



Alcohol, Tobacco & other
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MEDIA ALERT

Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drugs Conference

7 May 2014

The Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drugs Conference held at the Hotel Grand Chancellor in Hobart concludes on Thursday 8 May.

The theme of the conference is Visions and Values: Setting the scene for the future.

Over 150 delegates will hear from a number of eminent local, national and international speakers.

The conference will be facilitated by **Professor Steve Allsop** the Director of the National Drug Research Institute at Curtin University and Director of the World Health Organisation Collaborating Centre for the Prevention of Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

Day two highlights include:

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| 9:10am | Plenary Address from Professor Carla Treloar , Deputy Director of the Centre for Social Research in Health from the University of New South Wales, about the role of 'trust' in staff to client interactions, particularly in settings such as needle and syringe programs and opiate substitution clinics. |
| 10:00am | Plenary Address from Brad Pearce from the Victorian Alcohol and Drug Association outlining some of the impacts of reform within the Victorian Alcohol and Drug sector. |
| 1:30pm | Plenary Address by Professor Sharon Dawe , Research Professor from the Australian Centre for Child Protection from the University of South Australia and Griffith University, exploring whether maternal substance abuse leads to poor child outcomes. |
| 2:30pm | A panel session to consider raising the drinking age to 21 within Australia to address the social and health issues associated with excessive drinking and intoxication amongst young people. Panel members include David Perez , CEO of The Link Youth Health Service, Beau Kilmer , Co-Director, RAND Drug Policy Research Center, USA, Tegan Pearce , Project and Policy Officer from Youth Network of Tasmania and Dr Adrian Reynolds , Clinical Director, Alcohol and Drug Service. |

For more information visit the ATDC Conference 2014 website:

<http://atdc.org.au/conference2014/index.html>

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