

MEDIA RELEASE



National Family Drug Support Day

24th February 2016

The National Family Drug Support Day organisers are pleased to announce that the National, NSW, Victorian, Queensland and South Australian Parliament Houses will be hosting events for the inaugural National Family Drug Support Day. In addition several key speakers are locked in to speak.

The **National** event which will open the day is at Parliament House in **Canberra** (Courtyard 27J) from 10am

Speakers include:

- Tony Trimmingham – CEO and founder of Family Drug Support
- Senator the Hon. Fiona Nash – National Party Deputy Leader
- The Hon Stephen Jones MP – Shadow Assistant Minister for Health
- Senator the Hon Richard Di Natale - Australian Greens Leader
- David Quilty – CEO, Pharmacy Guild of Australia
- Garth Poppo – Executive Director, We Help Ourselves and also representing ATCA
- Debbie and Marion – Family members

The **Sydney** event will take place in the Macquarie Room, NSW Parliament from 6pm.

Speakers include:

- Jeremy Donovan – “Welcome to Country”
- The Hon. Pru Goward - NSW Assistant Health Minister
- The Hon Tania Mihailuk MP - NSW Shadow Assistant Health Minister
- Tony Trimmingham – CEO and founder of Family Drug Support
- Larry Piece – CEO, NADA
- John Della Bosca- Chair of Family Drug Support
- Beth, Kath & Anne – Family Members

The **Melbourne** event will take place in the Government Party Room 2nd Floor, Parliament House from 6pm.

Speakers include:

- Michael Miller – Victorian Project Officer, Family Drug Support
- Sam Biondo- CEO, VAADA
- Debbie - Family Member
- Parliamentary representatives

The **Adelaide** event will take place in South Australian Parliament, North Terrace & King William St Adelaide, The Old Chamber from 4pm.

Speakers include:

- Devushka Scardigno – South Australian Project Officer, Family Drug Support
- Scott Wilson - President of the National Indigenous Substance Misuse Council
- Simone Cormack - State Director DASSA
- Michael White – CEO, SANDAS
- Margaret - Family Member
- Parliamentary representatives

The **Brisbane** event will take place in Queensland Parliament, George St, Brisbane, The Premiers Hall from 1.45pm.

Speakers include:

- Dom Shelley – Queensland Project Officer, Family Drug Support
- The Hon. Cameron Dick – Qld Minister for Health
- Rebecca MacBean – CEO, QNADA
- Emily - Family Member
- Parliamentary representatives

Please note that numbers are limited and most events are now almost at full capacity and Parliamentary security arrangements requires pre-registration for the events.

To avoid disappointment please visit: <http://nationalfdsday.fds.org.au>

For enquiries please contact FDS on 02 47829222 or Tony Trimingham on 0412 414 444

We would also like to acknowledge the vital support of our sponsors and supporters.

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- ❖ Alcohol & Other Drugs Peak National Network
- ❖ Australasian Therapeutic Communities Association (ATCA)
- ❖ Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA)
- ❖ Australian Injecting & Illicit Drug Users League (AIVL)
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