



The ATCA Board and 2019 Conference Advisory Committee, are thrilled to announce the following sponsors for this year's conference - **ATCA 2019: The Future is Today**, which will take place at the Hotel Grand Chancellor in the heart of Adelaide from Monday 28 – Thursday 31 October – with professional development workshops taking place on Friday 1 November.

WHOS® WHOS came on board in 2017 as the **Awards Dinner Sponsor**, and has again committed to this in 2019.

The Awards presentations are such an important part of the ATCA Conference, and we are grateful to WHOS for again providing this sponsorship.

WHOS is a TC aimed at achieving recovery from drug and alcohol dependence, incorporating harm minimisation and co-existing mental health initiatives. It provides a number of residential drug free programs, including gender specific programs for men and women in Sydney and regionally located mixed gender services in NSW and Queensland.

WHOS offers residential modified TCs for the purposes of reducing off opioid substitution treatment (OST) for individuals whose treatment goal is abstinence. Residential stabilisation support is also offered to individuals on maintenance opioid substitution treatment who are experiencing chaos in their lives. A supportive Day Program in Newcastle is also offered for those on Methadone and Buprenorphine treatment.



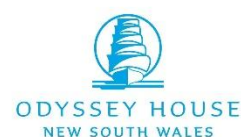
We are also grateful to Windana Drug & Alcohol Recovery Inc., for becoming a **Bronze Sponsor**.

Windana provides Alcohol and other Drug services to help those affected rebuild their lives. Last year they assisted over 2000 people and were funded to open the Grampians facility in February 2019. This is a modern treatment facility that will create an optimal environment for clients to fully engage in their recovery.

It is Victoria's first 90-day Therapeutic Community model that combines so well with the picturesque location in the Grampians region and the 20-bed facility. It provides a unique approach to addiction therapy.

Odyssey House NSW has again committed to supporting the **James A. Pitts Oration**, which was established in 2014 as an annual event to feature

Australian and internationally renowned individuals who have been a significant contributor to research or practice in therapeutic communities. Named in honour of James A. Pitts, who has worked in the Alcohol and other Drugs field for more than 40 years, the Australasian Therapeutic Communities Association (ATCA) takes great pleasure in partnering with Odyssey House NSW in this important event.



James retired in 2016 as CEO of Odyssey House after more than 32 years in this role. Over his career, he had been selected to a number of prominent boards and was awarded the Ted Noffs Foundation Award for Individual Achievement in the AOD field in 2000; the Australia Day Medal in 2001 by the Alcohol and Other Drugs Council of Australia in recognition of his contribution and commitment to the field; the inaugural fellowship by the Harvard Club of Australia, Not For Profit Fellowship Program in 2001; and in 2007 was inducted to the Honour Roll of the National Drug and Alcohol Awards. James has also previously served as a Board Member of the ATCA Board over many years and was a founding member of ATCA. In 2016 he became a Life Member of ATCA.

The James A. Pitts Oration has been made possible through the generosity of a long-time Odyssey House donor. This year's oration will be delivered by **Associate Professor Gery Karantzas** from the School of Psychology and Director of the Science of Adult Relationships (SoAR) Laboratory at Deakin University.

In addition to these major sponsors, opportunities are in place for a range of partnerships and sponsors. The South Australian peak body, SANDAS, has come on board with us in providing sponsorship for the **ATCA Individual Award for Significant Contribution to development at an Organisational level**. This is a newly-introduced award in 2019, which acknowledges the individuals who have made a significant contribution to the organisations in which they have worked over a considerable period of time.

These people are the stewards of the Community as Method approach to treatment. Their daily presence as role models, teachers and mentors within these communities is vital to the success of the model.

The goal of this award is to acknowledge and publicly recognise the important work done by them in preserving the model and guiding the implementation of new interventions, programs and innovations to treatment as they become relevant to the communities in which they work.



welcomed as a sponsor of the Award for **Excellence**

Flinders University's National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction is also



in Research and Evaluation. Therapeutic Community research is essential to the development of effective and informed strategies to improve the lives of clients and residents accessing TC services and programs. This award recognises the individuals, research teams and TCs that have contributed to evidence-based research and evaluation of TC services and programs.

