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## ATDC Update June 2015

### ATDC News

#### NEW Logo

The ATDC logo has been revamped and will be in use from 1 June 2015 onwards. If you have the ATDC logo displayed anywhere or on documents, please email [communications@atdc.org.au](mailto:communications@atdc.org.au) to request the new logo.

#### EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CLOSE TOMORROW!!

#### Crystal Methamphetamine (ice) Training

ATDC and Shelter TAS are calling for expressions of interest to attend a one-day training event for AOD, housing/homelessness and other health/welfare workers in Tasmania. Numbers are strictly limited. Expressions of interest are still being accepted until 5pm Friday 5 June 2015, although this does not guarantee a place. Successful applicants will be advised via email after 17 June.

This one-day training event responds to the issue of crystal methamphetamine (ice) use in Tasmania. Training is delivered in one morning session followed by two concurrent breakout sessions in the afternoon.

Training will be held in [Devonport](#) and [Hobart](#).

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## Submission to Australian Government Department of Health Therapeutic Goods Administration

The ATDC made a submission to the Australian Government Department of Health Therapeutic Goods Administration on proposed amendments to the Poisons Standard (Medicines) to amend the scheduling of naloxone to include single use prefilled syringe preparations for injection containing 400 micrograms/mL of naloxone or less in Schedule 3. Read the submission [here](#).

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## Submission to the National Ice Taskforce

The ATDC welcomed the opportunity to provide a short written submission to the National Ice Taskforce. The ATDC has also been fortunate to participate in two formal stakeholder consultations conducted by the Taskforce during May 2015. This [submission](#) provides information about the Tasmanian alcohol, tobacco and other drugs service system, makes a number of observations and suggestions regarding alcohol and drug related issues and broadly responds to the questions posed by the Taskforce.

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## Sector News

### State Budget

The Tasmanian Government delivered the Budget for 2015-16 on Thursday 28 May. Budget documents are located on the Department of Treasury and Finance's [website](#).

Budget Estimates hearings will be held over coming days where further information and clarification will be sought in relation to particular Government announcements and initiatives. As analysis is undertaken and when further information is available the ATDC will provide this to members.

The ATDC issued a [media release](#) following the pre-Budget announcement of a \$4.8 million investment over five years to enable the provision of 12 residential rehabilitation beds.

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### Online Survey for those working with young people

The NHMRC Centre for Research Excellence in Mental Health and Substance Use is looking for participants to complete a brief anonymous online survey on the training and support needs of practitioners who work with young people with co-occurring mental health and alcohol or other drug conditions.

They are looking for any service providers (eg, drug and alcohol workers, counsellors, nurses, doctors, psychologists, social workers) working in drug and alcohol or mental health settings who work with young people experiencing co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders.

If you are interested in completing the survey please click [here](#).

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### Launch of FARE's National Framework

On 17 June 2015, Rosie Batty, 2015 Australian of the Year, will help launch FARE's National Framework on preventing alcohol related family and domestic violence at Parliament House in Canberra.

FARE is working hard to ensure alcohol's contribution to family violence is embedded in the much needed

prevention programs. Rosie also supported FARE's research portfolio by saying, "Research such as [The hidden harm](#) shows that alcohol-related family and domestic violence is a serious epidemic across our nation."

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## New tools to reduce harm from substance abuse

The [Australian Indigenous Alcohol and Other Drugs Knowledge Centre](#) launched two portals and a free mobile phone app to support efforts to reduce harmful substance use among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people:

- [The Alcohol and other Drugs Workers' portal](#) – A range of useful information is available. Tips for workers' provides guidelines on how to approach challenges of AOD practice when working with clients, information on specific drugs, general principles of counselling and case management and how to recognise and respond to clients with substance use and mental health issues.
  - [The Community portal](#) – designed for community members and Elders working to reduce harms from AOD use in their communities.
  - Mobile phone app [AODconnect](#) – a national directory of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander AOD treatment services, designed for AOD workers or anyone who wants to find a culturally appropriate service.
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## UTAS looking for tobacco smokers aged over 40

