

Regional ATDC Member Meetings – December 2018 Summary of Outcomes

December Meetings

In December, the ATDC convened a series of three Regional Member Meetings (RAMMs) in three regions across Tasmania.

- 5 December Hobart at ATDC Boardroom, 9:15am – 11:15am
- 5 December Launceston, Anglicare, 2:30am - 4:30pm
- 6 December, Devonport, YFCC Junction Hub, 9:30am – 11:30pm

ATDC staff that attended: Jackie Hallam (Policy Manager (2IC), Alison Lai (CEO).

Sector representation

The following 7 member organisations were represented across the three meetings, with 27 individuals attending across all meetings.

Member organisations represented at RAMMs		
Hobart (12)	Launceston (8)	Devonport (7)
The Link Youth Health Service	Launceston City Mission, Missiondale (2)	YFCC (2)
Anglicare (7)	Anglicare (2)	Anglicare (2)
Cancer Council	Cancer Council	Salvation Army (2)
Alcohol and Drug Service (3)	ADS	Alcohol and Drug Service
	Salvation Army (2)	

The meetings provided a great opportunity to recap on activities that have occurred since the last series of meetings held in September 2018 and enabled participants to consider the array of developments that are occurring across the ATOD sector currently. Discussion was wide ranging, and the agenda of the meeting was as follows:

- Welcome and introductions
- Budget priority submission (BPS) – update
- Guest speaker – Katrina Bester (Anglicare)
- ATDC update
- Local/regional issues

Budget Priority Statement (BPS)

Jackie and Alison discussed the concept behind the ATDC's 2019 BPS- 'Stronger Data - Better Outcomes'. In this submission the ATDC put the case forward for funding for a project manager to further the conversations around developing a data system for our sector. We have worked together with the sector including treatment and support providers as well as Primary Health Tasmania, Alcohol and Drug Service and the Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Directorate to represent all the stakeholders in this process. The submission can be found online

http://www.atdc.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/ATDC_Budget-Priority-Statement-2018.pdf



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ATDC Update – Alison Lai, CEO

- Alison referred attendees to the ATDC CEO communique that was recently distributed to member organisations' CEOs. This document provided a snapshot of high level activity of committees that the ATDC sits on as well as key sector developments. Alison urged anyone that wanted more information to get in contact if they have any questions or to be sent a copy of the Communique.
- The ATDC has been working with national peaks to address concerns around Newstart payments and AOD treatment; specifically around the issue of suspension of Centrelink payments for people when entering drug treatment. Alison urged members to get in touch with us if they have any of these concerns with the clients they work with. The ATDC has a direct contact in Centrelink if matters need to be resolved with a jobactive provider.
- In January/February there will be two consultation processes conducted by the Australian Health and Welfare institute (AIHW) around work on the National Minimum Data Set and the development of a National Treatment Framework. Both of these consultations will require sector input. We will let you know the dates as they arise.
- Thank you to everyone that has completed the ATDC Workforce Survey.
- For any queries on the above, please email Alison ceo@atdc.org.au

Local/regional issues:

South:

- The Link Youth Health service are going through changes internally, rewriting programs and also should be running a clinic at ADS, at St John's Park, New Town in the new year.
- QUIT are trialling a free nicotine replacement therapy pilot, from February next year, targeted to those people where smoking cessation is cost prohibitive. This includes three months of free nicotine replacement therapy. Please contact Irena at QUIT Irena Zieminski izieminski@cancertas.org.au for more information on how to access.
- Consultant Liaison – RHH Hobart (Fiona) can provide info sessions about accessing the services at the RHH. Part of her role is to advocate for clients to stay in a bed or give feedback to the broader picture. All enquiries should come through ADS south through their intake team.
- Inpatient Withdrawal Unit (IPWU) is about to release a model of care to key stakeholders.

North:

- Missiondale are in the process of recruiting key staff and noted that some specialist roles are hard to fill eg: psychologists.
- Salvation Army currently have a new day program that is based on tools from the matrix model, however this program has a harm reduction focus (original matrix model is based on an abstinence model).



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- ADS – Clinical Liaison are anecdotally hearing that there is more heroin being used. Missiondale have heard this as well.
- Cancer Council are delivering a tobacco retailers project in the north and north west. A dedicated position will be working with retail tobacco stores to reduce the number of outlets selling tobacco products.

North West

- YFCC have seen an increase in job active referrals in last 4-6 weeks and increased communications with justice, and are experiencing challenges with comorbidity (mental health and AOD) service delivery; specifically finding suitable professionals to refer to.
- Salvos Ulverstone are seeing a lot of referrals from justice. They have also started up our new family program. Dennis Jensen is the main contact doing some social network mapping and eventually hoping to roll out a group where families can come and get info.
- Anglicare are seeing an increase in homelessness as a presenting issue, and all transitional accommodation places are full.
- Serenity House - Ruth Rowlands was recently appointed Supervisor.

The next series of RAMMs meetings will be held in February 2019