

# Managing the Mix: Project overview

Divisions Orientation Workshop

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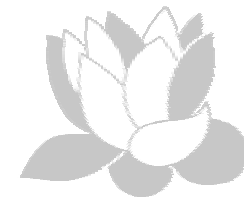
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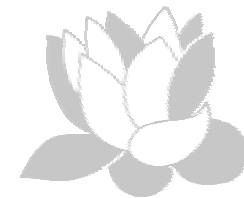
# Presentation overview

- Project overview & objectives
- Funded divisions
- Reporting timelines
- Support & communication



# Project overview

- ADGP funded by the Alcohol Education & Rehabilitation Foundation (AERF) & other partners to co-ordinate national project aimed at improving skills & capacity of primary care to treat comorbid alcohol & common mental health problems
- ~ \$2.5 million over 18 months

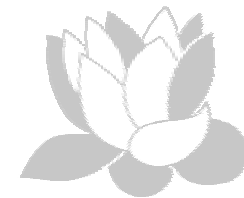


# Project partners

- ADGP
- Department of Health and Ageing (Drug Strategy Branch; Rural Health & Palliative Care Branch)
- Department of Veterans Affairs

Other partners:

- Mental Health Council of Australia (MHCA)
- Australian Primary Care Resource Centre (PARC), Flinders University



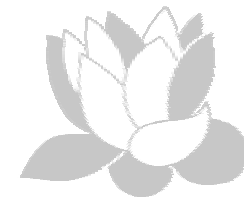
# Project objectives

- Awareness:

Raise awareness of the burden of disease associated with alcohol misuse & common mental health comorbidities

- Skills:

Improve the knowledge, skills and capacity of the general practice sector



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- Capacity:

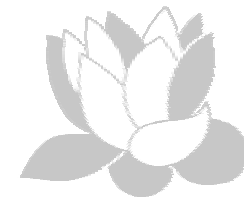
Building a critical mass of GPs and practice staff

- Resources:

Enhance the range of resources and tools

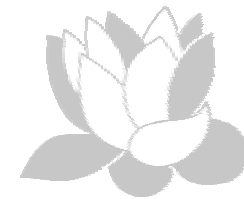
- Systems:

Improve local co-ordination, infrastructure & shared care.



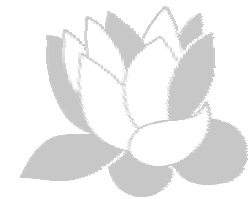
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- Not explicit, but implied...  
Improved patient outcomes.



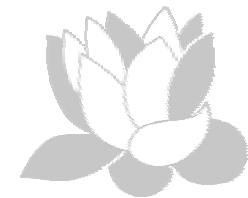
# National project deliverables

- National Coordinator at ADGP
- BOMH-approved education & training
- Resource materials for clinicians & consumers/carers
- Best practice Resource Kit
- Project performance evaluation
- Local divisional projects...



# Divisional project activities

- Develop more effective, sustainable referral pathways, peer support, clinical support and shared care
- Ongoing education activities
- Develop resources
- Improved links & communication between GPs and other health care providers.

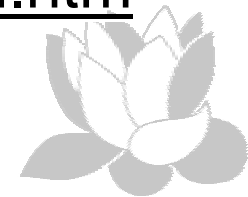


# 19 divisional projects

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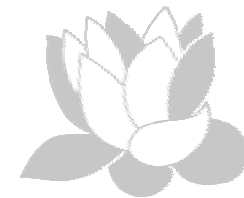
- 33 Divisions
- All States and NT
- Urban, rural and remote areas
- Substantial groups of “at-risk” populations
- See the PARC website:

<http://som.flinders.edu.au/FUSA/PARC/AERFmain.htm>



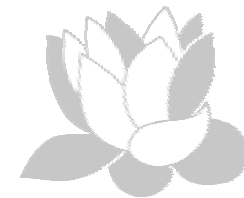
# Project timelines

- December 2004  
Divisional service agreements
- From December 2004  
Divisions commence project activities  
(systems, resources, communications)
- February 2005  
Consumer & Carer resources



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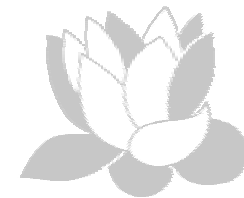
- March-April 2005  
Train-the-trainer workshops
- December 2005  
Best practice Resource Kit completed
- 15 April 2006  
Final Reports from divisions



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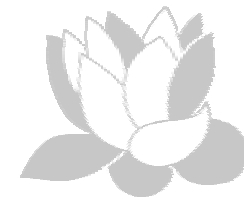
## Reporting and payment schedule:

- December 2004  
Service agreements: 40% of contract value
  
- 15 July 2005  
Progress report to 30 June 2005: 35% of contract value
  
- 15 January 2006  
Progress report to 31 December 2005: 15% of contract value
  
- 15 April 2006  
Final report to 30 March 2006: 10% of contract value



# Report content

- ADGP to design a reporting template in collaboration with PARC
- Reports will be consistent with requirements of service agreements
- Audited statements not required, but...income and expenditure statements required with each report



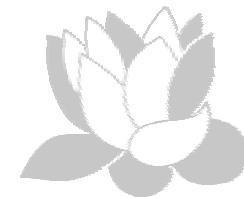
# Support & communication

Advice & support from ADGP:

- Telephone & email
- Division visit
- Newsletter (bi-monthly)
- Access to other resources from project partners
- Marketing strategy

Already established:

- Listserver
- Website

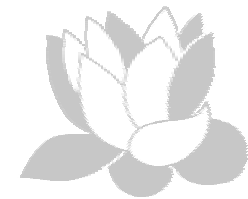


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