Are you a smoker and want to be paid to know how your health is doing? UTAS is currently looking for tobacco smokers over the age of 40 who have used tobacco regularly (daily or near daily) for ten years or more. Males and females are welcome to participate and you will be paid \$50 for completing some questionnaires, doing some fun brain games, and providing a quick urine sample which will take only one hour. You will also be asked for a blood sample to be taken at Hobart Pathology and you can ask to receive all of your results to know how your current health is. Contact Student Investigator Monica Lovell at [monical@utas.edu.au](mailto:monical@utas.edu.au) or phone 03 6226 1808 for further information and to determine eligibility, visit [here](#).

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## Tasmanian Health Conference

The 2015 Tasmanian Health Conference aims to:

- bring delegates up-to-date on recent developments in the health and social care sectors
- showcase examples of communication, collaboration and integration across the sectors
- identify and make recommendations on further action needed to achieve a single health system and therefore improve the health of Tasmanians

The Conference will be of interest to:

- service providers – including GPs, nurses, allied health professionals, hospital-based clinicians, aged care providers
- peak bodies in the health and social care sectors
- federal and state politicians
- policy-makers
- the community – as users and potential users of health and social care services
- consumer advocates
- anyone else with an interest in Tasmania's evolving health and social care systems.

Registrations open 1 June 2015. Visit the [website](#) for further information.

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## Five tips for surviving a volatile funding environment

What preparation can you do to make your organisation stronger for the uncertain times ahead? BNG NGO Services Online has set out five things your organisation must do to survive the volatile funding environment.

They are also giving you a solid start with five free resources for download, including a Risk Management Checklist and Good Practice Guide to Business Development.

Visit their [website](#) for free resources.

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## Crossing the line online: Alcohol brands breach advertising codes

A new study shows alcohol brands regularly breach industry advertising codes on Facebook, and has drawn further attention to the inadequacies of the current self-regulatory system.

[Breaching the code: Alcohol, Facebook and self-regulation](#) found the Facebook pages of Australia's most popular alcohol brands are filled with highly inappropriate content that glamorises and encourages excessive drinking and features crude and offensive language, and derogatory, vilifying and sexist remarks. The report's author, Dr Nicholas Carah of the University of Queensland, says alcohol brands deliberately and regularly post content on Facebook which normalises and promotes excessive consumption and breaches Australia's advertising codes of conduct.

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## Training, Events and Conferences

Mental Health and Statewide Services has distributed a training calendar for the remainder of 2015. The calendar can be accessed [here](#).

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**WHO:** Office of the Anti-Discrimination Commissioner and Hobart Women's Health Centre

**WHAT:** Community Education Session

**WHERE:** Hobart Women's Health Centre, 25 Lefroy Street, North Hobart

**WHEN:** 11 June 2015

**COST:** FREE

**REGISTRATION:** Contact organiser to register

**CONTACT:** Email on [info@hwbc.com.au](mailto:info@hwbc.com.au) or Phone on 03 6231 3212

See [flyer](#) for further details.

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**WHO:** ATDC and Shelter Tas

**WHAT:** Crystal Methamphetamine (ICE) Training

**WHERE:** Devonport Convention Centre

**WHEN:** 7 July 2015

**COST:** FREE

**REGISTRATION:** Register [here](#)

**CONTACT:** ATDC on 03 6231 5002 or [jackieh@atdc.org.au](mailto:jackieh@atdc.org.au)

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**WHO:** ATDC and Shelter Tas

**WHAT:** Crystal Methamphetamine (ICE) Training

**WHERE:** Hobart Grand Chancellor

**WHEN:** 9 July 2015

**COST:** FREE

**REGISTRATION:** Register [here](#)

**CONTACT:** ATDC on 03 6231 5002 or [jackieh@atdc.org.au](mailto:jackieh@atdc.org.au)

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**WHO:** Wesley Mission

**WHAT:** Wesley LifeForce Suicide Prevention Training

**WHERE:** Glenorchy Civic Centre, Glenorchy TAS

**WHEN:** 4 August 2015

**COST:** FREE

**CONTACT:** Phone on 1800 100 024, Email on [lifeforce@wesleymission.org.au](mailto:lifeforce@wesleymission.org.au)

See [here](#) for further details.

