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ACT Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug AWARDS

including presentations to participants of the

**ACT Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug
Minimum Qualification Strategy**

CEREMONY PROCEEDINGS & NALOXONE PROGRAM LAUNCH

16 December 2011 • ACT Legislative Assembly

**We acknowledge the Traditional Owners
and continuing custodians of the lands
of the ACT and we pay our respects to
the Elders, families and ancestors.**

**Alcohol Tobacco and Other
Drug Association ACT**

The Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drug Association ACT (ATODA) is the peak body representing the non-government and government alcohol, tobacco and other drug (ATOD) sector in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT). ATODA seeks to promote health through the prevention and reduction of the harms associated with ATOD.

ATODA works collaboratively to provide expertise and leadership in the areas of social policy, sector and workforce development, research, coordination, partnerships, communication, information and resources. ATODA is an evidence informed organisation that is committed to the principles of public health, human rights and social justice.

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Welcome to Country

A Welcome to Country was kindly provided by:

Mrs Agnes Shea OAM
Ngunnawal Elder

Master of Ceremonies

Master of Ceremonies was provided by:

Ms Carrie Fowlie
Executive Officer
Alcohol Tobacco and Other
Drug Association ACT

Presentation to Participants of the ACT Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Minimum Qualification Strategy in 2011

The ACT has been implementing a minimum qualification strategy (the Strategy) for the alcohol, tobacco and other drug sector in recent years to further support the development and maintenance of a competent and professional workforce. Information about the Strategy is available from www.atoda.org.au/projects/mqs.

Building on the strengths of previous years, 19 workers participated in the Strategy in 2011. This demonstrates the strong support of the sector and the commitment of workers and agencies to the initiative.

This success has been underpinned by the ACT Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Executive Directors Group; driven by the ACT Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Minimum Qualification Development and Implementation Committee; supported and coordinated by the Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drug Association ACT (ATODA); and funded by the ACT Government Health Directorate.

Certificates of participation were kindly presented by:

Mr Adrian Marron
Chief Executive Officer
Canberra Institute of Technology

Below is an alphabetical list of participants after which their service is cited in brackets.

- **Aaron Horton** (ACT Corrective Services)
- **Alicia Osborne** (Alcohol and Drug Services, Health Directorate)
- **Carmel McBride** (Alcohol and Drug Services, Health Directorate)
- **Catherine Dooley** (DIRECTIONS ACT)
- **Danial Massey** (Ted Noffs Foundation ACT)
- **Geoff Ward** (Canberra Alliance for Harm Minimisation and Advocacy)
- **James Bint** (Alcohol and Drug Services, Health Directorate)
- **Jo Taylor** (Alcohol and Drug Services, Health Directorate)
- **Julie Blunden** (DIRECTIONS ACT)
- **Juliet Schofield** (Canberra Alliance for Harm Minimisation and Advocacy)
- **Lynda Watt** (Alcohol and Drug Services, Health Directorate)
- **Patrick Mullin** (Ted Noffs Foundation ACT)
- **Roberta Elferkh** (Lesleys Place, Toora Women Inc)
- **Sandra Popovic** (CatholicCare Canberra and Goulburn)
- **Steve Byrne** (Alcohol and Drug Services, Health Directorate)
- **Steve Rooney** (Canberra Recovery Services, Salvation Army)
- **Tessa Oakely-Bowes** (Alcohol and Drug Services, Health Directorate)
- **Tim Ireson** (DIRECTIONS ACT)
- **Tracey Neill** (Karralika Programs Inc)

About the ACT Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Awards

The ACT Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Awards (the Awards) aim to recognise, promote and reward outstanding practice in the alcohol, tobacco and other drug field in the ACT. The Awards recognise individuals who, during the course of their careers, have made outstanding contributions: to improving the health and well-being of people affected by alcohol, tobacco and other drugs issues; to reducing and preventing alcohol, tobacco and other drug related harms; and towards developing the alcohol, tobacco and other drug profession.

The Awards are based, and were judged, on the following principles: consumer participation; diversity; evidence-informed practice; harm minimisation; health promotion, early intervention and resilience building; human rights and social justice; partnerships and collaborations; and the social determinants of health and well-being.

The Awards represent the depth of talent, skill and knowledge within the sector; and reflect the desire of workers to recognise the exceptional practice within the sector and that of their colleagues.

Individual award recipients were presented with \$500 to spend on a professional development activity of their choice. Feedback on how this was utilised will be provided to the sector in 2012.

