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From the CEO's Desk

CEO Report December 2013

The decision by the Federal government to cease funding the Alcohol and Drug Council of Australia (ADCA) has rocked the sector across the country as we try to understand what this will mean for the future of alcohol and other drug prevention and treatment in Australia. ADCA is the national peak body for alcohol and other drugs, and for the past 50 years has provided Australian governments, health professionals and the community with leadership, advocacy, advice and access to an enormous pool of expertise and resources.

The loss of such depth of knowledge, and commitment to the objective of reducing the harms to our society that result from alcohol and other drug use, will be hard felt if this decision is not reversed.

The ATDC will continue to voice our concerns about this to our federal representatives, and we remain hopeful that the wellbeing of our citizens who depend upon a complete and robust alcohol and drug system will not be dismissed by those within the Minister for Health's office.

At this time, there has been no indication from the Minister, or the Department of Health, that any of the current National projects being undertaken in the alcohol and drug area are to change. I would like to extend my recognition and appreciation to all those ATDC members who have contributed to, and continue to inform; the review of the prevention and treatment funding; the development of a quality framework; and the creation of a national workforce development strategy.

Although these times are unsettling, as we enter the final weeks of 2013 it is important that we do not lose sight of the incredible achievements that our sector has made this year. We have once again generated and informed public debate on alcohol and drug use, we have worked together to build an effective and skilled workforce, and most importantly we have supported many individuals and families through their issues with alcohol and drug use.

It is a privilege to work in the Tasmanian alcohol and other drug sector and on behalf of the ATDC team, David, Amanda, Lynne, Vern and Jonathan I would extend my thanks to our members, and the consumers with whom we work, for their ongoing willingness to share their knowledge and expertise with us.

Season's greetings,
Jann

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Consumer Engagement

Consumer Representative Training

The Consumer Engagement Program, in partnership with Flourish, has facilitated the provision of Consumer Representative Training to thirteen Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drug (ATOD) and Mental Health consumer participants.

The four day training event, delivered by **Leadership and Change Consultants** during October and November, will assist attendees to more effectively represent their peers when participating in consumer or other organisations. All eight of the ATOD participants are currently listed on Advocacy Tasmania's Consumer Register which has statewide representation. Organisations seeking medium to high level

participation are encouraged to contact ATOD Consumer Representatives through the Consumer Engagement Program on 03 6224 2240 or email tzollner@advocacytasmania.org.au

This project was funded by the Community Support Levy through the Tasmanian Government.

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Sector Update

2014 ATDC Conference, Hobart

We have already confirmed a number of exciting speakers for the 2014 ATDC Conference *Visions and Values: Setting the Scene for the Future.*

Check out the conference website by [clicking here](#).

When: 7 - 8 May 2014

Where: The Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart

Call for papers - The ATDC invites interested participants to submit an abstract to present at the 2014 ATDC Conference to be held in Hobart on the 7 and 8 May 2014. Abstracts must be submitted by Monday 27 January 2014.

For more information and to send abstracts, email conference@atdc.org.au or visit the conference website by [clicking here](#).

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Alcohol and other Drugs Council of Australia (ADCA) Defunded

Minister Fiona Nash, the Commonwealth Government's Assistant Minister for Health has announced the decision not to continue ADCA's funding. This includes core funding, along with all project funding, effective immediately.

As a consequence, the ADCA Board decided on 27 November, 2013 to place ADCA into voluntary administration and to appoint an administrator.

The ADCA Board will continue to work with the administrator, emphasising the critical support which ADCA provides to the AOD sector and national community public health.

ADCA will endeavour to maintain minimal support services as they work through this process.

The administrator will report to the creditors and other stakeholders in the near future on ADCA's viability and next steps to be taken.

ADCA will keep the membership informed throughout this process.

For more information [click here](#) or contact Jane Shelling or David Templemen at ADCA on (02) 6215 9800, or Mr Kazar, the Administrator, on (02) 6215 8402.

You are encouraged to sign the petition that has been launched requesting that the Australian Government reconsider its decision to stop funding ADCA. To show your support sign up by [clicking here](#).

You can also contact Senator Fiona Nash and The Hon Peter Dutton MP using the details below.

Senator Fiona Nash

www.fionanash.com.au/ContactSenatorNash.aspx

Ring her Electoral office: (02) 6382 3400, Freecall: 1300 734 681

Ring her Parliament House office: (02) 6277 7440

Send a fax: (02) 6382 3499

Email: senator.nash@aph.gov.au

Post: 79 Main Street Young, NSW, 2594

The Hon Peter Dutton MP

www.peterdutton.com.au/Contact.aspx

Ring or fax his electoral office: P: (07) 3205 9977, F:(07) 3205 5111

Ring or Fax his Parliamentary Office: P: (02) 6277 7220, F: (02) 6273 4146

Email: peter.dutton.mp@aph.gov.au

Post: PO Box 2012, Strathpine QLD 4500

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APSAD 2013 Conference, Attended by ATDC Staff.

