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Alcohol and violence in the night-time economy

Professor Robin Room, who is Director of the AER Centre for Alcohol Policy Research at Turning Point Alcohol & Drug Centre and Professor at Melbourne University's School of Population Health, will address a public forum on 'Alcohol and violence – relationships, causality and policy', together with a range of international speakers, on Friday 19 March 2010 at VicHealth (seminar rooms, ground floor, 15-31 Pelham St, Carlton).

With increasing interest in the role alcohol plays in violence, Professor Room says it is important to examine the evidence of the role of alcohol in violence and methods to reduce alcohol-related harm and to examine what is being done in other countries.

"Alcohol plays a big role in violence, both on the street and in the home, and there is much knowledge and experience internationally about the role of alcohol in violence and methods to reduce alcohol-related violence – this conference will help shape paths forward in Australia in reducing alcohol-related violence," said Professor Room.

The AER Centre for Alcohol Policy Research at Turning Point Alcohol & Drug Centre has organised the conference, aimed at bringing together international research on measuring and minimising the role of alcohol in violence, with support from the Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Foundation and VicHealth. Nine eminent international researchers will present their work and over 30 researchers have contributed papers.

About the conference

'Alcohol and violence – relationships, causality and policy' will be held over four days from 15-18th March. A public forum will be held on Friday **19 March from 9 am -12 pm** at VicHealth, 15-31 Pelham St, Carlton featuring the plenary speakers – ***members of the public and media are welcome to attend on this day.***

About Turning Point Alcohol & Drug Centre

Turning Point (established 1995 and based in Fitzroy) provides leadership to the Victorian alcohol and drug sector. It promotes the health and wellbeing of individuals and communities living with, and affected by, alcohol, other drug-related harms and gambling.

About Eastern Health

Eastern Health is one of Victoria's largest public health services and provides a range of acute, sub-acute, mental health and community health services. Its larger sites include Angliss Hospital, Box Hill Hospital, Healesville & District Hospital, Maroondah Hospital, Peter James Centre, Wantirna Health, Yarra Valley Community Health and Yarra Ranges Health.

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