Achievements

2023-24

Sector Development

Regional Area Member Meetings

131 Attendees | **3** Meetings

Networking Events

158 Attendees | **6** Events

Trauma Training

85 Attendees | **3** Sessions

Being the ATOD sector experts

- Stable and strong membership base, includes 30 organisations across Tasmania that provide alcohol and other drug services
- Two CEO Leadership Group meetings, attended by >80% of member organisations
- ATDC 2024 Workforce survey answered by over 200 respondents

Leadership and representation

- ATDC represents members on 21 committees and working groups
- Annual Budget Priority statement submitted to Treasury in October 2023
- The ATDC 2024 Election Statement was distributed to candidates and complemented by two media releases and extensive media coverage (ATDC appeared six times during the campaign period).
- The ATDC has been strongly advocating for 5 year funding agreements with adequate indexation and the sustainability of Peer Worker funding beyond the current two-year grants round, which ends in the 2024/25 financial year.

> "Indexation is a critical issue for your sector... we are also moving to five year contracts beyond electoral cycles, and I believe this... will give the sector funding assurance, sustainability and the flexibility it needs moving forward."
>
> **- Premier Jeremy Rockliff (16 February, 2023)**

ATDC Public Polling

Research conducted in Tasmania in February 2024 by EMRS found Tasmanians supported the shift to a decriminalisation model similar to that in the ACT and Queensland where people are diverted from the criminal system towards an alcohol and other drug service system.

of Tasmanians (65%) support implementing drug checking at designated sites to help people identify the substance and its potency.

IOAD 2023

International Overdose Awareness Day

180 attendees	**10** LEAs involved across the state	**10,000** sheets of origami paper distributed
36 organisations represented	**7** elected officials attended	**40** free Naloxone kits given away

Two New Position Papers

1 'Vaping and e-cigarettes'

The ATDC calls for:

- No punitive actions towards, nor criminalisation of the use of vapes/e-cigarettes.
- Increased investment for research into the social and health impacts of use.
- Immediate action to deliver evidence-based harm-reduction education.
- Clear clinical guidelines for ATOD client-centred treatment services.

2 'Funding Sustainability for the Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drugs Sector'

The ATDC calls for:

- Five-year funding contracts with adequate indexation and minimum 6-month renewal notices.
- An agreed 'bed-rate' for residential rehabilitation services.
- Immediate increased investment in the community managed ATOD sector.
- A long term investment plan to reduce ATOD-related harm across Tasmania.
- Ongoing long-term funding for ATOD peer workers in Tasmanian ATOD services.

The Honourable Guy Barnett and Dr Jackie Hallam (CEO) at the Launch of the Tasmanian Drug Strategy in May 2024.

ATDC Board Members

- Damian Collins
- Penny Chugg
- Professor Greg Peterson
- Emily Chase
- Mark Mason
- Narelle Howell
- Dr Amy Peacock

Overall Member satisfaction rating of **8.8 / 10** 2023-24

ATDC Performance Report 2023-24

- **91%** of respondents agreed addressing stigma was very important.
- **100%** of respondents thought that ATDC is connected to its members.
- **100%** of respondents thought ATDC resources provided to members were relevant, current and high quality.
- **100%** of respondents agreed advocating for increased investment is a priority.

ATDC BUS TOURS

97% satisfaction rating

LIVED EXPERIENCE ADVOCATES

LEA participation and impact across 2023-24

- **37 active LEAs**
- **11 newly inducted LEAs under 25 years old**
- **290 roles fulfilled**
- **Total of 968 hours dedicated**
- **Role types included:**
  - Selection Panels
  - Media Engagements
  - Document Review
  - Working Groups
  - Executive Meetings
  - Sector Presentations
  - Training Support
  - Professional Development and,
  - systemic advocacy (e.g. collective written responses).

ATDC is a great advocate for their members and people with lived and living experience. I find the LEA Service extremely valuable on a professional and personal level.

- ATDC Member

LEA professional development

- **2023 APSAD Conference (Adelaide)**
- **AIVL Conference (Melbourne)**
- **NUAA Consumers Conference (Sydney)**
- **6 Community of Practice meetings**
- **1 self-determined campaign - 'Tasmanians with Substance'**

ATDC in the media

- **29** Print articles (including digital)
- **19** Radio segments
- **3** Television interviews

51 total media pieces

1 media appearance per week on average

> Given the restrictive resourcing, ATDC performs well above expectation. A Peak Body that truly listens to and advocates for its members. - ATDC Member

Cultivating and Sustaining Partnerships

- The ATDC has worked with the Drug Education Network to expand the reach and impact of International Overdose Awareness Day.
- Collaborated with the AOD Reform Team to conduct consultations and to deliver breakfast networking sessions across the state.
- Partnered with UTAS to deliver the most comprehensive workforce survey to date.

ATDC 2023-24 Staff

- Dr Jackie Hallam
- Gregory Taylor
- Claire Ripper
- Ella van Emmerik
- Shanthini Gurung
- Daniel Vautin
- Ruzina Dahal
- Kyle Perry
- Ann Jones

After 5 years as ATDC's CEO, Alison Lai moved to her new position as Cancer Council's CEO in September 2023. We miss you Ali!

We gratefully acknowledge the financial support from the Tasmanian Government, as well as the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing. We could not have accomplished these achievements without the support of our members who contribute to our work. The depth of their engagement is a signal of the strength of the Tasmanian alcohol, tobacco and other drugs sector. We especially acknowledge the people who access alcohol, tobacco and other drug services and the committed workforce who work with them every day.

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