



Local Government Prevention Capacity and Infrastructure (PCI) Survey Report.

**Attachment One:
Rationale For Opportunities For Action**

Rationale for Opportunities for Action: Prevention Resources and Support

Strategy and Policy	Design and implement formal strategies and plans to reduce the harms associated with ATOD	Having a formal prevention strategy/ plan that is embedded systemically will ensure prevention strategies are delivered effectively and are sustained to enable longer-term change from prevention efforts within your local government.
	Incorporating ATOD strategies and policies where relevant within existing strategies and policies	Embedding ATOD strategy and policy systemically within existing strategies and policy will ensure prevention strategies are delivered effectively and are sustained to enable longer-term change from prevention efforts within your local government.
	Design and implement an ATOD policy for the local government workplace	Delivery of a formalised ATOD policy within the workplace that is understood and supported by all areas of local government can lower the risk of workplace injury/ absenteeism, ensure staff access support when needed, and can work to create a lower-risk ATOD culture in the longer-term.
	Specify ATOD policy requirements for those seeking local government funding	Having minimum standard policy requirements for external organisations seeking local government funding provides an opportunity to positively influence how ATOD (particularly alcohol) are managed and promoted at activities/ events where they may be held on local government property, funded by local government, and/or where local government may be involved.
Funding	Invest dedicated funding for internal resources to support ATOD work	With the many competing priorities local governments experience, dedicated funding for prevention work will greatly assist in supporting sustained prevention activity, creating savings for local governments in the longer-term.
	Provide dedicated funding to support grants for external stakeholder organisations	Dedicated prevention grant funding will ensure community has access to quality prevention programs/activities that can be sustained to influence ATOD outcomes in the longer-term.

Cooperation	Have dedicated prevention positions/ FTE within local government to support ATOD prevention activities	Having dedicated prevention positions/ FTE ensures prevention work is prioritised amongst the many competing priorities experienced by local government staff, enabling sustained prevention work that is more likely to influence change in relation to ATOD in the longer-term.
	Establish and participate in multi-disciplinary steering groups to support prevention efforts	Ensuring a multidisciplinary approach to prevention will assist in ensuring solutions consider the whole of community, are comprehensive, avoid duplication and are more likely to be sustained.
	Formalise relationships with other organisations targeting ATOD-related harm prevention	Formalised relationships with local external organisations with an invested interest in prevention will avoid duplication, extend efforts, and ensure comprehensive, relevant and local solutions are developed that are more likely to be sustained in the longer-term.

Rationale for Opportunities for Action: Program Availability

Increase availability of parent programs	Increasing parent's knowledge, skills and action in relation to supervision, positive role modelling, good communication, and clear expectation and boundary setting will increase young people's exposure to these important protective factors.
Increase availability of leisure r activities for children and young people	Increasing children and young people's access to organised and supervised leisure activities has been demonstrated to be a highly effective prevention action in relation to the prevention and minimisation of ATOD-related harm.
Raise local resident knowledge of the programs that are available to them and their families	Increasing awareness of program and service availability within your community will increase engagement with programs and access of services amongst those in need.
Provide the community with leisure activities are affordable, involve parents, and are supported by trained staff	Ensuring leisure activities are affordable, involve the parents of young people attending, and are delivered by trained staff will ensure that programs positively influence the young people participating, create a sense belonging and connection amongst parents, young people and the broader community, and are more likely to be sustained in the longer-term.

<p>Ensure extra-curricular activities are accessible to diverse groups in the community (e.g. people with disability, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People, and Culturally and Linguistically Diverse groups, people experiencing mental health and/or ATOD issues, homeless and unemployed.)</p>	<p>Making extra-curricular activities available to diverse groups in the community will ensure that programs are accessed by and are appropriate for those groups most in need.</p>
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Rationale for Opportunities for Action: Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Availability

<p>Develop processes to ensure the local government has active involvement in licensing applications</p>	<p>Active involvement of relevant areas of local government in licensing applications will ensure full consideration of the impact a new license may have on the community, assisting in a more comprehensive response to licensing matters.</p>
<p>Support communication and consultations with the community to identify concerns regarding license applications</p>	<p>Community often do not understand mechanisms to raise concerns around local licensing matters. Good communication and consultation around community concerns regarding licensing applications, along with well promoted mechanisms for lodging community concerns can greatly broaden understanding of the impact licenses may have on a community and strengthen arguments for conditions on licenses.</p>
<p>Design and implement formal assessment process to determine the impact of license applications</p>	<p>Developing formal assessment processes involving all relevant areas of local government to determine the impact a license may have on the local amenity will ensure a comprehensive and consistency assessment approach and streamline efforts related to this assessment.</p>
<p>Adopt a whole of Local Government response (in relation to planning, licensing, health and wellbeing) when assessing license applications</p>	<p>ATOD availability can have physical, mental and social health impacts on a community. It is therefore important to adopt a whole of local government response when considering the potential impacts of license applications.</p>
<p>Support efforts to prevent sales of alcohol, tobacco (including vaping) to under 18-year-olds</p>	<p>Increased availability and access to alcohol and tobacco (including vaping) is associated with increased harms, supporting efforts to decrease sales to under 18-year-olds will assist in decreasing the harm associated with access amongst young people.</p>
<p>Support efforts to monitor sales of alcohol, tobacco (including vaping) to under 18-year-olds</p>	<p>Monitoring and enforcement of sales of alcohol and tobacco (including vaping) to under 18-year-olds increases compliance with laws associated with sales to under 18-year-olds.</p>

<p>Support efforts to decrease sale and supply in dry communities</p>	<p>Dry communities are often seen as a target for illegal sales and supply of alcohol and other substances of misuse, contravening local by-laws and greatly impacting on the individuals and families within those dry communities. Actively supporting the enforcement of local by-laws and efforts to decrease sale and supply in dry communities assists in supporting the efforts of those communities to address local issues associated with the availability of alcohol and other substances of misuse.</p>
<p>Support efforts to limit supply of illegal drugs</p>	<p>Supporting police and regulatory authorities, while reinforcing a community culture that supports and understands the importance of these efforts will strengthen actions in this area and work to increase compliance with relevant legislation.</p>
<p>Encourage, deliver and support alcohol-free events held in the community</p>	<p>Increased availability of alcohol-free events assists in creating a lower-risk drinking culture, reinforcing that alcohol does not need to be involved in all activities/events in order for them to be engaging and fun, especially when young people are involved. Increased access to alcohol is also associated with increased harm, alcohol free activities/events provide more opportunities for community to participate in activities where alcohol is not consumed.</p>
<p>Encourage, use and support efforts to decrease alcohol advertising and sponsorship (examples might include limiting financial support for alcohol sponsored events and limiting outdoor alcohol advertising on local government property)</p>	<p>Alcohol advertising and sponsorship is well-evidenced to increase awareness and consumption of the products being promoted. Decreasing alcohol advertising, especially where young people might be exposed is an important step to decreasing alcohol-consumption, especially amongst those at-risk.</p>
<p>Support Responsible Service of alcohol (RSA) training to relevant organisations/businesses in the community</p>	<p>RSA that is actively supported by organisation/business management and comprehensively implemented is an important mechanism for minimising alcohol-related harm in environments where alcohol is made available.</p>