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Australasian Therapeutic Communities Association 2017 Conference
Innovation: Enhancing the TC Model

AUSTRALASIAN THERAPEUTIC COMMUNITIES ASSOCIATION

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AWARDS INFORMATION**

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Introduction

The Australasian Therapeutic Communities Association (ATCA) was established in 1986 to promote and enhance the service delivery of its members, and working within a continuum of care model, to provide vital services to the community. As an association, ATCA provides leadership to the residential AOD sector in Australia and New Zealand, and is primarily concerned with continual quality improvement and standards of healthcare, workforce development and capacity building.

Within this context, ATCA awards have been established to recognise and honour the contribution of individuals and programs to the promotion and ongoing development of the Therapeutic Community (TC) model within an evidence-based framework.

Further information on ATCA and the TCs which make up the membership, can be found on the website at www.atca.com.au

ATCA Awards

ATCA Awards were first introduced in 2008 and each year are presented to individuals and/or organisations that have provided dedicated and innovative leadership, thus enhancing the TC model of treatment for alcohol and other drug issues. These have comprised three categories:

- ATCA Recognition Award
- Significant Contribution Award – Individual
- Significant Contribution Award – Program or Intervention

In 2016, these award categories were expanded with the introduction of two important categories:

- First Nations Innovation and Partnership Award – Organisational Award
- Excellence in Research and Evaluation Award

Awardees in the category of ATCA Recognition Award receive a certificate, presented at the annual ATCA Conference or Symposium.

Winners in other categories will receive an engraved glass trophy, presented at the annual ATCA Conference or Symposium.

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ATCA Award Guidelines

Eligibility

- The awards are only open to current members of ATCA and may include other organisations outside the membership with which ATCA organisational members have partnered
- Nominations should be completed on the appropriate form for each category and all relevant sections of the nomination form(s) should be completed
- Each nomination is restricted to one category
- Should a program be nominated in more than one category by different nominators, clarification will be sought from the nominee as to the category in which they wish their nomination to be judged
- To be eligible for nomination in the **service, program or intervention category**, the service, program or intervention is required to be in operation during the awards period
- To be eligible for nomination in the **individual category**, the individual is required to be employed by the nominating agency/organisation at the time of nomination and when the awards are presented
- Each nomination requires the endorsement of the Director/Chief Executive Officer of the identified agency/organisation and nominee
- Any additional information (attachments) must accompany the appropriate nomination form(s) or be mailed to ATCA at the advertised address and be received by the advertised closing date

Judging

- Nominations will be assessed by a panel of people appointed by the ATCA Board to judge each award
- Awards will be judged according to the criteria outlined for each of the award categories
- More than one award may be granted in each of the main categories, and all eligible nominees for the Recognition Award will be presented with a Certificate of Recognition
- The judging panels also reserve the right to award a Certificate of Commendation for finalists in the Individual and Organisational categories

Terms and Conditions

- No feedback or discussion will be entered into regarding nominations and award results
- Nominations can only be made in one category for an individual, service, program or intervention
- Nominations must address each judging criteria. Applicants that fail to do so will not be considered
- Nominees must agree to be nominated
- All nominations, including any attachments, become the property of the event organisers (ATCA)
- Event organisers reserve the right to publicise all nominations and entrants may be asked to participate in media interviews

ATCA Award Categories

ATCA Recognition Award

This award recognises the individuals who have made a contribution to the Therapeutic Community (TC) movement in Australasia over a period of ten years or more. The goal of this Award is to provide public recognition of the dedicated contribution by individuals to the Therapeutic Community movement, by a staff member or volunteer, including an organisation's Board members.

Awardees receive a certificate presented at the ATCA Conference Gala Dinner event, recognition on the ATCA website and in the following year's Annual Report.

ATCA Individual Award

This award recognises the individuals who have made a significant contribution to the Therapeutic Community (TC) movement in Australasia over a considerable period of time. The goal of the Significant Contribution: Individual Award is to acknowledge and publicly recognise the exceptional work done by people who have worked tirelessly over a number of years to promote and develop the therapeutic community approach to treatment within the sector.

Winners receive an engraved glass trophy, presented at the ATCA Conference Gala Dinner event, recognition on the ATCA website and in the following year's Annual Report.

ATCA Significant Contribution Award

This award recognises an exemplary or commendable contribution to the Therapeutic Community (TC) movement in Australasia made by a program or intervention. Any TC treatment provider or intervention is eligible.

Winners receive an engraved glass trophy, presented at the ATCA Conference Gala Dinner event, recognition on the ATCA website and in the following year's Annual Report.

First Nations Innovation and Partnership Award. Therapeutic Community Movement in Australasia: Organisational Award

This award recognises organisations that have made a contribution to the Therapeutic Community (TC) movement in Australasia by way of innovation and forming Partnerships that make Therapeutic Communities culturally safe and relevant to first nation's people.

