

Department of Health – Preventive Health initiatives

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'Health Star Rating' food labelling system	A voluntary initiative. An example of how the Government continues to work with key stakeholders and states and territories to promote healthy living.
The Australian National Diabetes Strategy 2016-2020	Aims to prioritise the national response to diabetes and identify approaches to reducing the impact of diabetes in the community. The Strategy was released on 13 November 2015. The Implementation Plan for the Strategy is currently being developed and is expected to be finalised late-2017.
The National Bowel Cancer Screening Program (NBCSP)	A population-based screening program, initiated by the Australian Government in 2006 in partnership with state and territory governments, to help detect bowel cancer early and reduce the number of Australians who die each year from the disease. In the 2014 Budget, a further \$95.9 million over four years was provided to accelerate the expansion of the NBCSP. By 2020 all eligible people aged 50 to 74 will be invited to screen for bowel cancer every two years. Since the inception of the NBCSP in 2006 to June 2014 over 3.5 million Australians had been screened, with 5,844 participants found with suspected or confirmed cancers and 15,238 diagnosed with advanced adenomas. Over 2.7 million people will be sent a screening kit in 2016, rising each year to 4 million by 2020. Current evidence suggests that this will see over 3,000 suspected or confirmed cancers and over 32,000 advanced adenomas detected and removed each year.
Breast Screening - BreastScreen Australia	BreastScreen Australia received additional funding in 2013-14 to expand the programme to invite women 70-74 years of age to participate in breast screening (\$55.7 million for 2013-14 to 2016-17).
National Tobacco Strategy 2012-2018	The Mid-point review of the National Tobacco Strategy 2012-2018 was finalised and published on the Department's website on 19 May 2017.

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Don't Make Smokes Your Story	Don't Make Smokes Your Story was first launched in May 2016, under the Government's sustained National Tobacco Campaign. The campaign encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander smokers aged 18-40 years, their families, people from disadvantaged backgrounds and people in regional and remote areas to quit smoking, and to support recent quitters to remain smoke free. The Government invested approximately \$10 million (GST exclusive) for this campaign. The current phase of the campaign commenced in February 2017 and will end in June 2017, with an investment of \$8.2 million (GST exclusive). This funding is in addition to the \$116.8 million (GST exclusive) for the Tackling Indigenous Smoking program.
Graphic health warnings on tobacco products (review)	The process to engage a consultancy firm to undertake an evaluation of the current graphic health warnings on tobacco products has commenced. It is envisaged that this evaluation will assess the effectiveness of the current health warnings and whether improvements can be made.
Tobacco plain packaging legislation	The Government continues to defend legal challenges to Australia's tobacco plain packaging legislation and fund compliance and enforcement activities.
The National Drugs Campaign (NDC)	The NDC is a key prevention element of the Australian Government's National Drug Strategy and aims to reduce the uptake of illicit drugs among Australians through education and primary prevention communication strategies. The next phase of the NDC is expected to take place later in 2017.
The National Drug Strategy (NDS)	The NDS is a joint national framework overseen by the states and territories with the Commonwealth. The NDS provides a framework to guide the work of Commonwealth, State and Territory governments, communities and service providers to minimise alcohol and other drug (AOD) related harms. The next iteration of the NDS is currently being finalised and is expected to be considered by the Ministerial Drug and Alcohol Forum shortly.
National Alcohol Strategy (NAS)	The development of the next NAS is underway. Once finalised, the NAS will provide a framework to guide the work of Commonwealth, State and Territory governments, communities and service providers to reduce alcohol related harms

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Family Violence	Health works with states and territories, experts and communities, to minimise the harms associated with alcohol. There is evidence that family violence can be exacerbated by alcohol consumption.
Australian Guidelines to Reduce Health Risks from Drinking Alcohol.	Health has engaged the NHMRC to review the 2009 Australian Guidelines to Reduce Health Risks from Drinking Alcohol. The revised guidelines, due in 2018, will assist and guide Australians to make informed decisions about their alcohol consumption and the risks to their individual health.
Pregnancy warning labels on alcohol(www.cracksintheice.org.au) products	Work has also commenced on the second evaluation of the alcohol industry voluntary initiative to place pregnancy warning labels on all of its products. The report is expected to be finalised in May 2017 and will be considered by Food Ministers later in 2017
Good Sports Program (including Tackling the Issue – Managing Illegal Drugs)	<p>The Government continued funding for the Good Sports Program in the 2014-15 Budget, committing \$19 million over four years. Good Sports aims to encourage cultural change through the provision of high quality alcohol and drug information and education services, community capacity building programs and advocacy. There are approximately 7224 clubs participating in Good Sports with a further 486 currently progressing through to Level 1 accreditation.</p> <p>In response to the Final Report of the National Ice Taskforce, the Government has provided additional funding of \$4.6 million over four years to expand the Good Sports Program to include the module <i>Tackling the Issue – Managing Illegal Drugs</i>. At its core, the program helps build community capacity and confidence to address issues and harms relating to illegal drugs at a local level.</p>
Local Drug Action Teams (LDATs)	<p>Funding of \$19.2 million has been provided to the Alcohol and Drug Foundation (ADF) to establish up to 220 LDATs across Australia.</p> <p>LDATs will provide a structure for the community to work together to reduce alcohol and other drug misuse within their local communities by strengthening prevention activities to reduce the demand for drugs such as crystal methamphetamine (ice).</p> <p>The next application round for LDATs is now open and will close on 14 July 2017.</p>

