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## Sector Update

### ATDC Conference 2014



The

**call for Abstracts for the ATDC 2014 Conference has now closed. Notifications of acceptance will be forwarded to the successful applicants by the end of February 2014.**

The preliminary program for the conference will be available at the conference web site by Friday 21 February 2014. Please check the site for updates by [clicking here](#).

Dont forget that Early Bird registrations close 24 March 2014. [Click to register now](#).

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## University of Tasmania Research: Energy Drink Consumption in Adolescents

**The University of Tasmania's School of Psychology is currently investigating the consumption of energy drinks amongst the adolescent population aged between 12 and 17 years.**

The study involves young people within this age group completing a brief 10-15 minute online survey that queries their current and past consumption of energy drinks, motivations for and against consuming energy drinks, side effects and current sleeping and concentration abilities. Upon completion participants are eligible to enter a draw to win one of three \$100 JB Hi-Fi vouchers. There are no anticipated risks from the study and it has been approved by the Tasmanian Social Science Human Resource Ethics Committee (HREC).

For further information please contact [Lisa Dunham, Amy Peacock](#) or by phone on 03 6226 7458, or [Associate Professor Raimondo Bruno](#) or by phone on 03 6226 2240, ).

If you know any young person who may be interested in participating, the survey is available online by [clicking here](#).

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## Upcoming Training, Events & Conferences

### Understanding AOD Withdrawal

**This presentation by Dr Noel Plumley and Nikolaas Jacometti will address matters relating to withdrawal for a range of substances in both clinical and community settings, including:**

- Developing a better understanding of

- Models of withdrawal management

- Screening & Assessment
- Signs, symptoms & complications of withdrawal
- Specialist management of different presentations

• **Building capacity in frontline services to provide client support**

- Screening and referral
- Clients presenting in withdrawal
- Managing/supporting people on waiting lists for inpatient services

**Who:** All ATOD workers

**Where:** Hobart, or by videoconference link

**When:** 20 February 2014

**Time:** 10:00am - 12:00pm

**Cost:** Free

For more information, including details about videoconference links [click here](#)

To register, [click here](#).

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## Expressions of interest invited for funded AOD Training

ATDC has been successful in our work with TasTAFE in attracting subsidies from the Skills Fund to enable existing workers to complete AOD skill sets and qualifications.

ATDC is still accepting expressions of interest for these places:

- **Skill sets in assessment, brief interventions or counselling** - we have negotiated with well-respected practitioners in our sector to deliver these
- **CHC40412 Certificate IV in Alcohol and Other Drugs**
- **CHC50408 Diploma of Community Services (Alcohol, other drugs and mental health)**

Click on the above links for more information, costs and the expression of interest forms, and forward your expression of interest promptly to ensure a place.

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## Webinar: Focusing on Male Family & Domestic Violence

**Presenter:** Rodney Vlasis

**Date:** Thursday, 20 February 2014

**Time:** 1:00pm - 1:45pm AEDT

To register, [click here](#).

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## Diploma of Neuroscience Leadership

[Click here](#) to register for the free Q&A webinar on Monday 24 February 2014.

[Click here](#) to view the informational flyer and expression of interest form.

[Click here](#) to view the short information video about the diploma.

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## NO More Butts- Counsellor/Facilitator Free Training

Gain the knowledge, confidence and practical skills to provide more effective one-to-one counselling for your clients and/or facilitate a *No More Butts* group independently within your area.

**Time:** 9:00am - 4:00pm

**Date:** Thursday 17 April 2014

**Location:** Rural Clinical School, Burnie

For more information and to register contact [Lynne Wickham](#)

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## Working with Offenders Winterschool at UTas

This unit is designed to introduce students to the issues and processes associated with working with offenders, particularly those under the authority of corrective services in prison and community corrections

**Date:** 31 May - 10 June 2014.

For more information [click here](#).

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## Grants

### Tasmania Medicare Local Social Determinants of Health Grants

Tasmania Medicare Local is seeking expressions of interest from Tasmanian communities to develop projects that address social determinants of health. Funding of up to \$350,000 each has been earmarked for up to nine communities to design and deliver projects in partnership with local service providers.

The eligible communities are:

- **North** – Break O’Day, Dorset, George Town, Glamorgan/Spring Bay, Launceston.
- **North West** – Burnie, Devonport, Kentish, Waratah/Wynyard, West Coast.
- **South** – Brighton, Central Highlands, Derwent Valley, Glenorchy, Huon Valley, Sorell, Southern Midlands, Tasman.

Applications close Monday 31 March 2014.

For further information [please click here](#).

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## Support available for community projects in rural, regional & remote communities

The Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) is making available small grants of up to \$5000 to not for profit community groups for projects and activities that offer clear public benefit,

**especially for communities of fewer than 10,000 people.**

The funds can go towards projects that improve:

- Health, social welfare and wellbeing;
- Educational opportunities and outcomes;
- Arts, culture, tourism and heritage projects;
- Environmental and natural resource management outcomes; or
- A community's economic sustainability, through community-led economic and social enterprise activities.

To be eligible projects must address a recognised need in the community and be charitable in their purpose (ie. not of benefit to individuals or on private land).

Applications close Friday 28 March 2014. The application form and guidelines, together with examples of previous successful projects and their outcomes, can be found on the FRRR website by [clicking here](#) or freecall 1800 170 020 for a mail out.

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## Did You See That Report?

'*Did you see that report?*' is a monthly listing of 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 reports you may have missed please [click here](#) to go to the reports.



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