The goal of this Award is to provide public recognition for the work undertaken to include first nations peoples in the delivery of Therapeutic Community programs either by way of innovation or the formulation of partnerships that directly benefit First Nations residents.

Winners receive an engraved glass trophy, presented at the ATCA Conference Gala Dinner event, recognition on the ATCA website and in the following year's Annual Report.

Excellence in Research and Evaluation Award

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.

Winners receive a glass trophy, engraved with their name and presented at the ATCA Conference Gala Dinner event, recognition on the ATCA website and in the following year's Annual Report.

2017 Closing date and Nomination information

Nominations for each of the awards should be made on the following nomination forms and submitted by **29 September 2017** to:

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ATCA Award Nomination Forms

Recognition Award: Ten or more years Service to the Therapeutic Community Movement in Australasia: Individual Award

This award recognises the individuals who have made a contribution to the Therapeutic Community (TC) movement in Australasia over a period of **ten years or more**.

The goal of this Award is to provide public recognition of the dedicated contribution by individuals to the Therapeutic Community movement, by a staff member or volunteer. The person may have been employed or volunteered in a variety of capacities and in more than one organisation over this period of time.

I have read and agree to the [Terms and Conditions](#).

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Contact person:
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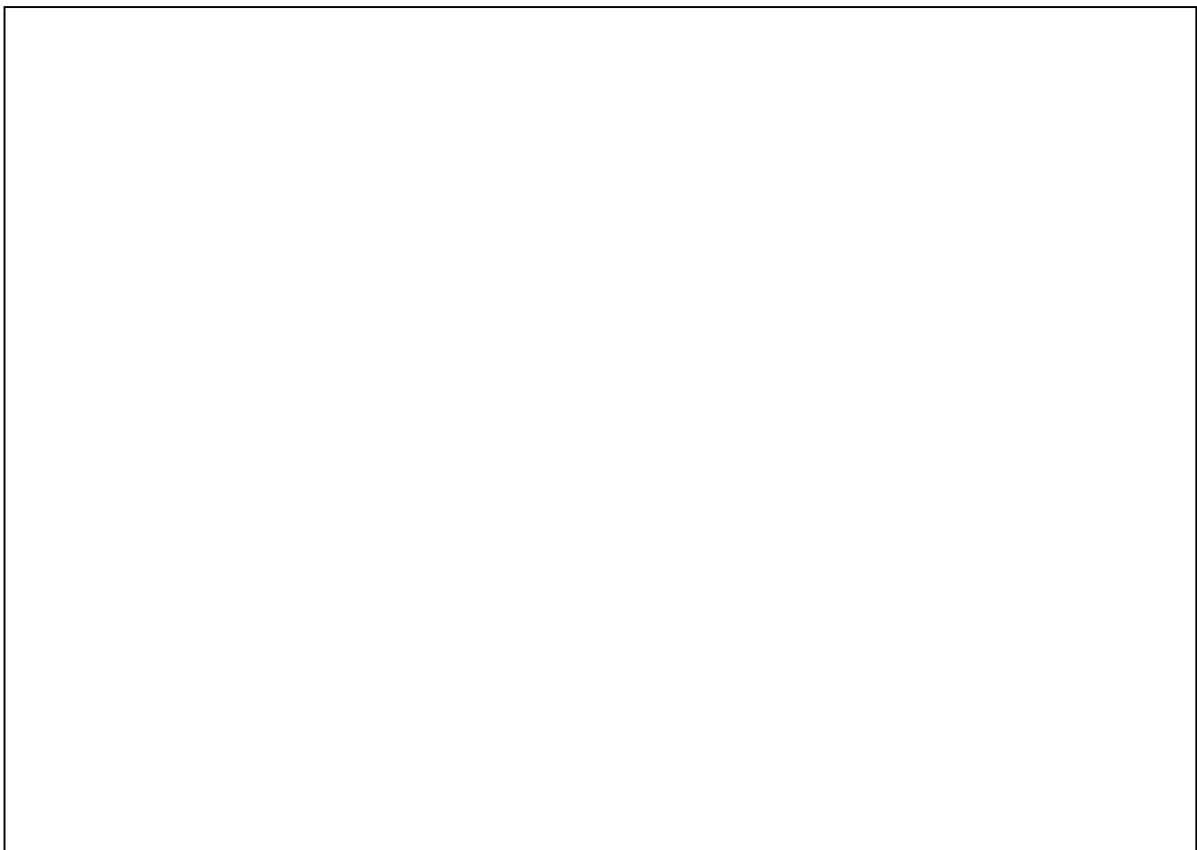
<i>Name of program/s or organisation/s being nominated:</i>
Organisation & person's position within the organisation:
Address:
Town/City/Suburb:
State/Territory/Country:
Phone:
Email:

Criteria:

Please provide details of the person's **role** within your agency:



Please provide details of the person's **contribution** to the TC movement:



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Significant Contribution to the Therapeutic Community Movement in Australasia: Individual Award

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The goal of the *Significant Contribution: Individual Award* is to acknowledge and publicly recognise the exceptional work done by people who have worked tirelessly over a number of years to promote and develop the therapeutic community approach to treatment within the sector.