NCETA is an internationally recognised research centre that works as a catalyst for change in the alcohol and other drugs field. It is a collaborative venture between Flinders University, the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing and the South Australian Department of Health, and is located within the School of Medicine at Flinders University in South Australia.

Our sincere gratitude to our sponsors for helping to make this year's conference possible. There are many more opportunities to support the 2019 conference – and the Sponsorship Prospectus can be found on the Conference website at:

<http://www.atca2019.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/ATCA-Sponsorship-Prospectus-4.pdf>

Please consider the benefits and opportunities of sponsoring this important event.

James A. Pitts Oration

Odyssey House NSW, in association with the ATCA Board, is pleased to announce Associate Professor Gery Karantzas will this year deliver the James A. Pitts Oration.



Gery received his PhD from La Trobe University in (2008) and undertook additional study and training in adult attachment with Professor Phillip Shaver (University of California, Davis) and Professor Jeffry Simpson (University of Minnesota).

Gery is the past national convenor of the Australian Psychological Society (APS) Psychology of Relationships Interest Group. He is the founder of RelationshipScienceOnline.com, a website that helps the general public and counsellors understand the science of love and human connection.

He has edited and authored numerous publications on adult attachment and relationships including the Wiley-Blackwell Handbook of Couples and Family Relationships (co-edited with Pat Noller) and Adult Attachment: A Concise Introduction to Theory and Research (co-authored with Omri Gillath and R. Chris Fraley). He has co-edited special issues of highly regarded journals on topics such as relationships and stress (Current Opinion in Psychology [COIP], 2017, Karantzas, Simpson, McCabe), attachment in adulthood (COIP, 2019, Simpson & Karantzas), and interpersonal violence, aggression, and maltreatment (Journal of Social and Personal Relationships, 2019, Karantzas, Simpson, & Miller).

Gery's research has investigated couple and family relationships within the context of various life transitions and stressors. Within these contexts he has focused on the role of coping and social support in relationships, and the association between relationships and mental health. Most recently, he has turned his attention to investigating the associations between adult attachment and substance use as well as negative interpersonal behaviours including: sexual coercion, dehumanisation, destructive conflict patterns as well as physical and emotional abuse.

Along with colleagues from Deakin University and Odyssey House, research is now extending to the efficacy of relationship education programs for people experiencing substance use.

Gery's research activities have been funded by grants from the Australian Research Council, the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia, the National Medical Health and Research Council and beyondblue.

In addition to presenting this year's Oration, Gery is offering a professional development workshop on Friday 1 November.

Professional Development Workshop Friday 1 November

Attachment theory and substance use: Bridging science with practice

**Associate Professor Gery Karantzas,
Deakin University**

It is well established that substance use is associated with relationship problems and relationship distress. Despite this, there is little by way of the application

of relationship theories to understand substance use issues and their impact on relationship functioning. One widely studied theory of relationships that can offer a critical understanding is attachment theory. This is because attachment theory is not only a theory of human bonding, but, a theory of distress regulation. Thus, attachment theory can provide important insight into how substance use may reflect difficulties in people's abilities to deal with relationship problems and the challenges they face in managing distress.

You can register for this **full day workshop on the ATCA 2019: The Future is Today** website at:
<http://www.atca2019.com.au/skills-based-workshop/>

The workshop will provide a comprehensive background into attachment theory. In particular, it will provide participants with:

- An understanding of the functioning of the attachment behavioral system
- An understanding of different attachment styles
- How to accurately assess of attachment styles
- Strategies for practitioners in working with people who demonstrate different attachment styles
- A state-of-the-art review of the research into attachment and:
 - substance use
 - distress regulation strategies
 - key aspects of relationship functioning

Spaces will be limited – so do not delay – Register TODAY!

