

Media Release

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Member for Mallee

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GRAMPIANS COMMUNITY HEALTH TO TACKLE DRUG USE

A Local Drug Action Team, led by Grampians Community Health, has received \$21,000 in Government funding to address the challenges being faced in the region, caused by drug use, the Member for Mallee, Andrew Broad, announced today.

“Unfortunately, we are all aware of the issues around drug use, not just for the user but also for their families, friends and wider community.

“Combatting the problem can’t be done just through policing, there needs to be a big picture approach that takes in health promotion, community education and mentoring programs, early intervention and prevention programs and support for people considered ‘at risk’.

“The Grampians’ Local Drug Action Team will be working hard to increase community engagement, awareness and understanding, so as to reduce the demand for drugs, like Ice, in the region.”

The Local Drug Action Team initiative has been developed in response to recommendations that came from the National Ice Taskforce, which identified that increased community engagement and action were the key to reducing drug dependency and drug harm.

The Coalition Government has invested \$298 million over four years to fight illicit drug and alcohol use.

Mr. Broad said that communities have an important role to play in dealing with issues around drugs and he commended Grampians Community Health on their commitment to delivering for the people in their region.

“I wish all those involved every success as they lead the fight to reduce the drug problem in the Northern Grampians.

For more information about the Local Drug Action Teams, visit www.adf.org.au/ldat

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