The Awards are an ACT alcohol, tobacco and other drug sector initiative, coordinated by the Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drug Association ACT (ATODA) and proudly supported by the ACT Government Health Directorate. Special thanks is owed to:

- ACT Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Workers Group
- ACT Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Executive Directors Group
- ACT Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Awards Committee and the Judging Panel

The Awards were generously sponsored and presented by:

Ms Katy Gallagher MLA
Chief Minister
Minister for Health

For further information about the Awards visit: www.atoda.org.au

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**AWARD
RECIPIENTS**

2011

EXCELLENCE IN ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND OTHER DRUG WORK AWARD

This award recognises an individual who has demonstrated excellence in non-clinical and/or clinical alcohol, tobacco and other drug work in the ACT. The individual has demonstrated a strong commitment to embodying the principles of the Awards and to conducting their professional practice with empathy, skill and knowledge.

Award Recipient

Kim Fleming

Kim Fleming seeks to develop and deliver effective, meaningful and quality treatment that meets the needs of the individuals, families and communities with whom she works. She is also known for her practice, dedication and leadership in the therapeutic community movement.

Kim's knowledge of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, treatment services, harm minimisation principles and national and international best practice evidence, coupled with her empathy for the many challenges that people with alcohol and drug issues face, has been fundamental to her service delivery.

Kim's work has impacted on the lives of the many people that she has supported throughout her career, one of whom nominated Kim for this Award.

Kim has worked at Karralika Programs (previously known as ADFACT) since 1988. The sector is fortunate to have a worker who demonstrates such diligent effort, commitment and devotion to professional practice in the alcohol, tobacco and other drug field, which is why her colleagues award her the *Excellence in Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Work Award*.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENTS AWARD

This award recognises an individual who over the span of their career has consistently demonstrated a commitment to evidenced-informed and socially-just approaches to promoting the health and well-being of individuals, families and communities affected by alcohol, tobacco and other drug issues. The individual is regarded as highly skilled, knowledgeable and experienced; and has made an exceptional contribution to the alcohol, tobacco and other drug sector in the ACT.

Award Recipient

Kate Gardner

Kate Gardner has dedicated almost two decades of service of individuals, families and communities experiencing alcohol, tobacco and other drug issues in the ACT and surrounding region. Her work is grounded in social justice, professionalism, diligence and empathy, which are all supported by her deep belief in people's inherent strengths.

Kate has sought to strengthen our sector through her commitment to evidence-informed practice, and through her collegial, collaborative and consumer driven approaches.

Kate has worked with the ACT Government Health Directorate Alcohol and Drug Services since 1994. Over this time, she has worked as an enrolled nurse in the Withdrawal Unit and has managed the Diversion Services.

Kate is a highly respected, professional and valued member of the ACT alcohol, tobacco and other drug sector over many years; and that is why her colleagues wish to award her the *Lifetime Achievements Award*.

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS AWARD

This award recognises the contributions of an individual who has worked to prevent or reduce the psychological, physical, social and / or economic harms caused by alcohol, tobacco and other drugs in the ACT. The individual need not have worked in direct service delivery or specifically in the alcohol, tobacco and other drug sector; but will have, over a considerable period of time, worked to improve the health and well-being of people affected by alcohol, tobacco and other drug issues.

Award Recipient

Helene Delany

Helene Delany is the longest serving Executive Director in the sector, having worked as the Manager for the ACT Government Health Directorate Alcohol and Drug Policy Unit for the last 7 years.

Helene is committed to preventing and reducing alcohol, tobacco and other drug related harms through improving the health and wellbeing of the Canberra community; strengthening health service delivery; fostering participation in policy-making through innovative mechanisms; and promoting responsive delivery of public services. Helene has overseen the development and implementation of two ACT alcohol, tobacco and other drug strategies.

She has built essential partnerships with consumers and across government and non-government agencies. Her work is evidently underpinned by her commitment to research evidence and social justice.

Helene's work is often unacknowledged, despite the fact that she has helped to shape our sector into one which is always striving to improve, take on new challenges and can stand strongly with a united voice.

For these, and many other reasons, her colleagues wish to award her the *Outstanding Contributions Award*.

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE TO THE ACT ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND OTHER DRUG SECTOR

A Recognition of Service is presented in a special one-off capacity to acknowledge the contributions of an individual(s) or organisation who has worked above and beyond to improve the health and well-being of people affected by alcohol, tobacco and other drug issues in the ACT.

Recipient

Public Health Association of Australia

The Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA) provides a forum for the exchange of ideas, knowledge and information on public health.

