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It's my pleasure to be able to tell you that David Gardiner joined the ATDC a few weeks ago and I would like to welcome him to the sector. David will take carriage of preparation of this year's Budget Priority Statement, and as members will have already noted, the timeframe for submission is quite tight (due 25 October 2013).

This year we will be alerting Treasury to the discrepancy between the needs of the community for alcohol, tobacco and other drug services and the supply of such services. It is essential that we do not underestimate the significant health and social costs associated with substance use as government deliberates on how best to spend the public health budget.

This past month we have also seen significant attention paid to the incidence of repeat drink driving. I was very pleased to participate in a workshop with the Tasmanian Institute of Law Enforcement Studies, the Chief Magistrate and several national experts in the area of therapeutic jurisprudence. The focus of the workshop was to examine if, and how problem solving court models could be applied to recidivist drink driving. There is considerable evidence that our current approach is inadequate in reducing the harm from drink driving incidents so it was fantastic to see such interest in finding alternative solutions through genuine collaboration across the judicial, academic and community sectors. I am looking forward to supporting this work in the near future.

13 and 14 May 2014. Mark these in your diary now as these are the dates you will want to be heading to Hobart for the **ATDC 2014 CONFERENCE**. Yes it's that time again! We are absolutely sure you will not be disappointed as we have started planning for another great event. The official announcement will be coming to you later this month, but don't wait til then to block this time out.

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Consumer Engagement

Consumer Representative Training to Mental Health and ATOD consumers

Advocacy Tasmania in partnership with Flourish has commissioned Michelle Swallows from Leadership and Change Consultants to provide Consumer Representative Training to Mental Health and ATOD consumers.

The training will ideally suit people who would like to become involved in a consumer lead organisation or represent consumer on boards or committees. Regional participants will be provided with reimbursement for travel and accommodation.

Course outline:

- introduction to advocacy,
- key tasks for groups to operate successfully,
- roles and responsibilities,
- communication skills,
- self-care and effective membership

Venue: Langford Support Services, 1 Bowen Road, Moonah

Time: 10:30 - 4:30pm

Dates: 31 October and 1 November 2013, and 20 and 21 November 2013.

Interested consumers should register ASAP as places are limited. Please contact Tanya Zollner 6224 2240
t.zollner@advocacytasmania.org.au

This Consumer Representative Training Project was funded by the Community Support Levy through Tasmanian Government.

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Sector Update

Minimum ATOD Qualifications and Skills for the ATOD Sector

ATDC's Workforce Development Officer, Lynne Maher, presented the ATDC Position Paper on Minimum ATOD Qualifications and Skills for the ATOD Sector to those attending the Annual General Meeting on 2nd October 2013.

There had been opportunities for ATDC members and other stakeholders to provide input into a discussion paper on the question of minimum qualifications, and this feedback, along with input from the ATDC board and Workforce Expert Reference Group has shaped the current position paper.

The position is for organisations delivering ATOD services.

ATDC anticipates that these services will use the position paper to identify the minimum ATOD skills and qualifications required for job roles, and when employing new staff will either seek these qualifications and skills in the applicants or support the new worker to gain them.

In addition, ATDC anticipates that these services will use the paper to assist in identifying ongoing professional development pathways that will enhance worker efficacy and provide potential career progression pathways, both of which have been shown to enhance job satisfaction and worker retention.

The ATDC will provide support to member organisations in a number of ways, including: by negotiation for access to funding to support the gaining of ATOD qualifications and skill sets, continuing to negotiate with training providers to ensure access to high quality ATOD education, and providing support for effective transfer of skills and knowledge acquired during training to workplace practice.

ATDC hopes that these processes will assist ATOD specialist workers gain and have recognised the ATOD specific skills and qualifications that enable them to deliver excellent client service in a changing environment.

Click here to download the ATDC position paper on Minimum ATOD Qualifications and Skills for the ATOD Sector.

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2012 ATDC Workforce Survey Fact Sheets Available Now!

