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# NSW Summit on Alcohol Abuse

## AGENDA

NSW Parliament,  
Macquarie Street, Sydney

Tuesday 26 to Friday 29 August 2003

## AGENDA SUMMARY



### Monday 25 August

#### NSW Young People and Alcohol Forum<sup>1</sup>

#### Talking About Grog<sup>2</sup>

A Meeting of Indigenous Community Representatives

### Tuesday 26 August

8.00am – 10.00am

#### Welcome and Introduction

10.00am – 10.40am

#### Introductory Speakers

10.40am – 12.20pm

#### Sessions

Theme: **The Nature and Extent of Alcohol Abuse**

Alcohol Abuse in NSW and Australia -

Causes, consequences and costs

12.20pm – 1.30pm

#### Lunch

1.30pm – 3.15pm

#### Sessions

Theme: **The Nature and Extent of Alcohol Abuse**

Understanding the Impact of Alcohol Abuse -

Personal stories from the frontline

3.30pm – 7.30pm

#### Sessions

Theme: **The Nature and Extent of Alcohol Abuse**

### Wednesday 27 August

7.00am – 1.00pm

Theme: **Existing Policies, Strategies and Services**

Visits to frontline services

1.00pm – 2.00pm

#### Lunch

2.00pm – 5.30pm

#### Sessions

Theme: **Existing Policies, Strategies and Services**

5.45pm – 9.00pm

#### Sessions

Theme: **Existing Policies, Strategies and Services**

### Thursday 28 August

9.00am – 1.15pm

#### Sessions

Theme: **Informing and Engaging the Community**

Responsible Supply and Marketing

Responsible Consumption

1.15pm – 2.30pm

#### Lunch

2.30pm – 10.00pm

#### Sessions

Theme: **Resolutions of Working Groups**

General discussion and debate

### Friday 29 August

9.00am – 12.00pm

#### Sessions

Theme: **The Way Forward**



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## **INTRODUCTION**

- 8.00 – 9.10am **Registration of Non Parliamentary Delegates  
Orientation for Non Parliamentary Delegates  
Admission of Speakers for Opening Session**
- 9.10 – 9.15am **Assemble in Legislative Council**
- 9.15 – 9.30am **Introduction by the Chairs and Copy of the Parliamentary Resolution  
Establishing the Summit**  
Mrs Kerry Chikarovski and the Hon Dr Neal Blewett
- 9.30 – 9.35am **Indigenous Welcome to Country**  
Mr Allen Madden  
*Cultural and Educational Officer  
Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council*
- 9.35 – 9.40am **Premier's Opening Statement**
- 9.40 – 9.45am **Statement by the Leader of the Opposition**
- 9.45 – 9.50am **Statement by the Leader of the National Party**
- 9.50 – 10.00am **Rules and Procedures moved and adopted**

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- 10.00 – 10.40am **Introductory Speakers**  
Professor Ross Fitzgerald  
*Professor of History and Politics at Brisbane's Griffith University  
Member of the NSW Parole Board and the Administrative Decision  
Tribunal Writer and Broadcaster*  
The Hon JJ Della Bosca MLC  
*Special Minister of State, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Industrial  
Relations, Assistant Treasurer and Minister for the Central Coast*

## **A SOCIAL CONTEXT AND HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE**

To consider the social, cultural and historical context of the use of alcohol, and the role of alcohol in contemporary society in New South Wales.



## **THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF ALCOHOL ABUSE**

### **PURPOSE**

To identify the nature and extent of the problem of alcohol abuse in NSW and some of the consequences.

To identify the social and economic costs of alcohol abuse, including death, injury, disease, crime and incarceration.

To gain insight into the complexity of the problems and causes, and the consequent need for multi faceted solutions – connected with supply and demand strategies, support for families, child protection, education, mental health, welfare, housing, employment, and rural and regional development.

To consider the problem of alcohol abuse in the context of overall drug abuse (licit and illicit) and assess the relationship between alcohol use and tobacco, marijuana and other illicit drugs.