The PHAA is a long time advocate for the prevention and reduction of alcohol, tobacco and other drug related harms and contributor to the ACT ATOD sector. However over the past year the PHAA has particularly, and generously, shared their expertise by seeking to prevent and reduce the transmission of blood-borne viruses through positively engaging with stakeholders to identify models to implement a needle and syringe program in the ACT's adult prison, the Alexander Maconochie Centre.

The sector would like to acknowledge the contributions of the PHAA in the ACT to public health and supporting the health and well-being of prisoners through being the recipient of a *Recognition of Service to the ACT Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drug Sector*.

HONOUR ROLL

The ACT Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drug Honour Roll commends and honours individuals whose contributions have been significant to the field and towards preventing and reducing alcohol, tobacco and other drug related harms in our community.

Inductee

Dr Peter Sharp AM

Dr Peter Sharp AM, or 'Dr Pete' as he was usually known, commenced providing medical services to the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community in 1989, as Medical Officer at Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service. Over the next 22 years, Dr Pete remained the backbone of the service by dedicating himself to the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the ACT and region.

His work emphasised the holistic approach to health care that is a hallmark of Winnunga Nimmityjah. Two areas of particular concern to Dr Pete were alcohol, tobacco and other drug issues and prisoners' health.

Among the many awards he received during his career, Dr Pete was acknowledged as the 2008 ACT Local Hero of the year. In 2009 Dr Pete was awarded the prestigious Australian Medical Association Excellence in Health Care Award and in 2010 he became a Member of the Order of Australia.

Dr Pete's commitment to people experiencing alcohol, tobacco and other drug issues in the ACT continues to make an impact through his strong advocacy and support for expanded access to naloxone to respond to opioid overdose; a prison-based needle and syringe program; and for high quality and equity of access to treatment and support, especially for those in correctional facilities.

Dr Pete sadly passed away on 18 September 2011, aged 52, after battling cancer. Dr Pete's legacy will continue to be felt by those that had the honour to know him, to work with him and to have their health improved with him.

**LAUNCH OF AUSTRALIA'S FIRST
OVERDOSE MANAGEMENT
PROGRAM**

**THAT PROVIDES NALOXONE ON
PRESCRIPTION TO POTENTIAL
OVERDOSE VICTIMS**

The Expanding Naloxone Availability in the ACT (ENAACT) Committee hosted a launch of Australia's first overdose management program that provides naloxone on prescription to potential overdose victims.

Naloxone is a schedule 4 opioid antagonist used to reverse the effects of opioid overdose. Naloxone is widely used in Australia and internationally by paramedics and hospital emergency department staff in cases of suspected opioid overdose. It has no psychoactive effect, is not a drug of dependence and, therefore, is not a substance which is likely to be diverted or misused.

The purpose of expanding naloxone availability is to further reduce and prevent death, disability and injury from opioid overdoses through providing training and resources to opioid users, and their friends and family members, who could be potential overdose witnesses. The program aims to:

- Increase the effectiveness of interventions in opioid overdose management
- Provide comprehensive overdose management training to potential overdose witnesses
- Provide naloxone on prescription to potential overdose victims, and
- Reduce opioid overdoses through overdose prevention education.

The program was generously launched by:

Ms Katy Gallagher MLA
Chief Minister
Minister for Health

Additional speakers were:

Ms Nicole Wiggins
Canberra Alliance for Harm Minimisation and Advocacy

Associate Professor Paul Dietze
Burnet Institute

This program has been driven the Canberra Alliance for Harm Minimisation and Advocacy (CAHMA) and the multidisciplinary ENAACT Committee, whose members include:

- ACT Ambulance Service
- ACT Medicare Local (formerly ACT Division of General Practice)
- Alcohol and Drug Service, ACT Government Health Directorate
- Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drug Association ACT (ATODA)
- AOD Policy Unit, ACT Government Health Directorate
- Burnet Institute

- Canberra Alliance for Harm Minimisation and Advocacy (CAHMA)
- Justice Health, ACT Government Health Directorate
- National Drug Research Institute
- Pharmacy Guild of Australia, ACT Branch
- Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Services

Particular acknowledgement for the development of this initiative to:

- Ms Nicole Wiggins, Canberra Alliance for Harm Minimisation and Advocacy
- Dr Tuck Meng Soo, Interchange General Practice
- Professor Simon Lenton, National Drug Research Institute
- Associate Professor Paul Dietze, Burnet Institute
- Mr David McDonald, Social Research & Evaluation P/L & ATODA
- Ms Carrie Fowlie, ATODA

For further information about ENAACT, the program and naloxone, including a Question and Answer information document, visit:
www.atoda.org.au/policy/naloxone.

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