

*A World No Tobacco Day 2011 activity supported by the ACT Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drug Strategy Evaluation Group – Tobacco Working Group and the Workplace Tobacco Management Project Advisory Committee*



## **World No Tobacco Day Symposium**

World No Tobacco Day is observed around the world every year on 31 May. It aims to encourage a 24-hour period of abstinence from all forms of tobacco consumption across the globe. The day is further intended to draw global attention to the widespread prevalence of tobacco use and to its negative health effects, which currently lead to 5 million deaths worldwide annually. World No Tobacco Day is coordinated globally by the World Health Organisation. Stakeholders are invited to participate in a symposium to mark this day. Representatives will include:

**Centre for Research and Action in Public Health**  
University of Canberra

**Centre for Excellence in Indigenous Tobacco Control**  
Melbourne University

**National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health**  
Australian National University

**Department of Health and Ageing**

**Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service**

**Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drug Association ACT**

**Alcohol and Drug Program, ACT Health**

**Cancer Council ACT**

**ACT Division of General Practice**

**ACT Health**

The symposium will provide a full day for workers from the non-government and government sectors to engage in discussions about how we can work together to further develop and implement tobacco management strategies in our work, services and sectors. The symposium will provide opportunities for participants to:

- Explore recent evidence regarding tobacco and tobacco management (including nicotine pharmacotherapies);
- Understand both the national and local policy and programmatic responses to tobacco;
- Explore recent developments related to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and tobacco management;
- Inform participants of the implications of nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) availability on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), and how consumers may be supported to access this;
- Discuss strategic implications for tobacco management initiatives across the ACT, and support increased coordination;
- Provide an important networking opportunity for stakeholders.

<b>Date</b>	Tuesday 31 May 2011
<b>Time</b>	9am – 4:30pm. Registration from 8:45am.
<b>Venue</b>	Griffith Community Hall, Stuart St, Griffith ACT
<b>Cost</b>	Free - funded through the Workplace Tobacco Management Project which is funded by ACT Health
<b>Food</b>	Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided.
<b>Registration Essential</b>	Register your details with Steve Byrne, ATODA on (02) 6255 4070 or <a href="mailto:tobacco@atoda.org.au">tobacco@atoda.org.au</a>
<b>Other</b>	Maximum 50 participants – priority will be given to stakeholders engaged with the Workplace Tobacco Management Project.