Last week Jann, David and Amanda attended the Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and Drugs annual conference in Brisbane.

The conference was an excellent opportunity for ATDC staff to participate in engaging discussion around current drug trends, emerging treatments, improvements in service structures and delivery of front line services and to hear from a number of national and international experts. Amanda presented a poster entitled *Breaking the Cycle: Drug and Alcohol Drug and Alcohol Treatment in Custodial Settings* which was very well received by delegates of the conference.

We will provide you with the links to access PowerPoint presentations when they become available.

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National Meeting of Alcohol and Drug Peak Bodies

Following on from the APSAD conference in Brisbane representatives of each of the peak alcohol and drug bodies from across Australia met in Brisbane for a one-day planning forum.

The forum enabled the group to consider current developments underway across the country, discuss issues and challenges that the sector faces and to identify ways in which the peak bodies are able to work together on areas of mutual interest. The ATDC will keep you updated of any developments in this area.

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Australian National Council on Drugs Consultation Update

The Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD) held a consultation forum in late October in Hobart which provided an opportunity for stakeholders to provide advice and information to the Council.

During the consultation, Jann Smith, CEO of ATDC, formally presented an overview of key issues for the alcohol and drug sector within Tasmania, such as:

- funding constraints
- service access and availability

- alcohol, tobacco and other drug usage within Tasmania
- the absence of a user organisation within the State.

The ANCD has issued an overview of finding from the consultation available online by [clicking here](#).

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Tasmanian Alcohol Action Framework Annual Implementation Plan, closing 10 January 2014

Input is being sought on the development of a Tasmanian Alcohol Action Framework Annual Implementation Plan for 2014.

In 2010 the State Government released *Rising Above the Influence: Tasmanian Alcohol Action Framework 2010-2015* to deal with alcohol-related harm in Tasmania. The Inter-Agency Working Group on Drugs develops Annual Implementation Plans to provide a comprehensive overview of the range of activities being undertaken and the relationships that have been established, deal with alcohol-related issues by Government agencies, local government and community sector organisations.

Please send your input on the 2014 Plan to paul.tchia@dhhs.tas.gov.au by 10 January 2014. For more information, contact Paul Tchia on paul.tchia@dhhs.tas.gov.au or 6230 7718.

Download [Rising Above the Influence: Tasmanian Alcohol Action Framework 2010-2015](#).

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Expressions of Interest: Skill Sets 2014

Expressions of interest are invited from workers interested in completing the following qualifications or skill sets in 2014.

- Certificate IV in Alcohol and Other Drugs
- Diploma of Community Services (Alcohol, Other Drugs and Mental Health)
- BSB51107 Diploma of Management
- BSB40812 Certificate IV in Frontline Management
- BSB60407 Advanced Diploma of Management
- BSB50513 Diploma of Human Resources Management

Skill Sets:

- **Assessment for complex clients Comprising CHCMH404A** - Conduct assessment and planning as part of the recovery process and CHCAOD408B Assess needs of clients with alcohol and / or other drugs issues
- **Brief Interventions (focusing on alcohol) Comprising CHCCS403C** - Provide Brief Intervention
- **Counselling Skills (focusing on Dialectical Behavior Therapy) Comprising CHCCSL502A** - Apply specialist interpersonal and counselling interview skills
- **Counselling Skills (focusing on Motivational Interviewing) Comprising CHCCSL503B** - Facilitate the Counselling Relationship

We anticipate that this training and assessment will be 80% subsidised by the Skills Fund.

To register your interest please [click here for the skill sets](#) or [click here for the AOD qualifications expression of interest form](#) and email the completed form to Lynne Maher lynnem@atdc.org.au.

For the management related qualifications, email Lynne Maher lynnem@atdc.org.au for the relevant

expression of interest form.

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2013 Employer of Choice Awards: Entries About to Close!

Mentors from *Employers of Choice* available to assist with entries.

For more information visit www.skills.tas.gov.au/eoc/awards or contact Business Tasmania on 1800 440 026 or email ask@business.tas.gov.au

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Partnership Scorecard Survey

A short online survey is being undertaken to gauge where your organisation feels your current State Government- CSO partnerships are working well and where you would like some support to work with your partner(s) more within the Tasmanian Partnership Agreement 2012-15.

Complete the **Partnership Agreement Scorecard survey**.

Responses are welcome from community sector organisations (as many people per organisation can complete it as you want) or from government agencies providing funding services. For more information about the Partnership Agreement, see the TasCOSS **Working in Partnership** website.

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Tasmanian Women's Council - Seeking New Members

Would you like to influence women's issues in Tasmania? The Tasmanian Women's Council is seeking new members.

Council members provide advice to the Minister for Community Development and contribute to the development of strategies to address inequality and increase the participation of women in all aspects of society.

