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HEALTH & HUMAN RIGHTS SUMMIT

ADVANCING THE WELLBEING OF PEOPLE WHO USE DRUGS

Thursday, December 10

OPEN DAY

9:30 am	**Welcome to Country** Jackie McDonald, Traditional Owner
9:40 am	**Community Welcome** Peta Gava, Board Member, AIVL
9:45 am	**Can Human Rights Help Advance Drug Law Reform in Australia?** Dr Kate Seear, Deakin Law School
10:15 am	**Ending Violence Against Women & Gender Expansive People Who Use Drugs: Campaign Overview & Photo Request** Yvonne Samuel, Project and Evaluation Coordinator, AIVL
10:45 am	**Morning Tea**
11:15 am	**Gender Responsive Harm Reduction** Ruth Birgin, Director, WHRIN
12:15 pm	**Lunch**
1.15 pm	**Research Update: Understanding Experiences of Stigma Among People Who Inject Drugs and The Peer Workforce.** Professor Loren Brener, Professor, Centre for Social Research in Health and Social Policy Research Centre Dr Elena Cama, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Social Research in Health and Social Policy Research Centre
1.45 pm	**National Research Strategy Update** Jess Doumany, Director of Research, AIVL
2.15 pm	**AIVL and NCCRED Partnership Update** Cilla Zhou, National Centre for Clinical Research on Emerging Drugs (NCCRED)
2.30 pm	**Afternoon Tea**
3:00 pm	**Medicinal Cannabis 10 Years On.** Bee Mohamad, Executive Director, Drive Change
3:30 pm	**Whose Voice Counts?** Aimee Schoeman, Peer Development Coordinator, QuIVAA Emma Kill, CEO, QuIVAA
4:00 pm	**Close**
5:00 pm	**AIVL Award Ceremony**

Friday, December 11

OPEN DAY

9:30 am	**Acknowledgement of Country** Sonya Weith, Peer Steroid Educator, QuIVAA
9:40 am	**Community Welcome** Richard Kennedy, National BBV Programs & Operations Lead, AIVL
9:45 am	**Advancing the Wellbeing of People Who Use Drugs in Aotearoa** Jason George, National Harm Reduction Lead, Rodger Wright Harm Reduction Network Casey Spearin, General Manager, Know Your Stuff NZ Kirsten Gibson, Chair, Harm Reduction Coalition Aotearoa
10:30 am	**Morning Tea**
11:00 am	**International Network of People Who Use Drugs (INPUD) Global Research and Advocacy** Dr Annie Madden AO, Project Lead, International Network of People Who Use Drugs (INPUD)
11.40am	**Under the Skin: Peptides and the New Frontier of Support** Sonya Weith, Peer Steroid Educator, QuIVAA
1.15 pm	**Lunch**
2:00pm	**Implementing Queensland's AOD Framework** Emma Kill, CEO, QuIVAA Camilla Thompson, Lived-Living Experience Coordinator, QuIHN
2:30 pm	**Closing Ceremony** John G, CEO, AIVL
2:40pm	**Close**



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