Conference agency visits provide exciting opportunity for learning

The site visits play an important part in any ATCA Conference, as they provide the opportunity for delegates to visit the host programs and to experience first-hand the work which they are doing.

This year's agency visits on **Monday 28 October** will provide delegates with the opportunity to select one of three site visits, and to meet with staff and clients of these services. Delegates will choose either Site Visit 1, 2 or 3 and will be transported by bus, leaving

the hotel in the morning and returning in the afternoon.

SITE VISIT 1 – FOOTSTEPS – ROAD TO RECOVERY, PORT AUGUSTA – Full day visit

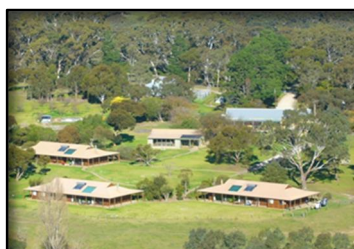
FOOTSTEPS – ROAD TO RECOVERY is a **Residential Rehabilitation Services member of ATCA**. In April 2013, ADAC, the Aboriginal Health Council of SA (AHCSA) and Aboriginal Family Services (AFSS) formed a consortium to establish a therapeutic community model of care service to address the AOD needs of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people in the north west region of South Australia. Established under the auspice of ADAC, the North West Regional Residential Service, known as *Footsteps – Road to Recovery*, is the only alcohol and drug residential rehabilitation facility for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the region.



Footsteps supports individuals and families with after care and case coordination, to strengthen their capacity to address alcohol and drug problems and reconnect with their families, communities and cultures. *Footsteps* operates a 12-bed short term residential accommodation for referred men and women from the region and is a proud employer of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and regards its human resources, cultural integrity and service partnerships as key components to the success of its service.

SITE VISIT 2 – THE WOOLSHED AND TEEN CHALLENGE

The Woolshed is a **Certified Therapeutic Community member of ATCA** and a residential therapeutic community for adults aged from 18 years with drug or alcohol related problems. The Woolshed offers a structured program to develop living, work and interpersonal skills through education, counselling, group work and recreational activities. It has associated halfway houses in Adelaide and links with self-help groups. The philosophy and operation of the therapeutic community are aligned with the Australasian Therapeutic Community essential elements.



Teen Challenge SA is an **Affiliate member of ATCA**. Teen Challenge SA Living Free is a residential live-in rehabilitation program that offers men aged 16 and over freedom from drug and alcohol dependence and other life-controlling problems. Based on Christian principles – although clients aren't necessarily Christians – Living Free focuses on developing character through teaching and mentorship, to help equip people to implement new strategies in their lives. Located in the Adelaide foothills, weekly chores include looking after sheep, chickens, veggie plots, and property maintenance.



SITE VISIT 3 – UNITING COMMUNITIES AND ABORIGINAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL COUNCIL (ADAC)

Uniting Communities is an **Affiliate member of ATCA**, offering a range of options to support people wishing to make long-term, sustainable changes to their use of alcohol and other drugs. Uniting Communities been supporting people with issues related to drugs and alcohol since the 1930s. Currently, New ROADS supports more than 1000 people every year.



New ROADS (Residential and Out-Client Alcohol and Drug Service) offers a range of services, including residential rehabilitation and counselling. Treatment options are designed to assist with physical and mental health, as well as connections to the community through various activities. Our services can support families and individuals, including ex-servicepeople.



The Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council (SA) Inc (ADAC) is unique as it is the only Indigenous peak body of its kind in Australia, representing over 30 Aboriginal Community Organisations from across South Australia.

ADAC services offer:

- Footsteps – Road to recovery alcohol and drug residential rehabilitation
- Stepping Stones alcohol and drug (non-residential) centres (Port Augusta, Ceduna)
- Makin Tracks (community AOD education)

ADAC is a proud employer of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and regards its human resources, cultural integrity and service partnerships as key components to the success of its services.

While there is no cost to attend one of the site visits, you will need to indicate your preference at the time of registration so that we know numbers for bus bookings and catering purposes.

