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## From the CEO's desk

**From the Acting CEO, Ella Haddad.**

**Hello and welcome to this edition of the ATDC Enews. I am currently acting CEO while Jann takes a well-deserved break.**

### **State Budget 2013-14**

One of the most important things to share is that the recent state budget included a continuation of funding to the alcohol, tobacco and other drug community sector under the Future Service Directions Plan.

The Government announced funding of \$20 million per annum to continue the health reforms which began in the 2008-09 budget. This will see an extra \$6.2 million per annum over four years for alcohol, tobacco and other drugs services.

This is great news as without this funding we know significant services, jobs and even organisations would potentially have been lost across the state.

### **Drug Action Week (16-21 June)**

Drug Action Week 2013 is shaping up to be another jam packed week in Tasmania and around the country. There are over 700 events around the nation with almost 30 events in Tasmania.

Drug Action Week aims to raise awareness about alcohol, tobacco and other drugs issues and highlights the achievements of the dedicated individuals who work in the sector to reduce alcohol and drug related harms.

This year there is a range of diverse events across the state. You can download the Tasmanian calendar by [clicking here](#).

Amongst the ATDC events is a one night only screening of The House I Live In which is a ground-breaking new film tackling the issue of illicit drug use in the United States. The film focusses on the over-representation of drug offenders in US prisons, drug law reform and the failure of the 'war on drugs'. Tickets are selling fast and if you would like to join us please contact the State Cinema to pre-purchase your tickets (just \$5 each).

Drug Action Week will also see the announcement of winners of the second Annual Tasmanian ATOD Awards. The Minister for Health Hon. Michelle O'Byrne will present the awards on Monday 17 June at Parliament House. This year there are four award categories: The Excellence in ATOD Work Award; The Early Career Award; The Outstanding Contributions Award and the Emerging Researcher Award. We look forward to the Minister announcing the well deserving recipients later this month. If you would like to attend the ceremony, please contact Lynne on [lynnem@atdc.org.au](mailto:lynnem@atdc.org.au) or 6231 5002.

**Wishing everyone a great Drug Action Week!**

Ella,

Acting Chief Executive Officer

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## Community Engagement

### Drug Action Week

The 2013 Drug Action Week Calendar is now available for download.

[Click here to download](#) the calendar as a PDF.

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## Social Media Community of Practice

As a result of the presentation made by Callan Paske, local social media expert, at the 2013 Comorbidity Symposium, ATDC are hosting the first Social Media Community of Practice meeting on Wednesday 12th June.

The meeting will be held via videoconference so that members in the north and north west can also participate. If you are interested in being involved please contact Amanda Street, [amandas@atdc.org.au](mailto:amandas@atdc.org.au) or 03 6231 5002.

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## Gala Dinner - Pathways Tasmania Inc

Gala Dinner

Saturday June 29th 2013  
6:15pm for a 6:30pm start  
C3 Convention Centre, South Hobart  
\$1500 per table, (\$150 pp)

**Dress code:** Black Tie

**Featuring Special Guest Speaker:** Father Chris Riley

**RSVP:** May 31, 2013

**Contact:** [liane@launch.org.au](mailto:liane@launch.org.au) or phone 03 6224 3090

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## Sector Update

### Community Service Excellence Awards and Innovation Awards 2013

The Awards were established in 2010 to recognise, showcase and celebrate outstanding service provision by Tasmanian health and community sector organisations as they endeavour to improve care for people who access our services. They provide an opportunity for people working in health and community sectors to recognise the inspiring and innovative work of their peers and co-workers; to reflect on the fundamentals of health and community.

If you know of an initiative or individual that you think deserves recognition for the outstanding service they provide to the children and youth, disability, housing and community services - why not nominate them?

**Click here** for more information on award categories, selection criteria, prizes and nomination forms.

**Nominations close on 23 August 2013.**

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## Workforce Development

### Alcohol and Other Drugs Conference Funding Program

On behalf of the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing, FARE is pleased to announce the Alcohol and Other Drugs Conference Funding Program (AODCP).

The AODCP aims to provide limited financial assistance to support conferences and events in Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) related areas, and enable individuals supported by their employers and organisations to send staff to AOD related conferences and events during 2013 and 2014. organisations, to enhance their professional expertise.

This program is being managed by FARE on the Department's behalf.

**The purpose of the AODCP is to:**

- Promote understanding of national issues in prevention, service improvement and early intervention in alcohol and other drugs;
- Promote debate on alcohol and other drug issues;
- Promote the involvement of Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) Sector Workers and/or researchers in the AOD field at alcohol and other drugs themed conferences; and
- Support the delivery of those conferences with an AOD focus.

For more information and to apply, visit [www.fare.org.au](http://www.fare.org.au)

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## Tasmanian Leaders program 2014

### Applications for the 2014 Tasmanian Leaders Program now open

Tasmanian Leaders are delighted to announce that applications for the 2014 program are now open. Visit their website for more information and please think about the people you know who should nominate for this opportunity.

Organisations and leaders interested in finding out more about the program and the work of Tasmanian Leaders are welcome to attend one of the information sessions which will be held across the state from August 19-22. Please indicate your attendance by [clicking here](#).