### **ALCOHOL ABUSE IN NSW AND AUSTRALIA** **Causes, consequences and costs**

10.40 – 12.20pm

#### **Introductory Speakers**

10.40 – 10.55am

#### **Professor Tim Stockwell**

National Drug Research Institute  
Western Australia

(On causes and links to other drug use)

10.55 – 11.10am

#### **Commissioner Ken Moroney**

NSW Police

(On crime related consequences)

11.10 – 11.25am

#### **Mr David Crosbie**

Chief Executive

Odyssey House, Victoria

(On costs to society and communities)

11.25 – 11.40am

#### **Personal Stories**

**Ms Toni Jackson**

**Dr John Crozier**, Vascular Surgeon, Liverpool Hospital

11.40 – 12.20pm

#### **Questions and Discussion**

12.20 – 1.30pm

#### **LUNCH**



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## **THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF ALCOHOL ABUSE**

1.30 – 3.15pm

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### **UNDERSTANDING THE IMPACT OF ALCOHOL ABUSE** **Personal stories from the frontline**

Chaired by **the Hon Grant McBride**, the Minister for Gaming and Racing, MP  
Parliamentary Theatre

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A panel of speakers will provide first hand information about their experiences in dealing with problems arising from the abuse of alcohol. People at the frontline will talk of their experience, share their views and answer questions from delegates.

Panel members will be chosen from a group of people with a diverse range of experience such as a Police officer; a publican; a hotel worker; an Emergency Department Doctor; a member of Alcoholics Anonymous; a family member or a family support worker; a women's refuge worker; an Indigenous person; a young person and someone who may have a personal story about problems with alcohol.



## **THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF ALCOHOL ABUSE**

3.30 – 3.40pm **Ms Linda Burney MP, Chair, Aboriginal Forum**, will table the resolutions of the “Talking About Grog” Forum.

3.40 – 3.50pm **Mr Rohan Williams, Shoalhaven High School** and **Ms Zeah Behrend, UNSW**, will table the resolutions of the NSW Young People and Alcohol Forum.

3.50 – 5.30pm **Plenary Discussion and Debate**  
The Chairs will select speakers from nominations submitted in the morning on the speakers request form. (5 minutes per speaker)

4.00 – 5.00pm ***Special Resolutions Group<sup>3</sup> - First Meeting***

5.30 - 5.40pm **Statement by the Chairs on the Site Visits Program** the following day and on any Summit Proceedings issues.

5.45 – 7.30pm **Working Groups - First Meeting**  
(Light meal provided in Working Group rooms)

Delegates and Associate Delegates adjourn to Working Group rooms.

The first meeting will map the problems and consider options.

In the development of resolutions, Working Groups will give consideration to papers circulated before the Summit, and to the options and issues contained in the Working Group Issues Papers prepared for each group.

### **OUTCOMES**

#### **Desirable Outcomes for the Day**

Participants will have a better understanding of alcohol abuse from an historical and cultural perspective and will be better informed about the causes, consequences and costs.

Preliminary resolutions developed by Working Groups.



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## **EXISTING POLICIES, STRATEGIES and SERVICES**

- What are they and are they working?**
- What are their strengths and limitations?**
- What's working in NSW, Australia, and overseas?**
- What initiatives and new measures are worth considering?**

### **PURPOSE**

To consider recent international, national and state policies, strategies and programs to tackle problems associated with alcohol abuse.

To consider existing policy, practice and strategies in the context of an overall goal of reduction of harm to individuals, families, and communities.

To consider what works, what does not work, what has potential, and what problems or obstacles need to be addressed to rectify the causes and problems of alcohol abuse, and what will prevent these problems in the future.

7.00 – 1.00pm

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### **SITE VISITS - MORNING**

Site visits will commence between 7.00am and 8.30am depending on location. Visits will end before 1.00pm.

The site visits are designed to provide delegates with first hand knowledge of the successes, challenges, resources and client profiles at frontline services, for example alcohol treatment services, prevention programs and support services.

### **OUTCOMES**

#### **Desirable Outcomes for the Site Visits**

Delegates will have a better understanding of the social, medical, legal, and law enforcement issues associated with the management of alcohol abuse.