The conference will be held at the Hotel Grand Chancellor in the heart of Adelaide. Following the site visits on **Monday 28th October**, conference sessions will commence on **Tuesday 29th October**. This year's theme, **TCs 2019: The Future is Today**, invites us to reflect on the past and current models, while looking forward to the future – with new models and innovations.

Invited keynote speakers

Our invited keynote speakers, who will be with us for the entire conference, are Naya Arbiter and Rod Mullen, whose work with the Amity Foundation in the US will be of keen interest to all delegates.



Naya Arbiter began her work at Amity (USA) in 1981 and has been responsible for the total transformation of this organisation and its recognition nationally and internationally as one of the most innovative and effective. She has

developed restorative paradigms for those marginalised through addiction, poverty, racism, sexism, trauma, and violence. She has been recognised for the development of pro-social strategies for people that represent populations that have confounded the mainstream; her efforts in prisons have evidenced the highest recidivism reduction with the most criminogenic population ever studied.

Rod Mullen began his work in therapeutic communities in 1967, when he was a non-resident member of Synanon, shortly after graduating from the University of California, Berkeley.



In 1968 he moved into Synanon, serving over the next twelve years in a variety of positions—Director of several of Synanon's facilities in California, as well as its in-house school. He joined his wife, Naya Arbiter, at Amity in 1982, and together they built what had been a small, troubled non-profit organisation into one respected both nationally and internationally. Rod served as Chief Executive Officer for thirty-four years and is currently serving as Amity's President.



The program on Tuesday will also include **Gino Vumbaca**, who is the President and Co-Founder of Harm Reduction Australia. He is also a Director of Justice Reinvestment NSW, and it is in this capacity that Gino will be presenting at the conference.

His presentation will set the scene for the Wednesday's **Focus on Restorative Practices**.

We are also calling for your oral presentations, posters, seminars, yarning circles and table top presentations, which will be included into the Tuesday and Thursday conference program. The Call for Abstracts is included in this newsletter and can also be found on the Conference website at <http://www.atca2019.com.au/call-for-abstracts/>.

If you have a story, message, innovation or anecdote to share, then we strongly encourage and invite you to share your work and ideas with us.

Focus on Restorative Practices

Wednesday 30th October will provide delegates with a special opportunity to **Focus on Restorative Practices**, with presentations from key speakers working with clients within the justice system and in partnership to provide options that provide clients and participants with the chance of restoring hope.

Wednesday's presenters include: **Professor Rick Sarre**, who is Professor and Dean of Law in the School of Law, University of South Australia, having taught law and criminology in four countries for over thirty years.



He has degrees in law and criminology from Adelaide, Toronto, and Canberra, and an honorary doctorate from Umeå University, Sweden. He is a Fellow of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology, and sits on the management committee of Restorative Practices International (South Australia).



Matua Rāwiri Pene (Ngā Puhi, Tainui) is the AODT Courts' Pou Oranga (the Courts' tikanga cultural adviser and recovery role model – an innovation of the AODT Courts in Aotearoa). Rā brings his extensive lived experience of

recovery with his knowledge of Te Reo Māori me ona Tikanga to the role. He has worked in the addiction field as a clinical and cultural facilitator, practitioner and adviser for many years. Currently Rā also works for Higher Ground/Papa Taumata in Te Atatu, Auckland.



Leigh Garrett is the Chief Executive Officer of OARS Community Transitions and the Centre for Restorative Justice. Leigh commenced work with OARS SA in January 1994. OARS is well known for its work in providing homelessness support,

advocacy, counselling, and drug and alcohol treatment for offenders, those at risk of offending, and their families. In 2010 the new business name OARS Community Transitions was created, reflecting the importance of transition points in people's lives and the risks associated with this.

In 1997 Leigh established the Centre for Restorative Justice in SA. The Centre works in courts, schools and businesses to assist in repairing the harm associated with crime and poor behaviour and

bullying in schools and workplaces. Leigh also served as Deputy Chair of the Ministerial Housing Advisory Committee to the South Australian Government.



