

Call for Papers

Vale Jude Byrne

A special section of *Drug and Alcohol Review* with articles on peer researchers; hepatitis C virus and injecting drug use; ageing and drug use; women who use drugs; parents who use drugs; and international advocacy and human rights

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Jude Byrne was a globally recognised advocate who fought to advance the health and human rights of people who use drugs. Jude's authenticity, intelligence and tenacity have inspired colleagues across generations. Internationally, as well as in her home country of Australia, Jude was a courageous advocate for the marginalised and spearheaded political change across blood-borne virus prevention, consumer rights and drug legislation.

Identifying unapologetically as a person who injects drugs for over 40 years, Jude's lived experience drove her human rights perspectives on drug use, law and health. Her profound understanding of the social and political worlds of people who inject drugs fuelled her work. As a woman and a mother, she paved the way for feminist approaches to drug advocacy including advocating for the rights of mothers who use drugs.

Jude was deeply involved in a number of drug user community organisations for over three decades, including her ground-breaking work with Canberra drug user communities. Her efforts lead to the creation of the Canberra Alliance for Harm Minimisation and Advocacy, the Australian Illicit and Inject Drug Users League, the International Network on Health and Hepatitis in Substance Users, and the International Network of People who Use Drugs. Addressing inequalities and championing the human rights of people who inject drugs and their communities was her life's work, and will remain her legacy. Jude thought globally but acted locally and her legacy shows this ethos. Jude's influence lives on through the people who inject drugs today in Canberra who cherish her memory as an advocate and a support person. She was equally respected and loved by peers, health and policy professionals and researchers across the globe who have applied her knowledge and learnings to enhance the human rights of people who inject drugs.

We devote this special section of *Drug and Alcohol Review* to Jude's life and impact.

Special Section aims

This Special Section aims to bring together contributions that reflect the breadth and depth of Jude's work; in particular, peer researchers, hepatitis C virus and injecting drug use, aging and drug use, women who use drugs, parents who use drugs, and international advocacy and human rights. These core issues reflect Jude's impressive program of work and the ways in which she changed the lives of people who use drugs.

A detailed introductory paper will pay tribute to Jude's life and reference her many achievements. This introductory paper will lead to a series of separate scholarly articles in the fields of Jude's main interests, as noted above. Following Jude's commitment to highlighting and challenging inequity, attention will be devoted to privileging marginalised voices and the nuances of drug use and health. Manuscripts that expand on these core themes are welcome, as are contributions that broach related topics, as long as they can be linked to Jude's contributions to the field.

Submission details

We encourage manuscripts from any discipline. Submission deadline for a 1-2 page letter of intent for the special issue is **29 July 2022**. The letter of intent should include author names and affiliations, manuscript title and an abstract that outlines the proposed submission. Abstracts should clearly convey how the proposed manuscript will address the goals of the special issue as described above.

The deadline for manuscript submissions is **25 November 2022**.

If you are interested in submitting a paper for this issue, or have any queries, please contact the Editorial Office – dar@apsad.org.au

Papers must follow the [author guidelines](#) and word limits. Please note that all papers will need to be entered on [Manuscript Central](#) and will be subject to peer review by at least two independent reviewers. Thus, invitation to submit a manuscript does not guarantee inclusion in the special section. When submitting, authors should select the appropriate manuscript type (e.g. Original Paper, Review) and note in the cover letter that the paper is intended for this special section.