ATDC has released a set of 6 fact sheets containing some of the more significant information gleaned from the 2012 Workforce Survey which was completed by 209 individuals from the sector.

The fact sheets are:

- **Community Sector ATOD Organisations**
- **Community Sector ATOD Staff**
- **Workplace Practices**
- **Professional Development and Training**
- **Recruitment and Retention**
- **External Challenges**

Click on the fact sheet titles to download as PDF.

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Subsidised ATOD qualifications for existing workers

There is indication of an upcoming opportunity to apply for funding to subsidise qualifications and skill sets for existing worker.

ATDC is seeking expressions of interest from workers who would like to undertake either:

- **CHC40412 Certificate IV in Alcohol and Other Drugs** ; or
- **CHC50408 Diploma of Community Services (Alcohol, other drugs and mental health)**

For more information and the Expression of Interest form, click on the hyperlinked qualification above.

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ATOD skill sets for existing workers - 2014

Expressions of interest are invited from workers interested in completing the the following skill sets in 2014:

- Assessment for complex clients
- Brief Interventions (focusing on alcohol)
- Counselling Skills (focusing on Dialectical Behavior Therapy)
- Counselling Skills (focusing on Motivational Interviewing)

For more information please [click here](#)

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Review of the Liquor Licensing Act 1990

The Department of Treasury and Finance have released a **discussion paper** in association with a review of the Liquor Licensing Act 1990.

Please visit the **Treasury Website** to view the discussion paper and process for submission.

The ATDC will be providing a submission on behalf of our members.

To view the ATDC response to the Legislative Scoping Study [click here](#).

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Expression of Interest - Qualitative research on addiction - NDRI PhD Scholarship in Melbourne

The National Drug Research Institute (NDRI) invites expressions of interest from suitably qualified candidates for a PhD scholarship in qualitative research on addiction.

The scholarship will be in **NDRI's Social Studies of Addiction Concepts research program**, based in Melbourne.

The scholarship commences in 2014 and will carry an annual tax-free stipend of \$29,424.00 a year for three years. Candidates receive an annual research allowance to help cover research costs.

More information, including the application criteria can be found by [clicking here](#).

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Skills Tasmania Skills Equip 2014 Tender Now Open!

Do you have client groups who experience barriers to accessing vocational education and training and workforce participation?

Skills Equip 2014 provides the opportunity for registered training organisations (RTOs) - with the support of community and industry partners to assist these groups

See <http://www.skills.tas.gov.au/funding/skillsequip> for more information.

Applications close 10 October 2013.

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Register of Australian Drug and Alcohol Research (RADAR) Survey

The Alcohol and Other Drugs Council of Australia is conducting a survey to find out how useful the RADAR database website is to you.

To participate go to the online survey at www.radar.org.au

The Survey Monkey form will take about 5 minutes to complete.

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Upcoming Training, Events & Conferences

Seriously Smashed: A web based resource for youth workers

seriouslysmashed.com.au is a resource developed by the Glenorchy City Council, with funding from the National Binge Drinking Strategy, to educate young people about the harms of binge drinking and promote a change in this damaging culture.

This workshop, with Geoff Munro from the Australian Drug Foundation, will enable you to:

- Learn more about best practice and the existing research about education of young people in respect of alcohol
- Increase your awareness of all aspects of the resource
- Develop a range of best practice approaches to using components of the resource in your work with young people
- Increase your capacity to work with young people to increase their awareness of choice and consequence

Who: Those who work with young people with alcohol abuse issues

Where

Launceston

Burnie

Glenorchy

When	21 October 2013	22 October 2013	23 October 2013
Time	1:30pm - 5:00pm	9:00am - 12:30pm	9:00am - 12:30pm
Cost	FREE	FREE	FREE

For more information, [click here](#)

To register, [click here](#)

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Relapse Prevention with Dr Anna Dimsey

This nationally recognised training and assessment is conducted in conjunction with TasTAFE and will build skills in preventing relapse in ATOD clients.