1.00 – 2.00pm

### **LUNCH**



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2.00 – 3.30pm

### **Introductory Speakers**

2.00 – 2.20pm

### **International Expert:**

Professor Sally Casswell  
*Director, Centre for Social and Health Outcomes Research and Evaluation,  
University of Massey, New Zealand*  
*Chair, World Health Organisation Alcohol Policy Strategy Advisory  
Committee.*

2.20 – 2.30pm

### **Questions and Discussion**

2.30 – 2.50pm

### **Managing Responsible Supply – Implications for Crime and Society**

Dr Don Weatherburn  
*Director, Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research*

Mr John Pollaers  
*Chairman, Distilled Spirits Industry Council of Australia*  
*Managing Director, DIAGEO Australia*

2.50 – 3.00pm

### **Alcohol and the Justice System**

Chief Magistrate, Judge Derek Price  
*Local Courts of New South Wales*

3.00 – 3.10pm

### **Alcohol Related Injury and Trauma**

Associate Professor Soames Job  
*Associate Professor of Psychology and Director of the Health and Safety  
Psychology Research Unit, University of Sydney*

3.10 – 3.20pm

### **Alcohol Dependence & Disease: Addiction, Treatment & Rehabilitation**

Professor Richard Mattick  
*Director, National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre, University of NSW*

3.20 – 3.30pm

### **Preventing Abuse and Harm**

Professor George Patton  
*Director, Centre for Adolescent Health, Royal Children's Hospital*  
*Professor of Adolescent Psychiatry, University of Melbourne*

3.30 – 4.00pm

### **Questions and Discussion**

4.00 – 5.30pm

### **Plenary Session and Debate**

The Chairs will select speakers from nominations submitted in advance on Day 1.

4.00 – 5.30pm

### ***Special Resolutions Group - Second Meeting***



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5.45 – 7.30pm

### **Working Groups - Second Meeting**

(Light meal provided in Working Group rooms)

Working Groups will identify strengths and weaknesses of current approaches and discuss future options in light of the outcomes of the first meeting. Preliminary resolutions from first meeting are expanded and refined as *Provisional Resolutions*.

8.00 – 9.00pm

### **Working Groups table the Provisional Resolutions**

Chair or Facilitator of each Working Group makes short tabling statement. (3 minutes)

Remaining speakers on speakers list if possible.

## **OUTCOMES**

### **Desirable Outcomes for the Day**

Summit participants are better equipped to make sound judgements and informed decisions about policies, strategies and services dealing with the problem of alcohol abuse.

Recognition of practices and strategies that are successful versus unsuccessful.

Identification of cost effective approaches for prevention, treatment and rehabilitation.

Provisional resolutions arising from the proceedings of all Working Groups available for early consideration by all Summit participants.



## **INFORMING AND ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY**

**What is responsible supply and marketing? How can it be more effective in reducing abuse?**

**How can responsible service, supply and consumption of alcohol be encouraged?**

**What is the role of individuals, parents, families, the industry and the broader community in reducing alcohol abuse?**

### **PURPOSE**

Everyone has a role to play in preventing abuse, minimising harm, and reducing the adverse individual and social outcomes that result from the abuse of alcohol. This session will consider what can be done by all parts of society to do things differently, work together, and achieve better outcomes.

9.00 – 9.10am

### **Informing and Engaging the Community**

Geoff Munro

*Director, Centre for Youth Drug Studies, Australian Drug Foundation*

9.10 – 9.25am

### **A Youth Perspective**

Mr Josh Elliott, *Snowy Mountains Grammar*

Ms Emily Andrijic, *Mercy College, Chatswood*

9.25 – 9.40am

### **The Indigenous Community Perspective**

Ms Sandra Bailey

*Chief Executive Officer, Aboriginal Health & Medical Research Council*

Dr Ngiare Brown

*Chief Executive Officer, Australian Indigenous Doctors Association*

9.40 – 9.50am

### **Parents and Families**

Professor Margaret Hamilton

*Director, Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Service Melbourne*

9.50 – 10.20am

### **Responsible Marketing and Responsible Supply**

Mr Robert French

*Licensee and Chairman of the Australian Hotels Association (NSW)*

*Training Committee*

Ms Lesley Brydon

*Executive Director, Advertising Federation of Australia, Director,*

*Haymarket Foundation,*

*Member, Management Committee for the Alcohol Beverage Advertising*

*Code.*

Mr Paul McDonald

*Director, Drug Policy and Services, Department of Human Services,*

*Victoria,*

*Chair of the National Committee for the Review of Alcohol Advertising.*

10.20 – 11.45am

### **Plenary Session:**

Speakers selected by Chairs from nominations submitted in advance.