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**WHO:** Amovita

**WHAT:** The Accidental Counsellor Training

**WHERE:** Brisbane

**WHEN:** 18 August 2015

**COST:** Early bird before 17 July 2015 \$349

**REGISTRATION:** Register [online](#).

**CONTACT:** Email on [training@amovita.com.au](mailto:training@amovita.com.au) or Phone on 1800 937 266

See [flyer](#) for further details.

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**WHO:** Pathways Tasmania

**WHAT:** New Life Charity Gala Dinner

**WHERE:** C3 Convention Centre, Anglesea Road, South Hobart

**WHEN:** 22 August 2015

**COST:** \$150pp or \$1500 for a table

**REGISTRATION:** Contact organiser for details

**CONTACT:** Email on [info@pathwaytas.org.au](mailto:info@pathwaytas.org.au) or Phone on 03 6224 3090

Visit [website](#) for further details.

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**WHO:** Criterion Conferences

**WHAT:** Tackling Methamphetamine

**WHERE:** Sydney Boulevard Hotel

**WHEN:** 22 and 23 September 2015

**COST:** Various prices.

**REGISTRATION:** Register via [website](#)

**CONTACT:** Email on [registration@critterionconferences.com](mailto:registration@critterionconferences.com) or Phone on 02 9239 5700

Visit [flyer](#) for further details. Visit [website](#) for further details.

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# Tackling Methamphetamine

Improving prevention, treatment & support

Sydney, 22nd & 23rd September, 2015

Register now & SAVE!!

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**WHO:** Tasmanian Medicare Local

**WHAT:** Tasmanian Health Conference 2015

**WHERE:** Medical Sciences Precinct, UTAS, Hobart

**WHEN:** 17 October 2015

**COST:** Contact organiser for details

**REGISTRATION:** Registrations open 1 June 2015.

**CONTACT:** Phone: Helene Stewart, conference organiser on 03 6234 7844

Visit website for further [details](#).

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**WHO:** Rural Alive and Well (RAW)

**WHAT:** Royal Hobart Show Lunch

**WHERE:** Royal Hobart Showgrounds, Glenorchy TAS

**WHEN:** 23 October 2015

**COST:** See [here](#) for costs

**REGISTRATION:** Via [Eventbrite](#)

**CONTACT:** See details [here](#).

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## Research and Reports

### **National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre's new resources for dealing with substance use in pregnancy**

Researchers at the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre have developed evidence-based resources designed to aid primary healthcare providers in supporting pregnant women with alcohol and other drugs dependence issues. Read more [here](#).

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### **Global statistics on addictive behaviours**

An Australian study has been commissioned as a first step toward estimating the extent of the problem of addictive behaviours globally and across different geographical regions. Read more [here](#).

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### **Associations of substance use patterns with attempted suicide among persons who inject drugs: Can distinct use patterns play a role?**

A peer reviewed journal article on how different drugs affect the risk of suicide amongst intravenous drug users. Read more [here](#).

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## Grants and Funding Opportunities

### **Future2 Make the Difference grants**

The 2015 Future2 Make the Difference! grants are now open to applications from community not-for-profits with programs to support socially and financially disadvantaged young Australians between 12 and 25 years of age. Applications close on 31 July 2015. Visit [website](#) for further details.

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### **Nabo Community Grants**

Dip into \$50,000 worth of community grant funding. [nabo.com.au](#) is a new social network for your suburb. It's the online place where you and your neighbours can keep in touch and connect with everything going on in their local community.

Nabo has launched the [Nabo Community Grants program](#) that forms part of their commitment to supporting and strengthening local communities. The program will provide community groups and charities with an opportunity to apply for one-off funding of up to \$10,000 for projects or programs that help build safer and stronger communities across Australia.

Applications for Tasmanian community projects and programs will open from 1 June 2015.

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