



**NATIONAL
HARM
REDUCTION
FORUM**

**WEDNESDAY
28 AUGUST 2024**

10AM – 1PM (AEST)

FREE EVENT

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 HARM REDUCTION AUSTRALIA

For all enquiries, please visit
<https://www.harmreductionaustralia.org.au/national-harm-reduction-forum/>

FORUM PROGRAM

10.00 – 10.10am: Welcome & Introductions

Facilitator: Annie Madden, Executive Director

- Welcome
- Acknowledgement of Country
- Housekeeping
- Opening Poll Questions

10.10 – 10.30am: Opening Keynote

Facilitator: Gino Vumbaca, HRA President

- **Keynote Presentation Speaker**
Fiona Patten
Former Member of Legislative Council, Victorian Parliament/former Leader,
Reason Party <https://fionapatten.com.au/>

10.30 – 11.30am: Moderated Discussion Panel

Moderator: Dr Richard Di Natale (Cohealth/former Federal Senator, Australian Parliament/former Leader, Aus Greens)

Panellists:

- Chris Gough (Canberra Alliance for Harm Minimisation & Advocacy (CAHMA)
 - Cate Faehrmann (Member Legislative Council, NSW Parliament/NSW Greens)
 - Ele Morrison (Australian Injecting & Illicit Drug Users League (AIVL)
 - Prof. Paul Dietze (Burnet Institute)
 - Nicky Bath (LGBTIQ+ Health Australia)
 - Prof. Alison Ritter AO (Drug Policy Modelling Program (DPMP)
 - Greg Denham (HRA Board/LEAP Aus)
 - Rachel Payne (Member Legislative Council, VIC Parliament/Legalise Cannabis)
 - Fiona Patten (Former MLC/Reason Party)
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11.30 – 11.35am: BREAK

11.35am – 12:35pm: Deep Dive Sessions

Choose from three interactive sessions:

1. Opioid Treatment Program (OTP)

Moderator: Annie Madden, HRA Executive Director

Panellists:

- Sarah Lord (PAMS/HRVic)
- Adam Searby (Drug & Alcohol Nurses Association – DANA)
- Donna Searles (Nurse Practitioner/Qld Prisons Health)
- Charles Henderson (Burnet Institute)
- Prof. Suzie Nielsen (Monash Addiction Research Centre)
- Brett Valance (Nurse Practitioner, Regional Victoria)
- Dr. Hester Wilson (GP/Addiction Medicine Specialist/RACGP)

Rapporteur: Jake Rance

2. Pill Testing/Drug Checking

Moderator: Stephanie Tzanetis, PTA Executive Officer

Panellists:

- Prof. Mal McLeod (Australian National University)
- Assoc. Prof. Jennifer Schumann (Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine/Monash University)
- Darren Cowan (HEST Paramedical Services)

Rapporteur: Penny Hill

3. Medicinal Cannabis

Moderator: Bee Mohamed, Drive Change Executive Officer

Panellists:

- Dr. David Gunn (GP Prescriber)
- Jarrod McMaugh (Pharmacy Society of Australia)
- Brooke Vogler (Medical Patient and Veteran Advocate)
- Jess Doumany (Australian Injecting & Illicit Drug Users League (AIVL))

Rapporteur: Chloe Span

Please note: To ensure your place in the Deep Dive of your choice, be sure to register before 11:59pm on 26 August. After this time, participants will be randomly allocated to the Deep Dive session with spaces available.

12.35 – 12.55pm: Summary of Deep Dive Sessions

Moderated Rapporteur Session

- **Moderator:** Gino Vumbaca, HRA President
- **Poll Questions**
- **Participants:** Session Rapporteurs –
 - Jake Rance (HRA Board/CSRH, UNSW)
 - Penny Hill (HRA Board/SSDP)
 - Chloe Span (HRA Board/FDS)

12.55 – 1.00pm: Forum Wrap-Up & Closing

Facilitator: Annie Madden, HRA Executive Director

- **Acknowledgements**
 - **Participant Evaluation**
 - **Close**
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Note: Sessions will include designated time for participant questions and comments through Q&A.