Council Members also work to represent and promote the diverse interests of women in Tasmania. For example, Aboriginal women; women of culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds; women with a disability; women from regional communities; young women; or women from the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or intersex (LGBTI) community.

The Council values social, economic, demographic and regional diversity amongst its members. Applicants with a range of backgrounds, skills and experience are encouraged to apply.

Applications are available at www.dpac.tas.gov.au/cdd or by contacting the Department of Premier and Cabinet on 6232 7133, or by email cdd@dpac.tas.gov.au

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Tasmanian Partners in Recovery Community Forum

Date: Wednesday 18 December 2013

Time: 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Venue: Glenorchy Civic Centre, Cooper Street (behind Village Cinemas)

RSVP by Friday 13 December to Sarah on 6214 1311 or sarahh1@colony47.com.au

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Upcoming Training, Events & Conferences

NDIS Webinar on Breaking Down Barriers, 10 December 2014

The next NDIS webinar will be on Tuesday 10 December. 12:00 noon-1:00pm. The interactive video webinar will explore breaking down barriers, pushing boundaries and forging inclusion through innovation.

The National Disability Insurance Agency wants to hear from people with disability, carers, advocates, support providers and community members about breaking down barriers.

Register your attendance and submit a question to #NDISwebinar via Twitter, phone 1800 800 110 or email engagement@ndis.gov.au to join the conversation. A link to the webinar will be provided soon so that you can join the webinar directly.

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Government Relations for NFPs Webinar, 12 December 2013

Could your organisation more effectively engage with government to lobby for policy and legislative change, and garner support for budget bids and grant applications?

Pro Bono Australia is hosting a webinar on taking a tactical approach to government relations at 2:00pm on Thursday 12 December 2013. Cost \$40.00.

Register online by [clicking here](#).

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Mental Health Southern Partnerships Meeting

Date: Thursday 12 December 2013

Time: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm (morning tea provided)

Venue: Glenorchy Civic Centre, Terry Martin Room, Cooper Street Glenorchy

For more information please contact Rosie Walker on 6230 7819 or email to mhs.executiveassistant@dhhs.tas.gov.au

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Suicide Prevention Workshop, Launceston 23 January 2014

Wesley LifeForce will be conducting a Suicide Prevention Workshop at The Sebel Launceston on Thursday 23 January, 9am-4pm.

The program helps participants recognise when a person may be having thoughts of suicide, and provides a simple strategy to intervene and assist them. There is no charge to attend the workshop. The training is open to community members aged over 18 years.

Register online by [clicking here](#).

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Save the date: Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop, Hobart 12 and 19 February 2014

As part of the Social Determinants of Health and Health Risk Factors Project, Tasmanian Medicare Local will be holding a two-day Bridges Out of Poverty workshop at Brighton on Wednesday 12 and Wednesday 19 February.

International presenter Nairn Walker, of Social Solutions, will deliver the training, designed to equip practitioners with practical tools to assist Tasmanians affected by poverty and disadvantage. Save the date. For inquiries, contact Fiona Price at fprice@tasmedicarelocal.com.au or 6425 0800.

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Grants

Sidney Myer Fund Grants for Organisations Working with Young People, closing 30 January 2014

The Sidney Myer Fund is offering grants up to \$100,000 to undertake organisational strengthening programs and activities for small organisations working with young people aged from 12 to 23 years living in or transitioning from out of out-of-home care.

The grants will fund a broad range of activities including fundraising, communications and marketing, information technology, strategic and organisational planning, leadership development, board development, financial management and systems, human resource management, strengthening volunteer programs, partnership development and mergers.

Expressions of interest close 30 January 2014. For more information please [click here](#).

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Perpetual Funding Opportunities Up to \$200,000

Applications close 13 December 2013.

For more information, [click here](#).

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BUPA Foundation Grants Program

Grants range from \$100,000 to \$500,000 for up to three years.

Expressions of interest close 16 December 2013.

For more information [click here](#).

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Call for Input on Targeted Community Fund Round, Closing 31 December 2013

Organisations may be interested in providing feedback to the Tasmanian Community Fund about a possible targeted round in 2014.

From time to time the Tasmanian Community Fund holds a targeted round in addition to the two general

grant rounds each year to maximise the impact of funding by channelling investment into fewer, larger initiatives that have the capacity to achieve benefits to the community in the focus area. The areas the Tasmanian Community Fund Board is considering in 2014 are:

- Multicultural communities
- Engaging communities
- Financial literacy
- Preventative health
- Regional community development
- Reduction in violence
- Teenage pregnancy

Please provide feedback to admin@tascomfund.org or ph 6233 2800 by 31 December 2013.

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Did You See That Report?

Update

'*Did you see that report?*' is a monthly listing of recently released Australian reports, research and other items of interest to the AOD sector which are available online. This is a service provided by the Alcohol and other Drugs Council of Australia (ADCA).

To view October reports you may have missed please [click here](#) to go to the reports.



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