Matt Wilson is the Statewide Program Manager of the Family Drug Treatment Court in Victoria. Matt has an extensive professional history of more than 20 years across the child and

family welfare sector in a range of statutory, non-statutory, clinical, leadership and managerial roles. With a particular interest in addiction, Matt's professional passion is for the delivery of innovative systemic responses to complex problems impacting on children, parents and familial systems through driving proactive and creative practice.

The **Family Drug Treatment Court** (FDTC) is the only court of its kind in Australia and has been operating within the Family Division of the Children's Court of Victoria since 2014. Established to enable the Children's Court of Victoria to respond in a far more effective way to the increasing prevalence and complexity of parental alcohol and drug use in child protection applications coming before the court, the FDTC has now assisted in excess of 150 parent participants.

Findings from two independent evaluations of the FDTC indicate significant advantages over traditional adversarial court approaches to the complexity of parental substance use, with demonstrably more effective, efficient and sustainable outcomes with respect to family reunification being achieved by the FDTC in this context.

Amanda Lambden has been a Solicitor and Barrister for over 20 years, specialising in criminal defence in South Australia and the Northern Territory.



Amanda graduated Law in 1996 at Flinders University and in 1997 she completed GDLP with the University of South Australia. Throughout her career, Amanda has worked with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and their communities. She has also spent her career working with youth

and those with impaired capacity (as a result of mental impairment and addiction).

Amanda gained employment in 1998 with Katherine Regional Aboriginal Legal Aid Service (KRALIS) in the Northern Territory where she spent time working with Indigenous communities and in bush courts. From 1999 - 2000, Amanda worked for Legal Services Commission in South Australia. Following this, she then worked as a Solicitor for Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM) to November 2007, working as the Criminal Practice Manager from 2007.

Amanda then started her own practice in 2008, specialising in criminal defence. Her experience includes representation of accused persons in all general criminal law, at all stages of proceedings; appearing before the Court of Criminal Appeal, Supreme Court, District Court, Magistrates Court and Youth Court, along with specialist courts including the Treatment Intervention Court, Nunga Court, Family Violence Court, Early Resolution Court, and Section 269 Court. In 2017 Amanda returned as Criminal Practice Director for Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement. She is currently working in this position today.

Early Bird Registrations for this year's conference are now open!

<http://www.atca2019.com.au/registration/>

Monday 28 October

Site visits to ATCA member services (delegates choose 1 of 3 tours):

1. Footsteps – Road to Recovery (Port Augusta)
2. The Woolshed and Teen Challenge
3. Uniting Communities and ADAC

Tuesday 29 October

- Conference sessions begin
- Chair's reception

Wednesday 30 October

- **A Focus on Restorative Practices** – This day will focus on the ways in which we work with clients within the criminal justice system – TCs in prison, Drug Courts in Australia and New Zealand, Circle Sentencing and diversionary programs – both in sentencing and post release.
- ATCA Awards Dinner

Thursday 31 October

- Conference sessions continue
- Closing ceremony

Friday 1 November

- Professional Development Workshops

2019 Training Courses commenced

Workforce Development training for 2019 has commenced in Melbourne, with 25 people enrolled in this year's first intake. The course is taking place in Odyssey House in Lower Plenty, thereby providing participants with the opportunity to observe a working TC in action.



A further course will commence in Sydney in July, with the first block of training taking place at WHOS, Rozelle on **Monday 8, Tuesday 9, and Wednesday 10 July**

and followed by the second block on **Wednesday 7, Thursday 8, and Friday 9 August**. Participants are reminded that both Block 1 and 2 must be completed, together with a number of assessment tasks, in order to be awarded the Therapeutic Communities Training Certificate.

We are also delighted to announce further training to take place in Perth – after Cyrenian House CEO, Carol Daws, was successful in gaining funding for 60 training places through the WA Mental Health Commission (MHC). Funding for these places is available for participants from Cyrenian House, including Serenity Lodge and the Wandoo Women's Prison TC, Palmerston, Yaandina (Turner River) and Hope Community Services.

