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## ATDC Conference

### ATDC Conference 2014



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

The preliminary program for the conference is now available at the conference web site. Please check the site for updates by [clicking here](#).

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## Consumer Engagement

### Consumer Reference Group for North and North West

**Advocacy Tasmania's Consumer Engagement Program is seeking people from the North and North West to contribute to a Consumer Reference Group. The meetings provide people, who have accessed alcohol and other drug services, the opportunity to have input about meaningfully involving consumers in the sector.**

A time commitment of at least two hours per month will be required. Participants will be reimbursed for their time and expenses.

The Terms of Reference for the group can be found by [clicking here](#).

Interested people should contact Tanya on 6224 2240.

or email [consumervoices@advocacytmania.org.au](mailto:consumervoices@advocacytmania.org.au)

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## Sector Update

### Nominations are invited for the 2014 Tasmanian ATOD Awards.

**There are many exceptional people and initiatives working to promote health and prevent harms associated with alcohol, tobacco and other drugs (ATOD). The Tasmanian Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drug Awards (the Awards) aim to recognise, promote and reward outstanding practice in the ATOD field in Tasmania.**

The Awards acknowledge and celebrate the professionalism of those within the sector and the importance to the broader community of the work undertaken. It is the ATD's aim that these awards contribute to further enhancing the profile of the sector in the eyes of those working within it, as well as those outside it.

Nominations are invited for the categories of:

- Excellence in Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Work Award
- Early Career Award
- Outstanding Contributions Award
- Emerging Researcher Award

Nominations close 28 April 2014.

[Click here](#) for the Awards information and nomination package.

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## Review of the Alcohol and Other Drug Qualifications (Cert. IV and Diploma)

**Public consultations are now open for a number of qualifications in the Community Services Training Package. The Alcohol and Other Drug qualifications are included. The consultation period closes on Friday 9th May, 2014.**

This will be the final opportunity to provide input into the structure and content of these qualifications - what results will be with us for the next few years.

There are some significant changes proposed. Key issues for your feedback include:

- Removal of the Diploma of Community Services (Alcohol, other drugs and mental health)
- Greater flexibility in choice of electives
- Skill sets that might encompass entry level and advanced skill sets
- The possibility of a comorbidity skill set
- Some new units of competence and several changed units of competence

For more information, [click here](#) and follow the links

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## Tasmanian community sector election forum video

A video of the 20 February TasCOSS community sector election forum, featuring Bec White (Labor), Jacquie Petrusma (Liberals) and Cassy O'Connor (Greens), is now available on the TasCOSS YouTube channel. The forum gave a good feel for the approach the three major parties have to community services. There is an index for the 90-minute video so you can go straight to the speakers and questions that interest you.

[Click here to watch the TasCOSS election forum video](#)

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## Upcoming Training, Events & Conferences

### Understanding Pharmacotherapy

Presented by Dr David Jackson & Tina Goodman

8 April 2014, 10:30am-11:30am, Hobart

This presentation will expand participants' understanding of pharmacotherapy, including:

- Opioid Substitution Therapy (OST) drugs and how they work in the body;
- Use of OST in conjunction with other drugs;
- Physical and mental side effects of OST;
- Collaborative care of OST clients.

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

To register, [click here](#).

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## Mental Health in the Workplace Training events

Upcoming active learning sessions and *beyondblue* awareness training in late March.

The free sessions include:

- **Building mentally fit workplaces - Workplace Active Learning session over breakfast** - Space available in Hobart, Burnie, Launceston
- **Organisational Awareness - Mental Health in the Workplace presented by beyondblue's National Workplace Program** (60 minute presentation) - Space available in Hobart, Burnie, Launceston
- **Manager Awareness, impact & action - Mental health in the workplace presented by beyondblue's National Workplace Program** (3 hour training workshop max 25 participants) - ALL sessions full
- **Senior Executive Briefing - Mental health in the workplace presented by beyondblue's National Workplace Program** (45 minute presentation max 25 participants) - Space available in Launceston

For more information and to register [click here](#).

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## Free Workshop - Cannabis and Consequences

### Cannabis and Consequences

**What:** 1 day free workshop delivered by NCPIC in conjunction with Turning Point

**When:** Tuesday 8 April 2014

**Time:** 9:00am-3:00pm

**Where:** Police Academy, Rokeby

**Who:** Teachers, welfare coordinators, other secondary school staff

The Expression of Interest form can be completed online by [clicking 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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