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ATDC Christmas and New Year break

The ATDC offices will be closed from Tuesday 24 December 2013 and will re-open on Monday 6 January 2014.

All of us at the ATDC wish you and those close to you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. See you in 2014.

Regards,

Jann, David, Lynn, Amanda, Vern and Jonathan

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Sector Update

Cross Sector Bus Tours 2014

The ATDC will be hosting a cross sector bus tour in each region during February.

This is always an extremely popular event so please register now to avoid missing out. If any services would like to feature on the bus tour, please get in contact with Amanda ASAP (amandas@atdc.org.au).

When:

- **North West:** Tuesday 18 February 2014 - [click here to register](#)
- **Launceston:** Wednesday 19 February 2014 - [click here to register](#)
- **Hobart:** Sorry - sold out!

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Gavitt House is moving

The Glenorchy and Northern Districts Adult Community Mental Health Service is re locating from Gavitt House 329 & 333 Main Road Glenorchy to Level 1 / 2 Terry Street Glenorchy.

The office will be closed from 5.00 pm Friday 3rd January and will re-open in our new premises at 9.00 am Thursday 9 January 2014.

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Drug and Alcohol Prevention and Treatment Review- Update

The Drug Policy Modelling Program (DPMP) at NDARC, UNSW, is currently carrying out a review of alcohol and drug prevention and treatment funding, focusing on Commonwealth funding. The DPMP is releasing a series of working papers during the year to keep the AOD sector, and other stakeholders, informed of the review's progress.

The second working paper in this series is now available - [click here to download](#)

Working paper No. 2: Planning alcohol and other drug services in rural and remote areas: the role of spatial access (scroll down the webpage to view).

This working paper identifies and discusses issues relevant to the availability and geographical accessibility of AOD treatment services in rural and regional Australia.

ATDC's CEO Jann Smith is a member of the Advisory Committee for the Review and can be contacted by ATDC members seeking additional information.

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The National Alliance for Action on Alcohol (NAAA)

The National Alliance for Action on Alcohol (NAAA) which was formed in 2009, and is now a national coalition representing more than 70 organisations from across Australia.

The NAAA's members cover a diverse range of interests, including public health, law enforcement, local government, Indigenous health, child and adolescent health and family and community services. 2013 is the pilot year of the National Alcohol Policy Scorecard. The aims of the Scorecard are to:

- raise awareness of progress in alcohol policy development within Australian states/territories and nationally;
- recognise good practice in alcohol policy; and,
- motivate governments to continue to strengthen and improve alcohol policy.

The National Alcohol Policy Scorecard covers each of the eight State and Territory jurisdictions, as well as the Federal jurisdiction in Australia. The scorecard consists of 10 alcohol policy criteria against which each jurisdiction's performance has been assessed.

Tasmania was one of only three (out of nine jurisdictions) to achieve an overall pass grade (50% or higher) on the Scorecard.

The NAAA website includes the [media release](#) about the Scorecard and a copy of the [short report](#) which details the results of the 2013 Scorecard.

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Upcoming Training, Events & Conferences

NEW Professional Development Opportunities for 2014 for ATDC Members only

Putting together the puzzle: meaningful engagement with people who use drugs.

This training will be provided for free for and is only available to ATDC MEMBERS.

When: Tuesday 4 February 2014 (Devonport) and Thursday 6 February 2014 (Hobart)

Where: Devonport Entertainment and Convention Centre (Devonport) and the Tasmanian Hockey Centre (Hobart)

[Click here to register.](#)

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Graduate Certificate in Addiction Studies

Enrolments in the University of Tasmania's Graduate Certificate in Addiction Studies will close on 19 January 2014.

For more information about this valuable course, [click here](#)

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Understanding AOD Withdrawal Information Session

When: Thursday 18 February 2014, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Where: Room 209, Arts Building, University of Tasmania

[Click here to register.](#)

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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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