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Alcohol, Smoking and Substance Involvement Screening Test (ASSIST) and Brief Intervention (BI)	Funding of \$1.7 million over four years from 1 July 2016 has been provided to the University of Adelaide to continue and to expand the ASSIST and BI across primary health, mental health, community correctional settings and emergency care sectors.
'Positive Choices' online web-portal (www.positivechoices.org.au)	The 'Positive Choices' online web-portal was launched in December 2015 and provides access to interactive evidence-based drug education resources for parents, teachers and students. Funding of \$1.1 million is being provided for ongoing maintenance of the web-portal and for further expansion and development of new resources, including resources for Indigenous parents, teachers and students.
'Cracks in the Ice' Community Toolkit (www.cracksintheice.org.au)	The development of the online 'Cracks in the Ice' Community Toolkit is a web portal aimed at improving access to evidence-based information about methamphetamine, raise awareness about the potential harms and mental health problems associated with methamphetamine use, and provide information about how to access services and/or support.
Sporting Schools	Sporting Schools is a \$100 million Australian Government initiative, delivered by the Australian Sports Commission designed to help schools to increase children's participation in sport, and to connect children with community sport. In partnership with more than 30 National Sporting Organisations (NSOs), Sporting Schools will help to coordinate coaching providers, coaches and teachers to deliver sport before, during and after school hours. Already over 5,500 schools have registered to be a part of this initiative committed to helping sport, schools and communities work closer than ever before to grow sporting activity in schools. The Sporting Schools programs are underpinned by the quality assurance provided by the NSOs, and importantly, the programs are free to families.
Play.Sport.Australia	In 2015, the Australian Sports Commission released its participation game plan Play.Sport.Australia to drive increased participation in sport. Its twin aims are to see more Australians (particularly young Australians) playing sport, and playing sport more often. The ASC is helping sports better understand what Australians want from their sporting experience, then helping sports deliver.
Healthy Weight Guide	A Healthy Weight Guide website to help Australians achieve and maintain a healthy weight is expected to be released in the coming months. This will provide tips and tools to assist with achieving and maintaining a healthy weight including allowing users to record and track their weight.

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Australian Guide to Healthy Eating	The National Health and Medical Research Council's 2013 Australian Dietary Guidelines include the Australian Guide to Healthy Eating for Consumers.
Australia's Physical Activity & Sedentary Behaviour Guidelines	Australia's Physical Activity & Sedentary Behaviour Guidelines are for children and adults of all ages irrespective of cultural background, gender or ability
Healthy Food Partnership	The Healthy Food Partnership is a non-regulatory, collaborative forum between the Australian Government, food industry bodies and public health groups that is aimed at tackling obesity, encouraging healthy eating and empowering food manufacturers to make positive changes to their product portfolio.
Girls Make Your Move Campaign	The Girls Make Your Move \$10 million campaign was launched in February 2016, and is about inspiring, energising and empowering young women and girls aged 12-19 years to be more active. It reinforces the many benefits of an active life, whether through recreation, incidental physical activity or sport.
National Strategic Framework for Chronic Conditions	<p>The Australian Government, in partnership with states and territories, has developed a <i>National Strategic Framework for Chronic Conditions</i> (the Framework) which will supersede its predecessor, the <i>National Chronic Disease Strategy 2005</i> and the associated National Service Improvement Frameworks. The Framework moves away from a disease specific approach and will provides high level guidance to enable all levels of government and health professionals to develop future policies, strategies, actions and services to work towards delivery of a more effective and coordinated national response to chronic conditions. This will improve the health and wellbeing of individuals, and deliver a more sustainable health system.</p> <p>The Framework addresses primary, secondary and tertiary prevention of chronic conditions, recognising that there are often similar underlying principles for the prevention and management of many chronic conditions. It will better cater for shared health determinants, risk factors and multi-morbidities across a broad range of chronic conditions.</p> <p>The Framework has been endorsed by all Health Ministers and was publicly released on 22 May 2017. For further information about the Framework, or to access the Framework, please visit the Department's website at http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/nsfcc.</p>

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National Centre for Monitoring Chronic Conditions	<p>The National Centre for Monitoring Chronic Conditions at the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) analyses and interprets data on chronic conditions including vascular diseases, musculoskeletal conditions and chronic respiratory conditions. Scope includes health determinants, risk factors, life course, population groups, incidence, prevalence, comorbidities, disability, burden of disease, mortality, and the use of medicines and health services. Resulting publications and factsheets are available via the AIHW website: www.aihw.gov.au</p>
National Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Action Plan	<p>The Australian Government has committed funding of \$9.2 million towards the FASD Action Plan. This FASD Action Plan ensures Government funds are directed at the frontline through providing better diagnosis and management, development of best practice interventions and services to support high-risk women.</p> <p>Under this plan the first Australian National FASD Diagnostic Tool was released in May 2016. Work continues to promote the NHMRC Australian Guidelines to Reduce Health Risks from Drinking Alcohol which clearly state that no alcohol is the safest option during pregnancy.</p> <p>A further \$10.5 million was announced in May 2016 to continue activities under the FASD Action Plan which will be implemented over the coming months.</p>