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Alcohol Tobacco & Other Drug
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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

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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 (ATODA)

The Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drug Association ACT (ATODA) is the newly formed ACT alcohol, tobacco and other drug (ATOD) sector peak body that seeks to prevent and reduce the harms associated with ATOD in the Canberra community. ATODA provides leadership, representation, policy, research, coordination, sector and workforce development.

ATODA supports a range of activities in the sector including: the ACT ATOD Workers Group; a monthly ebulletin and sector forum; a bi-monthly training and professional development calendar; the ACT Drug Action Week Planning Group; annual ACT ATOD Sector Conference; biannual ACT ATOD Sector Directory; a website; and regular training, professional development, and consultative activities.

ATODA also implements the ACT ATOD Minimum Qualification Strategy Project, Comorbidity Project and the Workplace Tobacco Management with the ACT ATOD sector.

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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 Fowle

Interim Executive Officer

Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drug Association ACT



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 ATOD 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 alcohol, tobacco and other drug related harm; and towards developing the alcohol, tobacco and other drug profession.

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

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, including 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 2011.

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 ACT Health, ACT Government.

- 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.

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

Award Recipients 2010

The Awards were kindly
presented by:

Ms Katy Gallagher MLA

Deputy Chief Minister

Minister for Health

Treasurer

Minister for Industrial Relations

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

Myra Whitney

Dr Myra Whitney is a clinical psychologist, whose PhD investigated *The nature of client satisfaction with community and clinic based opioid replacement treatment: A resource exchange perspective*.

Myra has worked at the Alcohol and Drug Program (ADP), ACT Health for over 4 years providing individual counselling and group work to clients. Myra complements her qualifications and clinical experience, by conducting her practice in an unassuming, egalitarian and ethical way.

Myra generously shares her expertise; providing highly valued clinical supervision and training across the service. As a result, many of her colleagues are provided with access to specialist knowledge and skills; and have subsequently nominated her as their trainer of choice.

Myra actively contributes to policy and organisational development; whilst remaining committed to professional development through currently undertaking a Diploma of Psychotherapy with Australia and New Zealand Association of Psychotherapy.

Myra has guest lectured in a structured post graduate program and is well regarded in academic circles for the quality of her presentations.

Although Myra demonstrates a commitment to improving her, her colleagues and the sectors practice; she fundamentally remains committed to supporting people experiencing alcohol, tobacco and other drug issues in our community.

The sector is fortunate to have a worker of Myra's calibre and generosity and this is why her colleagues felt it was important to acknowledge her work by awarding 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

Fred Monaghan

Fred Monaghan is a Ngunnawal man who, over 20 years, has demonstrated a tireless commitment to supporting the health and wellbeing of young people and their families experiencing alcohol, tobacco and other drug issues.

Fred is currently the Coordinator of the Drug and Alcohol Team at Gugan Gulwan Youth Aboriginal Corporation, where he has worked for nearly 10 years.

Fred has often gone above and beyond, passionately advocating for young people, organising services and assisting families with empathy and compassion.

In addition to this work, Fred has continued to support the rights of his community, participating in a range of Committees and advisory structures, including:

- ACT Chief Ministers Advisory Council;
- ACT Prisons Committee;
- ACT Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee;
- ACT Executive Directors Group; and,
- Ngambra Circle Sentencing Reference Group.

Fred was also democratically elected to the ACT Indigenous Elected Body in 2008, and continues to provide an active voice for his community by providing advice to the ACT Government and striving towards true reconciliation.

Fred has been a strong advocate and support for the establishment of the ACT Bush Healing Farm, with his involvement extending over the last 10 years. He is currently a member of the Board of Management for the Bush Healing Farm, representing the unwavering commitment he has made to positively affecting the lives of those experiencing alcohol, tobacco and other drug issues and their families.

Fred is a highly respected, professional and valued member of the ACT alcohol, tobacco and other drug sector and our community; and that is why his colleagues wish to award him 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

Nicole Wiggins

Nicole Wiggins has worked in the areas of harm reduction, peer education and consumer participation for over 10 years. Over this time, Nicole has demonstrated her ongoing commitment to social justice, human rights and peer support.

Nicole is the current manager at the Canberra Alliance for Harm Minimisation & Advocacy (CAHMA). She also represents the ACT illicit drug using community in various forums and committees and is currently the vice president of the newly established sector peak body.

Over the decade, Nicole has acted as a passionate advocate for evidence informed drug policy, enhanced treatment options for people who use drugs and for the implementation of innovative programs to reduce harms and save lives. She has also actively campaigned to reduce the stigma and discrimination experienced by people who use drugs.