Participants from other services are also invited to take part in this training, but will not be covered by the MHC funding.



Training in Perth will take place at Cyrenian House, with the first block taking place on **Monday 8, Tuesday 9, and Wednesday 10 July** and followed by the second training block

on Monday 12, Tuesday 13, and Wednesday 14 August.

To apply for a place in the Sydney or Perth training please fill in the application form on Survey Monkey here

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/986Y5PR>

You will be asked to nominate which venue (Sydney or Perth) is preferred.

The course fees have been held at \$962.50 inc. GST.

For more information, please contact

Executive Officer,

Dr Lynne Magor-Blatch at atca@atca.com.au

Over 100 participants graduate from TC Training Courses across Australia

Over the past few weeks, graduation certificates have been released and ceremonies have taken place across Australia, as more than 100 TC Training Course participants have fulfilled all requirements of the training course.



Some of the Odyssey House Victoria TC Course Graduates

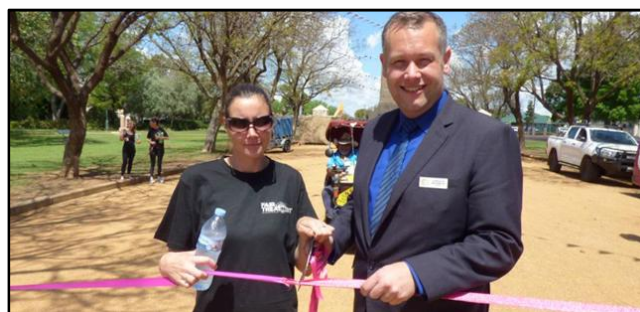
Many others are working on the final requirements of the course – which includes four written assessment tasks, completion of a Cultural Competency module and 40 hours practicum. While course participants who have worked within a TC for a minimum of five years can apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) from the practicum, a number of participants have chosen to undertake the

practicum in another area to their usual working role, in order to expand their skills.

We congratulate all graduates – and look forward to further graduations over the coming months – with a special mention at the October ATCA Conference – ATCA2019 : *The Future is Today* in Adelaide. It is hoped that all Graduates can be present at the Conference.

Half a Million Steps opens in Sydney

The Premiere Screening of the documentary, *Half A Million Steps*, took place on Thursday 13 June at the Palace Chauvel Cinema, in Paddington.



In April 2016, the Synod of the Uniting Church of NSW and ACT passed a vote to campaign for drug law reform and enhanced access to treatment and harm reduction services in NSW and ACT. As part of this resolution, Uniting embarked on a series of events in 2018 to engage target audiences. These included the launch of the Fair Treatment campaign with Sir Richard Branson, and a 400km walk, which culminated in a petition of 7,000 signatures, collected along the route, being presented to the NSW Government.

The Long Walk to Treatment raised awareness of the lack of services in regional NSW. It takes half a million steps to walk from Dubbo to Sydney – the distance a person in regional New South Wales may have to travel just to reach the drug treatment they need. This can be a long and lonely road to recovery.

Step by step, participants walked from Dubbo to Sydney to deliver a letter signed by people across NSW to bring care closer to home. Along the way, stories and signatures were gathered to support the cause with one purpose: making sure that all Australians can access the care they need. These stories and the walk have been collected in a powerful documentary called 'Half a Million Steps'.



Australia

Project Manager AOD Services NSW, ACT and Qld

- 12 Month Maximum Term
- Full-Time Position
- Redfern Location

About The Role:

This position is responsible for managing a variety of projects and for supporting the delivery of all AOD services within NSW / ACT & QLD, and specifically:

- Supporting the state manager to provide operational and service support to all AOD managers – including mentoring and staff development to ensure high quality services are maintained
- Implementing the National Alcohol and Other Drugs Model and associated Frameworks on a local level
- Maintaining Data integrity and quality Service delivery across all AOD services
- Being a leading presence in the sector to promote and advocate the needs of people seeking services from The Salvation Army.
- Ensuring best practice service delivery.

