LAVALLEY	Indigenous Harm Reduction: Decolonial Care Under Colonial Occupation 
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12:15 – 12:45pm	LUNCH	
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12:45 – 1:30 pm The Connections Room	PANEL: SYSTEMS, JUSTICE & AOD RESPONSES	Panelists: Rocket Bretherton Carol Daws Kate Chambers
	Moderator: Stephanie Holmes	

1:30 – 2:30pm The Connections Room	DR DAN WILSON	Am I Relevant? Shaping safe, connected and community-defined pathways of care 
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2:30 – 3:00pm	AFTERNOON TEA	
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3:00 – 3:30pm The Connections Room	DR THILEEPAN NAREN	The need for better dual diagnosis care and improved research processes in criminalised populations 
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3:30 – 4:00pm The Connections Room	CAMERON FRANCIS	Progress, pushback and persistence: Drug checking across Australia 
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4:00 – 4:30pm The Connections Room	CONFERENCE CLOSE – REFLECTION	
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As the Platinum Sponsor of the AADANT Conference 2026, Northern Territory Primary Health Network has named the Grand Ballroom "The Connections Room."



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DAY 2

Strengthening the Workforce and Systems

Thursday
4 June 2026



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07:30 - 8:00am The Connections Room	ARRIVAL & NETWORKING	
8:00 - 8:15am The Connections Room	WELCOME BACK & REFLECTION	
8:15 - 8:45am The Connections Room	AADANT UPDATE: WORKFORCE IN ACTION Stephanie Holmes	
8:45 - 9:15am The Connections Room	NICOLE HEWLETT	Rekindling Aboriginal ways of knowing, being and doing to heal the impacts of unrecognised and unsupported prenatal alcohol exposure and fetal alcohol spectrum disorder across Australia
9:15 - 10:15am The Connections Room	ANDREW BRUUN	The Next Horizon for Youth AOD Engagement: Evidence and Equity
10:15 - 10:30am	MORNING TEA	
10:30 - 11:30am The Connections Room	LEARNING FROM ALCOHOL (POLICY) REFORMS IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY (LEARNT)	Presentation + Panel Discussion James Smith Dr John Boffa Dr Cassandra Wright Theresa Paterson
11:30 - 12:30pm The Connections Room	PANEL: COMMUNITY VOICES: EQUITY, INCLUSION & LIVED EXPERIENCE	Panelists: Dr Amanda Davies Michael Psalios Lachlan Rowe Sakellarios Rigas
	Moderator: Genevieve Dally	
12:30 - 1:15pm	LUNCH	

1:15 - 2:45pm	CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS	
The Connections Room	RECREATING SONGLINES FROM TRAUMA TRAILS	Litchfield Room
Ash Dargan, We Ali-li		CARING FOR THE MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT OF THE GLEN GROUP, A COMMUNITY-CONNECTED RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION CENTRE
		Alex Lee, Natalie Purchase, Garry Purchase, The Glen Group
2:45 - 3:00pm	AFTERNOON TEA	
3:00 - 4:00pm The Connections Room	PANEL 3: THE FUTURE OF THE NT AOD SECTOR	Panelists: Stephanie Holmes Eloise Cole Dr Dan Wilson Kristien Oling Andrea Keke Jayne Lloyd
	Moderator: James Smith	
4:00 - 4:15pm The Connections Room	CONFERENCE CLOSE	Stephanie Holmes

