

Substance
Misuse
Limestone
Coast



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...some background

Response to Communities
concerned about
“ice epidemic”

<https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/alcohol-and-drugs/aod-policy-research-legislation/ice-action-plan>



Preaching to the Converted

Education

Workforce
Schools
Families
Communities

Responses are complex because anyone with an addiction is part of a family and community that all unwillingly take part in the addiction journey

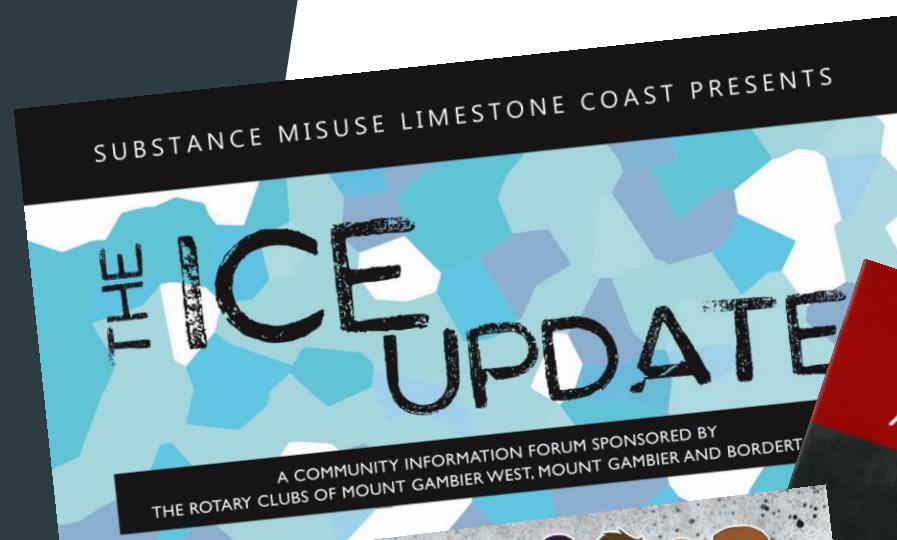
Agencies compete for funding

Solutions for substance use requires all tiers of government and some or all of the following

Family - Counselling for ongoing support	Police - for detention, public order, road safety and to reduce the supply of illicit drugs	Community Agencies - including Community Health, housing, welfare, legal aide, counselling	Medical - for on going treatment	Hospital - for immediate medical attention and detox	Legal - detention processes, rehab orders, sentencing
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- ▶ What has been achieved so far:
- ▶ Project Manager employed 0.8FTE
- ▶ Thirteen forums over an 18-month period
- ▶ Community discussion and awareness of needs for a Withdrawal Service (Detox) and a Rehabilitation Service
- ▶ Agency Mentor and Adviser with Western Region Alcohol & Drug Centre (WRAD) based in Warrnambool
- ▶ Provision of professional training for frontline workers in substance misuse
- ▶ Partnerships formed with Local, State and Federal stakeholders
- ▶ Climate Schools into 17 Secondary Schools
- ▶ Climate Schools to be available for those not at school in the Mt Gambier Library
- ▶ Established Community Partnerships
- ▶ No other group does what we do



Looking forward and continuing to progress

- ▶ Our Strategies are to continue filling the gaps.
- ▶ Establish a Board representing diverse community interests and be selected for their networks and ability to garner broad based support.
- ▶ Commonwealth Funding means we can get on with it & not chase \$\$
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