



MEDIA RELEASE

Harm Reduction Australia Welcomes New Board Members

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At its recent AGM, Harm Reduction Australia was pleased to welcome 4 new Board members

Steph Tzanetis

Stephanie is a member of the Pill Testing Australia consortium that worked on the 2018 and 2019 ACT trials. She has qualifications in law, humanities, and alcohol and other drugs and is a physical and mental health first aider. She has been Harm Reduction Victoria's DanceWize program coordinator since July 2013 and is a board member of Drug Policy Australia and PRISM. Stephanie has worked with harm reduction, compassionate care, and drug checking services overseas, including DanceSafe USA; Kosmicare, Portugal; and ANKORS, Canada. She is an Australian legal practitioner, having volunteered for 4 years at a community law centre, and is a Melbourne University LLM candidate specialising in medical and health law.



Jake Rance



Jake is a Research Fellow with the Centre for Social Research in Health (CSRH), UNSW Sydney, where for over 10 years he has worked with people who inject drugs, including those living with hepatitis C or imprisoned. Jake sits on the editorial board of the International Journal of Drug Policy and the Harm Reduction Journal and works closely with government and community-based organisations engaged in advocacy, health promotion and service provision for people who inject drugs. Jake graduated from The University of Sydney in 1991 with a BA (Hons) Class 1 in Social Anthropology and gained his PhD from Utrecht University, The Netherlands, in 2018. Prior to joining the CSRH in 2008, Jake worked for a number of years in harm reduction services in Sydney's Kings Cross. Joining the Kirketon Road Centre as a receptionist during the NSW Drug Summit in 1999, he went on to work in their Counselling, Outreach and Education Unit, before spending five years as the Counselling Unit Manager of the Sydney Medically Supervised Injecting Centre.

Edwina (Eddie) Lloyd

Eddie Lloyd is a Councillor on Lismore City Council and Chair of Council's Social Justice and Crime Prevention Committee. She also sits on the Aboriginal Advisory Group. Eddie is also a criminal lawyer and has been practicing criminal law since 2011. After running her own private practice, she then became employed as a Trial Advocate for the Aboriginal Legal Service. In 2019, Eddie received Specialist Accreditation in Criminal Law from the NSW Law Society. Eddie is passionate about social justice and has played an active advocacy role in pursuing drug law reform in the hope of shifting debate from punishing individuals experiencing substance use disorder to a more humane approach that recognises substance use disorder is a health and not a criminal issue. Eddie has given evidence at numerous State and Federal Inquiries and Senate Committees related to the sector and the need for more resources, particularly rehabilitation services, across the State.



Chloe Span



Chloe is the Victorian Project Officer for Family Drug Support Australia (FDS) and is responsible for running support groups, community workshops and the FDS flagship program, 'Stepping Stones to Success' for families effected by problematic alcohol and drug use. She has a background in case management for people receiving unemployment benefits, is a Board Member of Students for Sensible Drug Policy Australia and is in her qualifying degree to become a social worker. She is also a member of the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW).

The HRA Board also wanted to thank Matt Noffs, Mary Harrod and Meghan Fitzgerald for their previous service and greatly appreciated contributions as HRA Board members

See the full HRA Board at: [HRA Board Members 2020](#)

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