To view the responsibilities of this role, a full position description can be downloaded below

Role Requirements:

- Actively promote the Vision, Mission and Values of the Salvation Army
- Project development and implementation experience in social and community services programs including AOD
- Ability to support staff and services undergoing change
- Experience in active membership in community or sector bodies within the AOD sector
- Degree qualification in social work, welfare, community development or related field and extensive management experience.
- Degree qualification in business or equivalent business management experience
- A national police record check is required
- A Working with Children Check is required
- A valid NSW driver's license is required

To apply for the position please submit your resume and cover letter via the '[apply now](#)' link.

Closing date for applications is **5 July 2019**

The Salvation Army is a Child Safe Organisation. All child facing roles will require the successful completion of a Working with Children Check.

Applications for all other roles require a mandatory National Police Check.

Counsellor wanted for Residential Rehabilitation Centre

The Farm Galong - Galong NSW

A Counsellor is required for an exciting new role to help in the development of a new Therapeutic Community for women. The role will involve four hours face to face counselling per week as well as day to day participation and assessment in the Therapeutic Community model.

Contract rate: Negotiable subject to experience – contract role

Hours: 2 days per week including overnight and four hours individual counselling.

Location: Galong is a small village located an hour and a half's drive from Canberra in the Hilltops region of NSW.

The Farm in Galong: We are a residential facility for women who have exited rehabilitation centres and wish to consolidate their recovery.

An experienced counsellor preferably with a minimum of 5 years working with women in the areas of trauma, addiction, mood disorders, family therapy and anxiety is required. The women will be from a range of backgrounds and will have completed rehabilitation and now seek to further their recovery through the program based on the Therapeutic Community model of treatment at The Farm in Galong.

This will be a contract role and would suit someone who is willing to stay overnight.

This is an exciting opportunity to contribute to the start-up of this new venture supporting women to positively change their lives.

Start date: July/August 2019

Term: 3-6 months with possibility to extend.

Essential Criteria

- Full membership of an appropriate professional association
- Previous group facilitation experience
- Experience working with trauma, drug and alcohol addiction and family therapy
- Demonstrated effective verbal and written communication skills
- Demonstrated sound clinical skills
- Ability to work in a multi-disciplinary team
- Well-developed interpersonal skills
- Current Working with Children Check & Police Clearance.
- Current Insurance required including Professional Indemnity Insurance.

Desirable Criteria

- Training in DBT and/or EMDR.
- Strong clinical skills and interest in working in an emerging new venture.
- Experience with the Therapeutic Communities method of addiction treatment.

Applications close on the 25th June 2019.

Interested candidates please contact Kate on 0404 112 428 or katecleary04@gmail.com



Call for Abstracts!

The 2019 Conference Advisory Committee invites the submission of abstracts for Oral Presentations, Posters, Seminars, Yarning Circles and Table Top Presentations for this year's conference:

ATCA 2019: The Future is Today

The closing date for all submissions is Monday 26th August 2019.

ATCA recognises that not all innovation comes from research but from the need to tackle a persistent problem, using creativity, imagination and ingenuity. If you have a story, message, innovation or anecdote to share, then we strongly encourage and invite you to share your work and ideas with us.

Conference Themes include:

- **Treatment practice:** Partnerships for new ideas and new initiatives
- **Cultural partnerships:** working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, Māori and Pasifika peoples
- **Family and Child Aware Practice:** Whilst the AOD sector is well aware of the impact of co-occurring issues on clients – these have traditionally been perceived through interventions focussed on the individual. Presentations will highlight the importance of relationships between client and family members to treatment outcomes, and the health and wellbeing of the family, and particularly children
- **Continuing care:** Re-thinking community partnerships beyond the walls of residential treatment
- **The Justice System:** Working collaboratively with our partners in the justice system, with a special focus on Restorative Practices, Drug Court and TCs in Prisons
- **Stigma and Discrimination:** Stigma and discrimination can change the way people think of themselves. Presentations will focus on creative, innovative and successful ways you have worked to address these issues for people in your services – including those with disabilities

All submissions will undergo blind review by reviewers appointed by the Conference Advisory Committee.

