



Anex 2010

AUSTRALIAN DRUGS CONFERENCE

Public Health and Harm Reduction

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DRUGS AT THE MCG: Time to act

The Anex 2010 Australian Drugs Conference, to be held at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on October 25 and October 26, will highlight the continuing and unfolding tragedy of drug harm in the Australian community.

The conference promises to lift the lid on drug use in Australia – it will feature the latest evidence from the front line, new research, and new perspectives from around the world.

“With renewed calls for programs to minimise the harm from injecting drug use in prisons, recent changes to the availability of over the counter medication such as codeine, and evidence of increased pharmaceutical addiction, redirection and misuse – we know that the harms that stem from drugs are not going away,” said John Ryan, Chief Executive of Anex.

Australian Drugs Conference host Anex is a not-for-profit health organisation that supports pragmatic health solutions in the controversial area of alcohol and illicit drug use.

“There is an urgent need to look at new ways to minimise the harm caused by legal and illicit drugs,” Mr Ryan said.

“Drugs are a reality, they are being used in the community, they deserve more attention.”

The conference will tackle the problems associated with increased misuse of illicit, prescription, and over the counter drugs.

The Australian Drugs Conference is expected to attract more than 400 participants and is the only event of this kind that includes lead researchers, senior health bureaucrats, community health managers, as well as front-line workers and users.

PS: News Editors please note the conference dates of October 25 and October 26 and venue at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

You can find more information about the conference by visiting:
www.australiandrugsconference.org.au

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