



Drug action team for SE

The Australian Government and the Alcohol and Drug Foundation have announced a Local Drug Action Team set to support Canning Vale, as well as Armadale and Gosnells, to prevent and minimise alcohol and other drug-related harm in the community.

It brings the total number of Local Drug Action Teams across Western Australia to 32, and 244 Teams nationally.

The program supports organisations to build or extend partnerships in their neighbourhoods and use local knowledge to deliver evidence-informed alcohol and other drug harm prevention activities that are tailored to individual community needs.

The Local Drug Action Team is set to focus on preventing and minimising harm caused by alcohol among young people.

Alcohol and Drug Foundation CEO Erin Lalor said a high number of community partnerships applied to join the Local Drug Action Team Program. “Strong demand from

communities across Australia has meant the number of Local Drug Action Teams is higher than originally planned, giving us the opportunity to now work with 244 passionate community partnerships,” she said.

“More than 1300 organisations are now part of Australia’s extensive Local Drug Action Team Program network.

“This shows how determined community organisations are about building healthier and more connected communities.”

The Local Drug Action Team is a partnership between Local Drug Action Group Inc., WA Police Force, WA Primary Health Alliance, School Drug Education and Road Aware, Neami National (East Victoria Park), Hope Community Services, headspace Armadale (Arche Health), Cannington Armadale Family Support Network, Mental Health Commission, Public Health Advocacy Institute of WA, Crime Stoppers WA, City of Gosnells, City of Canning, City of Armadale and East Metropolitan Health Service.