



Alcohol, Tobacco and other
Drugs Council Tasmania Inc.

MEDIA RELEASE

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Conference attracts international speakers

The Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drugs Council (ATDC) is holding its biennial conference from Thursday 12 – Friday 13 May 2016 at the Hotel Grand Chancellor in Hobart. *Rethinking Prevention: a broader agenda* encourages presenters and delegates to discuss how we support and provide prevention, treatment and harm reduction interventions in the current environment and into the future.

ATDC President Stuart Smith said the response had been very good with over 150 people registered.

“Attendees have come from all over Australia and the conference has attracted both international and national speakers,” he said.

Conference Facilitator Jeff Buckley is a Social Worker with 15 years’ experience across Australia and the UK in alcohol and drug workforce development, youth homelessness, child protection, community development and the crisis response work in entertainment precincts. His passion lies in devising genuine client participation and engagement opportunities and running trivia competitions! He is currently the Director of Statewide AOD Clinical Support Services with Queensland Health where he coordinates training and workforce development services for the state.

Smith said there are several high calibre keynote speakers including June Oscar who is Chief Executive Officer of Marninwarntikura Women’s Resource Centre and considered one of the most outstanding Aboriginal leaders in the Fitzroy Valley and across Australia.

“We have Professor of Law and Public Health Scott Burris visiting from Temple University in the USA to speak about Policy Surveillance: a new tool for research, policy and practice?” Smith said.

Other speakers include Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Kate Warner AM, Senior Policy Officer, International Drug Policy Consortium Gloria Lai who is based in Thailand, Professor Iain McGregor Professor of Psychopharmacology, NHMRC Principal Research Fellow and Director of the Psychopharmacology Laboratory at the University of Sydney and Director of Policy and Research, Foundation for Alcohol and Research Caterina Giorgi.

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MEDIA OPPORTUNITY

9am – 4pm on Thursday 12 – Friday 13 May 2016

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