Applications will be assessed on the following criteria:

- The relevance of the abstract to the themes
- The validity of the evidence on which the presentation is based
- The implications for practitioners implementing the findings
- The relevance of innovative programs to other practitioners in the field.

Presenters are required to register for the Australasian Therapeutic Communities Conference.

Presentation Types:

Oral Presentation: These will take place in chaired sessions and are 15 minutes in length plus 5 minutes question time.

Poster display: poster presentations are visual displays used to communicate a message i.e. research findings, program highlights, etc. Poster presenters will be provided with maximum coverage through dedicated poster sessions during which time presenters are required to stand by their posters. This provides an intimate forum for the exchange of information by allowing more personal discussion between presenter and audience. Posters may be in a traditional format, or as a sort powerpoint presentation on a continuous loop on the presenter's own laptop.

Seminar: Several presenters are encouraged to submit a group of abstracts on a specific topic and share a 90-minute presentation time as they explore the topic in depth. These sessions will be led by a facilitator.

Yarning Circle: The Circle will be permanently accessible as a Cultural Space as well as having times for organised sessions during the conference gathering. These sessions will be led by a main presenter, or group of presenters, and be approximately one hour in duration with the opportunity for multiple speakers on given themes.

Yarning is an informal conversation that is culturally friendly and recognised by Aboriginal people as meaning to talk about something, someone or provide and receive information (Dawn Bessarab, 2012). In our conference context, it is a place where all people can have a casual or deep conversation about something or anything. The truth is always spoken in a yarning circle. Yarning circles are designed so that everyone has an opportunity to contribute in a safe and respectful setting. Our yarning circle will have a few main speakers to lead discussion however, all attendees are encouraged to participate in the conversation if they feel comfortable.

Table Top Presentations: Participants wishing to submit an abstract for a table top presentation should read the information below regarding table tops as many people may not be familiar with this newer style of presenting which encourages and promotes greater networking opportunities (see over page).

**CLOSING DATE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS IS
Monday 26th August 2019, using the attached Abstract form.**

Confirmation of submission:

Immediately following successful submission, confirmation will be sent via email.

Abstract review notification:

Abstract review notification, program scheduling and allocated presentation format will be communicated to the corresponding authors email address by Monday 30th September 2019.

Please note: the nominated lead author will be the person with whom we communicate the outcome, and they should in turn distribute information to any/all co-presenters.

Information about Table Top Presentations

Description

Table tops act as a pathway for networking and sharing of information directly with delegates in an interactive setting. Table Tops involve multiple presenters, with each presenter at a round table of up-to 9 participants.

Presentations will be a total of 10 minutes' duration, with five minutes to present, and five minutes for extension, adaptation or discussion of the presentation.

How it works

The room will hold up to 10 tables each with a table number allocated. Each table will have seats for up to 9 delegates and 1 speaker. Each speaker will sit at a seat marked with a 'reserved for table top speaker' sign. There will be a maximum of 10 presenters in each session.

The initial table you sit at is based on the number allocated by your name in the Conference Program. Each presentation has been allocated 10 minutes. It is up to you how you wish to divide your 10 minutes between presenting and discussion time. Once your 10 minutes is up, music will start playing and you will need to move to the next table number then repeat your presentation.

If you are located on Table 10, you move to Table 1 and continue. Presenters will present approximately 6 to 7 times during a session. Only 1 speaker is able to present a table top. Dual presenters are not permitted.

What to Bring

What you bring with you needs to be easily moved from table to table in a short amount of time. We encourage all presenters to provide visual aids such as folders, promotional material, handouts etc.

If you are using an electronic device, it will need to be cable free and have full charge. Power points will not be available to charge devices before, during or after the session. No cabling can be used during the session for the safety of presenters and delegates.

It is recommended that business cards are readily made available by speakers for delegates. Remember that your presentation should be short, engaging and interactive.



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