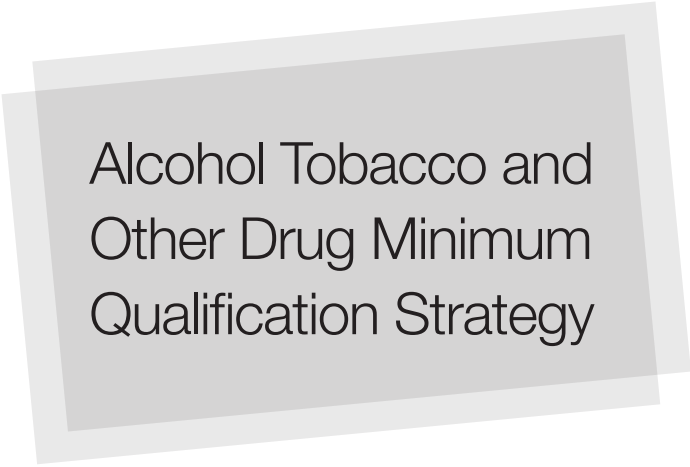
Nicole has represented consumers and the ACT alcohol, tobacco and other drug sector nationally, through engagement in committees to progress national strategies and research in the alcohol, tobacco and other drug field.

Nicole was, and remains, an essential driver and advocate for a number of services and initiatives that have become a strong and stable part of the sector's work; including:

- The Connection, a program of CAHMA that provides essential support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who use drugs and their families;
- The Pharmacotherapy Advocacy and Action Team (PHAAT), a consumer group that provides advice to the ACT Government and advocates on behalf of those accessing pharmacotherapy in the ACT; and,
- The Consumer Satisfaction Survey, which will now be conducted on a regular basis to give consumers a voice about the services they access.

Nicole has lobbied tirelessly for improved participation of consumers in services to improve outcomes; and to ensure that consumer participation is recognised as an integral component of quality and best practice service delivery.

It is for these, and many other reasons that her colleagues felt it was important to acknowledge her expertise and dedication by awarding Nicole the Outstanding Contributions Awards.



Alcohol Tobacco and
Other Drug Minimum
Qualification Strategy

About the ACT Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Minimum Qualification Strategy Project

In recent years a number of Australian jurisdictions have introduced a minimum qualification strategy for their alcohol, tobacco and other drug workforce. While it is acknowledged that there is an extensive depth of knowledge and skills within the workforce, the recent move towards the introduction of minimum qualification strategies highlights the importance of workers having accredited credentials specific to their field. That is, that there be a consistent approach to learning and skills development based on nationally recognised standards.

In line with this, the ACT has been implementing a minimum qualification strategy (the Strategy) for the alcohol, tobacco and other drug sector. Under the Strategy, all relevant workers from alcohol, tobacco and other drug services operated or funded by ACT Health should either possess the specified minimum qualification or have an agreed plan and timeline with their service, to meet the minimum qualification.

Building on the strengths of previous years, 31 workers, or 16% of the workforce, participated in the minimum qualification in 2010; many with funding from the ACT Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Minimum Qualification Strategy Project. 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 ACT Health.

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

Participants in the ACT Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Minimum Qualification Strategy in 2010

31 workers participated in obtaining the minimum qualification in 2010.

The certificates of participation were kindly presented by:

Mr Peter Kowald

Deputy Chief Executive, Operations,
Canberra Institute of Technology

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

Alicia Osborne

(Alcohol and Drug Program, ACT Health)

Angela Currie

(Alcohol and Drug Program, ACT Health)

Belinda Ryan

(DIRECTIONS ACT)

Ben Frommel

(ACT AOD Sector Project and Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drug Association ACT)

Benny Joseph

(Alcohol and Drug Foundation ACT)

Carolyn Minchin

(Toora Women Inc and Canberra Recovery Services, Salvation Army)

Danial Massey

(Ted Noffs Foundation ACT)

Daniel Panozzo

(Alcohol and Drug Program, ACT Health)

David Davis

(Alcohol and Drug Program, ACT Health)

Geoff Ward

(Canberra Alliance for Harm Minimisation and Advocacy)

Gillian Shepperd

(DIRECTIONS ACT)

Glen Wilcox

(Ted Noffs Foundation ACT)

Hannah Dawes

(DIRECTIONS ACT)

Hans Bork

(Alcohol and Drug Foundation ACT)

Ian Edelstein

(Ted Noffs Foundation ACT)

Janelle Rogers

(DIRECTIONS ACT)

Jessica Blythe

(DIRECTIONS ACT)

Julie Blunden

(DIRECTIONS ACT)

Karis O'Brien

(DIRECTIONS ACT)

Karl Ohman

(DIRECTIONS ACT)

Kristian Leatherland

(Canberra Recovery Services, The Salvation Army)

Laura Dawel

(DIRECTIONS ACT)

Lynda Watt

(Alcohol and Drug Program, ACT Health)

Margaret Windon

(Alcohol and Drug Program, ACT Health)

Nicole Pavy

(DIRECTIONS ACT)

Nicole Sudmalis

(DIRECTIONS ACT)

Patrick Mullin

(Ted Noffs Foundation ACT)

Rhonda McKey

(DIRECTIONS ACT)

Ryan Harris

(CatholicCare Canberra and Goulburn)

Tracey Neill

(Alcohol and Drug Foundation ACT)

Tracie Williams

(Toora Women Inc)

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