Who: Those who work with ATOD clients

Where	Hobart	Devonport
When	7 November 2013	31 October 2013
Time	9:00am - 4:30pm	9:00am - 4:30pm
Cost	\$43.10 (payable to TasTAFE upon receipt of invoice)	\$43.10 (payable to TasTAFE upon receipt of invoice)

About the trainer

Dr Anna Dimsey completed a Doctor of Psychology (Clinical) and has been working as a clinical psychologist for the past 10 years. She has worked predominately in the field of addictive disorders, with most of this time spent working in the AOD sector.

This training is funded by the Skills Fund and covers the skills and knowledge defined in the nationally recognised unit of competence CHCAOD513A: *Provide Relapse Prevention Strategies*.

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

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The Other Talk - Free Session for Parents

The Australian Drug Foundation is pleased to present The Other Talk, with Geoff Munro, in Hobart on Wednesday 23 October between 7.00pm - 8.30pm.

This free session is specifically targeted at parents. Visit www.theothertalk.org.au for further information.

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Social Media, Technology and Social Work - working it out

This workshop has been organised due to requests by social workers. However, it will be very relevant for any allied health professional.

Friday 11 October 2013, The Old Woolstore Apartment Hote, 10:00am - 3:00pm.

Are you interested in social media? Want to know more about Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, Google+, and blogging? Would you like to learn how you can use it in your professional practices? What are the ethical

ramifications? Utilising social media as a tool for social advocacy.

Guest Speakers:

- Karyn Hogan Click-by-Click Social Media
- Glenn Bromfield Principal - Risk, Skillwise
- Glenys Wilkinson AASW CEO
- Fran Hardcastle AASW National Ethics Officer

For student registration only [click here](#)

For standard registration [click here](#)

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Wheels for Work & Training

***Wheels for Work & Training* Grants Program now open.**

Would you like to be involved in collaborative, innovative transport solutions to help more Tasmanians participate in work and training opportunities?

Job service providers, transport operators, employers, training institutions, community service organisations, local government and social enterprises are encouraged to apply.

More information, application forms, guidelines, FAQs are available on the Social Inclusion Unit [web site](#).

Information and networking sessions will be held around the state to give you the opportunity to learn more about the program and application process, ask questions and meet with other stakeholders and potential partners:

Hobart:	10:00am - 11.30am Wednesday 16/10/13	Premier's Reception Room, Level 11, 15 Murray Street
Burnie	10:30am - 12:00pm Thursday 17/10/13	Seminar Room, UTAS, Level 2, 16-20 Mooreville Road
Launceston	3:30pm - 5:00pm Thursday 17/10/13	Conference room, Public Buildings, 53 St John Street

Applications close at 9:00am on Monday 18 November 2013.

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CEO Tasmania Governance Master Class

This course is designed for the leader in business. It will be delivered in a concise, outcome driven and highly productive manner. No reams of paper to read, no tests to sit. Just hands on instruction and panel discussions from experts in the areas that really matter.

The CEO and the Board share responsibility for leadership but they fulfil this responsibility in different ways. Understanding the responsibilities and roles of board members and the CEO is fundamental to the principles of good governance.

How confident are you in these matters?

For more Information [click here](#)

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Grants

TASMANIAN COMMUNITY FUND

Tasmanian Community Fund (TCF)

How to apply: Applicants should provide the information requested in the guidelines by the closing date. Guidelines and access to the link for the on-line application forms are available from our website at www.tascomfund.org. For a hard copy of the guidelines or the forms email admin@tascomfund.org or phone the Fund Office on 6233 2920.

Closing date: Applications for medium grants close on 16 October 2013. We will not accept late applications.

Further information: Visit the Fund's website www.tascomfund.org or contact the Fund Office on 6233 2800 or 6233 2920.

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Did You See That Report?

June 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 Cpouncil of Australia (ADCA).

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



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