

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**  
ACT Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Sector

**INTEGRATION AND  
IMPLEMENTATION**  
ATOD Research, Policy and Practice



## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Tuesday 19 June 2012

National Portrait Gallery of Australia, King Edwards Terrace, Parkes, ACT

We are in an era of evidence-informed policy. For some, the pathways towards achieving this are clear, for others this seems like an unattainable goal.

The ACT alcohol, tobacco and other drug (ATOD) sector is committed to evidence-informed policy and practice. This approach is reflected in key policy documents, such as the *ACT Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drug Strategy 2010 – 2014* and the *National Drug Strategy 2010 - 2015*. The sector is also committed to achieving the goal of better integration and implementation between researchers, policy workers and practitioners in the ACT and region.

Evidence-informed policy is a particularly difficult challenge for the ATOD field because of the multiple inputs into policy activity in this area. Policy development and implementation are impacted upon by attitudes, values, public opinion, etc., and have to compete with other sectors such as medical care, law enforcement, education, social welfare, etc., making it difficult for ATOD research to have as much impact on policy activity and its implementation as many would like.

The conference seeks to bring together members of the three parts of our sector to discuss real world current drug policy scenarios to look at how we can strengthen intersection, interaction, integration and implementation across the sector.

ATODA, in collaboration with the ACT Drug Action Week Planning Group and the ACT ATOD sector, will be hosting the conference as part of Drug Action Week 2012.

For further information about the conference please contact ATODA on [conference@atoda.org.au](mailto:conference@atoda.org.au) or visit [www.atoda.org.au](http://www.atoda.org.au) or call (02) 6255 4070.

**The conference runs from 9am – 5pm  
Registrations and refreshments from 8:30am**

<p>Session 1</p> <p><b>Introduction, Welcome to Country and Opening Address</b></p> <p>(9am – 9:30am)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome to Country: <b>Mrs Agnes Shea OAM</b>, Ngunnawal Elder</li> <li>• Setting the Scene: opening address by conference facilitator: <b>Professor Rachel Davey</b>, Centre for Research and Action in Public Health, University of Canberra</li> </ul>
<p>Session 2</p> <p><b>Where have we come from? Reflections over 20 years</b></p> <p>(9:30am – 10:30am)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research: <b>Dr Phyll Dance</b>, National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, Australian National University</li> <li>• Practice: <b>Dr Michael Tedeschi</b>, Alcohol and Drug Services, Health Directorate ACT Government</li> <li>• Consumer: <b>Ms Jude Byrne</b>, Australian Illicit and Injecting Drug Users League</li> <li>• Policy: <b>Associate Professor Lynne Magor-Blatch</b>, University of Canberra</li> </ul> <p><i>Facilitated questions and discussion</i></p>
<p>Morning tea 10:30am – 11am</p>	
<p>Session 3</p> <p><b>Obstacles and opportunities</b></p> <p>(11am – 12:30pm)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevention science and alcohol and tobacco: <b>Associate Professor John Fitzgerald</b>, University of Melbourne</li> <li>• Injectable methadone, hydromorphone and diacetylmorphine: <b>Dr Alex Wodak</b>, Alcohol and Drug Service, St. Vincent's Hospital</li> </ul> <p><i>Facilitated questions and discussion</i></p> <p><b>Film screening: Afternoons with Max Marshall</b></p>
<p>Lunch &amp; posters showcasing ACT research, policy and practice (12:30pm – 1:15pm)</p>	
<p>Session 4</p> <p><b>Operating in ambiguities: three case studies</b></p> <p>(1:15pm – 2:45pm)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Synthetic cannabinoids: <b>Dr Monica Barratt</b>, Curtin University</li> <li>• Kava: <b>Dr Siosiu Lafitani Tofua'ipangai</b>, Pacific Islander Community Leader &amp; Australian Catholic University</li> <li>• Naloxone: <b>Ms Carrie Fowlie</b>, Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drug Association ACT (ATODA)</li> </ul> <p><i>Facilitated questions and discussion</i></p>
<p>Afternoon tea 2:45 – 3:10pm</p>	
<p>Session 5</p> <p><b>Learning from experience: drug law reform</b></p> <p>(3:15pm – 4:45pm)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr David Ridley</b> and <b>Ms Clare McGettrick</b>, Australian Federal Police</li> <li>• <b>Dr Caitlin Hughes</b>, Drug Policy Modelling Program, National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre, University of New South Wales</li> <li>• <b>Professor Robin Room</b>, Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Centre</li> </ul> <p><i>Facilitated questions and discussion</i></p>
<p>Evaluation, wrap up, acknowledgements and 5pm close</p>	