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## Upcoming Training, Events & Conferences

### ATDC Training - ATOD Promotion & Prevention

#### ATOD Promotion & Prevention

- Learn to identify and select appropriate ATOD promotion and prevention strategies for different communities and target audiences
- Refine your planning and liaison skills for ATOD promotion and prevention activities
- Learn the elements that will ensure the success of your promotion and prevention activities
- Produce more informative and relevant reports on your activities
- Achieve one unit towards the Diploma of Community Services (Alcohol, Other Drugs and Mental Health)

	Devonport	Hobart
ATOD Promotion & Prevention	24 July 2013 9:00am - 4:30pm	14 August 2013 9:00am - 4:30pm

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### ATDC Training - Reflective Practice

**Expand your knowledge and skills to better evaluate your own work, continue self development and participate in effective supervision within your ethical frameworks.**

This course will:

- Build your skills in self-evaluating and receiving feedback about your work practices, to assist you with continual improvement;
- Enhance awareness of, and your access to, support networks;
- Increase your ability to identify your professional development needs and access appropriate mechanisms to achieve them;
- Build awareness of your own and your organisational ethical frameworks and their impact upon your work with clients;
- Achieve one unit towards the Diploma of Community Services (Alcohol, Other Drugs and Mental Health)

This training is funded by the Skills Fund and covers the skills and knowledge defined in the nationally recognised unit of competence CHCORG428A: Reflect on and improve own professional practice. Those registering will be required to complete the assessment for this unit.

[Click here to access the registration form](#)

	Hobart
Reflective Practice	26 June 2013

**Cost:** \$43.10 (payable to the Skills Institute upon receipt of invoice)

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## NDS News Update - Free workshop: Business disciplines in a changing disability marketplace

### Free workshop: Business disciplines in a changing disability marketplace

In just four weeks, DisabilityCare will be launched in Tasmania. Australia is watching. Your clients are watching. Your competitors are watching. Adaptation to change and business disciplines will be critical to success.

#### The launch will create:

- social insurance-based funding for users aged 15 to 24 seeking support through DisabilityCare Australia;
- an increase in direct competition;
- greater competition for some scarce specialised labour resources;
- market-based imperatives to listen to your users and innovate; and
- a requirement to act with appropriate operational and financial disciplines

#### This free, one-day workshop will provide:

- a brief refresher of the launch in Tasmania;
- a snapshot of the key areas for operational and financial adaptation;
- an introduction to how users will choose under the launch framework and what that means for your enterprise;
- an introduction to unique value propositions and how they impact on support design, implementation and reporting;
- an analysis of the most material operational and financial levers within disability support and how to use them to your advantage;
- a number of alternative models for enterprise, service or client costing and pricing;
- a brief analysis of cash flow and financing requirements for launch site organisations;
- the opportunity to experiment with what models are most helpful in your enterprise and how they can be implemented in the brief window before the launch commences; and
- a number of helpful tips to assist your organisation to transition to the new model.

[Click here for online registration - Launceston](#)

**Date:** 7 June 2013

**Time:** 10.00am to 3:30pm

**Venue:** Hotel Grand Chancellor, 29 Cameron Street

[Click here for online registration - Hobart](#)

**Date:** 17 June 2013

**Time:** 10.00am to 3:30pm

**Venue:** To be confirmed - registered participants will be advised via email

A follow up workshop may be held in July or August (subject to demand) so that you have time to experiment with the models and ideas with live data and then receive support to assess your results against expectations.

For further details contact Lyndell George via email at [Lyndell.george@nds.org.au](mailto:Lyndell.george@nds.org.au)

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## **Reminder: 12 & 14 June - The Crowded House - hoarding training**

**This training is designed for workers who are supporting people with hoarding behaviours, it is appropriate for aged care, local Council, Housing, alcohol/drugs, mental health and community nurse & outreach workers.**

Hoarding is thought to affect 3-5% of the population. It is a mental illness and is a contributor to family breakdown, financial stress, re-occurring homelessness, child protection involvement and health issues. 24% of all preventable deaths due to fire occur in a hoarded house. There will also be the opportunity for participants to discuss current clients or difficulties associated with hoarding.

Peter Middleton from Tasmanian Fire Service will now also be presenting and he is keen to connect with and collaborate with community workers to reduce the risk of fire associated with hoarding.

Training will be run on Wednesday 12th June 2013 in Launceston, and Friday 14th June in Hobart between 10 AM and 4 PM. [Click here](#) for more information, and [click here](#) to register (These links have been updated 24 May).

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## **Resilience based practice: integrating AOD and Mental health work with young people (view video of seminar online)**

**The seminar focuses on how contemporary resilience research can inform policy makers, service planners and practitioners in how to create the conditions that best enable young people and families to address a range of co-occurring mental health and AOD related problems.**

Watch [the seminar](#) or [view the slideshow](#)

The presenter, Andrew Bruun is the Director of Research, Evaluation, Advocacy and Practice at the Youth Support and Advocacy Service and an honorary fellow at the University of Melbourne, Department of Psychiatry. He has worked as a practitioner, educator and researcher in the adolescent health field since the mid 1980s, with a special interest in developing practices that enable young people and families to gain increased control over alcohol and other drug (AOD) use where it has become problematic.

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## **The Call for Abstracts for the Australasian Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Conference close 21 June 2013**

**The Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA) and the Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education (FARE) are co-hosting the Australasian Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Conference in Brisbane on 19- 20 November 2013.**

Abstracts are requested on the following themes:

- Prevention
- Screening and Diagnosis
- Community and Practice
- Policy and Practice
- Surveillance and Research

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

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## Did You See That Report?

### Young women, alcohol and obesity

**Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education (FARE) (2013), Deakin ACT.** A factsheet for young women describing the relationship between alcohol consumption and obesity. Also provides some basic information regarding alcohol consumption guidelines for young women, including breastfeeding and pregnancy.

[Click here to read the online report](#).

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