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## **RESOLUTIONS OF WORKING GROUPS GENERAL DISCUSSION AND DEBATE**

10.10 – 11.30am	<b><i>Special Resolutions Group - Third Meeting</i></b>
11.45 – 1.15pm	<b>Working Groups - Third Meeting</b> To resume work, finalise assessment of existing strategies, consider options for the way forward and prepare final resolutions for the night's Plenary Session.
1.15 – 2.30pm	<b>LUNCH</b>
2.30 – 3.00pm	<b>Chairs or Facilitators table and speak to the Working Groups' Final Resolutions.</b> (5 minutes per working group)  Motion that all Working Groups' resolutions be referred to the Special Resolutions Group.
3.00 – 5.00pm	<b>Plenary Session</b> The Chairs will select speakers from nominations submitted in advance. If there are insufficient speakers on the list speakers may be called from the floor. Speaking time limited to 5 minutes each speaker.
3.00 – 4.30pm	<b><i>Special Resolutions Group - Fourth Meeting</i></b>
5.00 – 5.15pm	<b>Plenary Session: Interim Report from the Special Resolutions Group Tabled.</b>
6.00 – 7.30pm	<b>SPECIAL SUMMIT DINNER</b>
7.30 – 9.00pm	<b>Plenary Session: discussion and debate on the Interim Report</b> from Special Resolutions Group and on Working Group Resolutions. Speakers selected from the floor.
9.00 – 10.00pm	<b>Voting on the Interim Report from the Special Resolutions Group.</b>
<b>OUTCOMES</b>	<b>Desirable Outcomes for the Day</b> A set of approved resolutions which will form the basis of the draft Communiqué to be developed that night and early the next morning by the Special Resolutions Group.



## **THE WAY FORWARD**

### **PURPOSE**

To consider a draft Communiqué from the Special Resolutions Group following the resolutions agreed to on the preceding night.

It is hoped the Communiqué will include resolutions proposing:

- new measures and strategies to tackle the problems of alcohol abuse;
- ways to improve approaches to deal with the problem of alcohol abuse at a national, state, regional and local level;
- ways to improve outcomes especially for young people, rural and regional communities, culturally and linguistically diverse communities, and Aboriginal people.

9.00 – 9.20am

### **Introductory Speaker/Rapporteur**

Professor Ian Webster  
*A.O. Chair, New South Wales Expert Advisory Group on Drugs*  
*Member, Australian National Council on Drugs*  
*President, Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Foundation*  
*Chair, National Advisory Council on Youth Suicide.*

9.20 – 11.00am

### **Draft Communiqué tabled by Chair, Special Resolutions Group**

The Communiqué reflecting the outcomes of the Plenary Session debates on the Special Resolutions Group report. Debate and discussion on the draft Communiqué to follow.

Chair to select speakers from speakers' list

11.00 – 12.00pm

### **Special Minister of State (for the Premier) tables and moves that the Summit agree to the Communiqué:**

Communiqué is put to the vote.

**Leader of the Opposition** – Closing Statement

**Leader of the National Party** – Closing Statement

**Special Minister's Closing Statement** on behalf of the Premier

12.00pm

**CLOSE**

## END NOTES

1. A **Young People and Alcohol Forum** will be held on Monday 25 August, the day before the Summit. Sixty young people will meet in a supportive environment to discuss their experiences and share their views on issues around alcohol. The Forum will develop a Statement of young people's understanding of the issues and suggestions for possible solutions. The Statement will be tabled on the first day of the Summit for all delegate's consideration.
2. On Monday 25 August, the Department of Aboriginal Affairs will host a one day forum, called **Talking About Grog**. The forum will give Aboriginal people an opportunity to discuss particular issues relating to Aboriginal people and alcohol and to identify strategies which will then be taken to the Summit. There will also be the opportunity to share stories, experiences and lessons. Aboriginal representatives will take the **Talking About Grog** recommendations to the Alcohol Summit. A formal communiqué will also be presented at the Summit's outset to inform the week's discussions.
3. The purpose of the Special Resolutions Group is to consider the resolutions agreed by the Working Groups and propose resolutions to be considered in the plenary sessions. The Special Resolutions Group will also consider and propose the Summit Communiqué for consideration in the final plenary session. The Special Resolutions Group will operate for the duration of the Summit and will be chaired by one of the Summit Chairs who will not vote.