Please note all fields are mandatory entry for the nomination to be processed.

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Contact person:
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Email:

Name of person being nominated:
Organisation & person's position within the organisation:
Address:
Town/City/Suburb:
State/Territory/Country:
Phone:
Email:

Judging Criteria

Please provide a **brief overview** of the person and the **reasons for your nomination**:

Please provide an overview of the person's **role and achievements** in the field, describing why you believe they should receive this award:

Please provide details of the person's **commitment** to the TC movement and **innovation** in the field:



Please detail how the person has worked within the wider sector to **establish links and integrated services** within the wider community:



Extra Material

Please include the nominee’s Curriculum Vitae in support of your nomination. Other material, including photos or other material (eg. published papers) may also be added or mailed to the address below. Please note any additional material should be received by the advertised closing date.

Attachment 1:
Attachment 2:

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Significant Contribution to the Therapeutic Community Movement in Australasia: Program, Service or Intervention

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Judging criteria — that the program or intervention:

- Is based on current best practice for client care and outcomes in alcohol and other drug treatment in a therapeutic community setting;
- Has been evaluated and found to be effective in reducing or stopping alcohol or other drug use, reducing criminal activity, improving physical and emotional health, improving social functioning, improving psychological functioning and relationships, or making meaningful contributions to the community;
- Is integrated into the alcohol and other drug sector;
- Consults with clients about quality improvement and client satisfaction;
- Has well developed links with the broader community; and
- Provides staff with professional supervision and supports their ongoing development.

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<i>Name of program/s or organisation/s being nominated:</i>
Organisation & person's position within the organisation:
Address:
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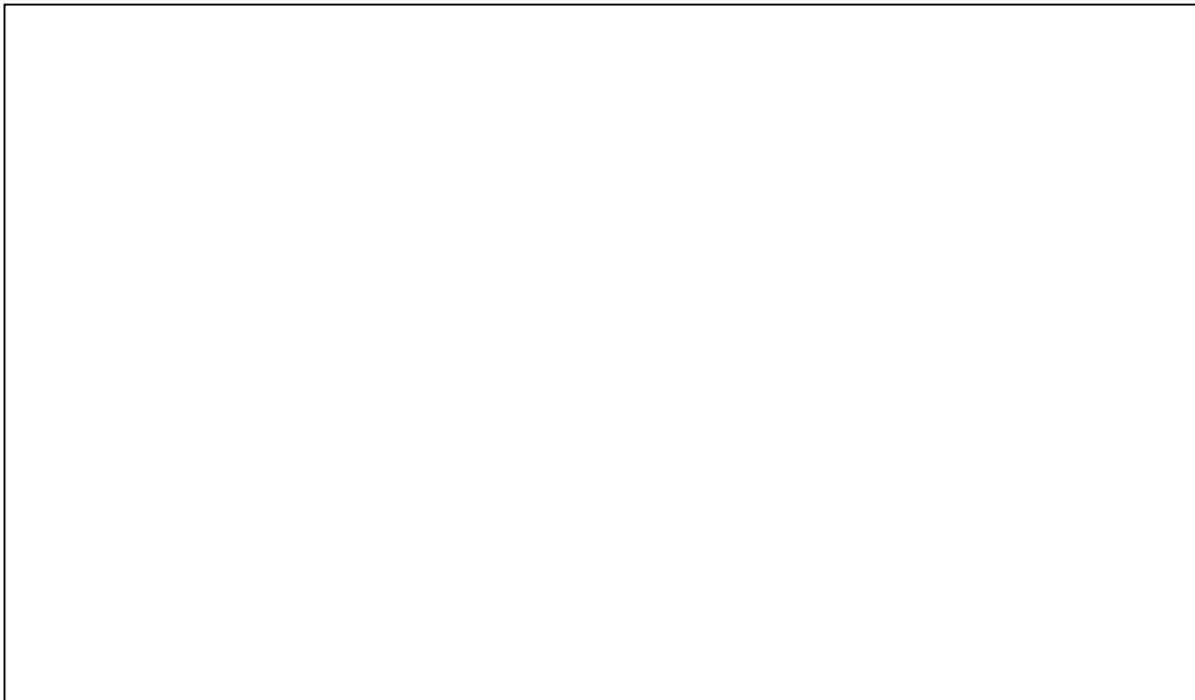
Judging Criteria

Please clearly describe the **program, service or intervention** you are nominating in 50 words or less:

Please detail how the program, service or intervention is based on **current best practice for client care and outcomes** in alcohol and other drug treatment:



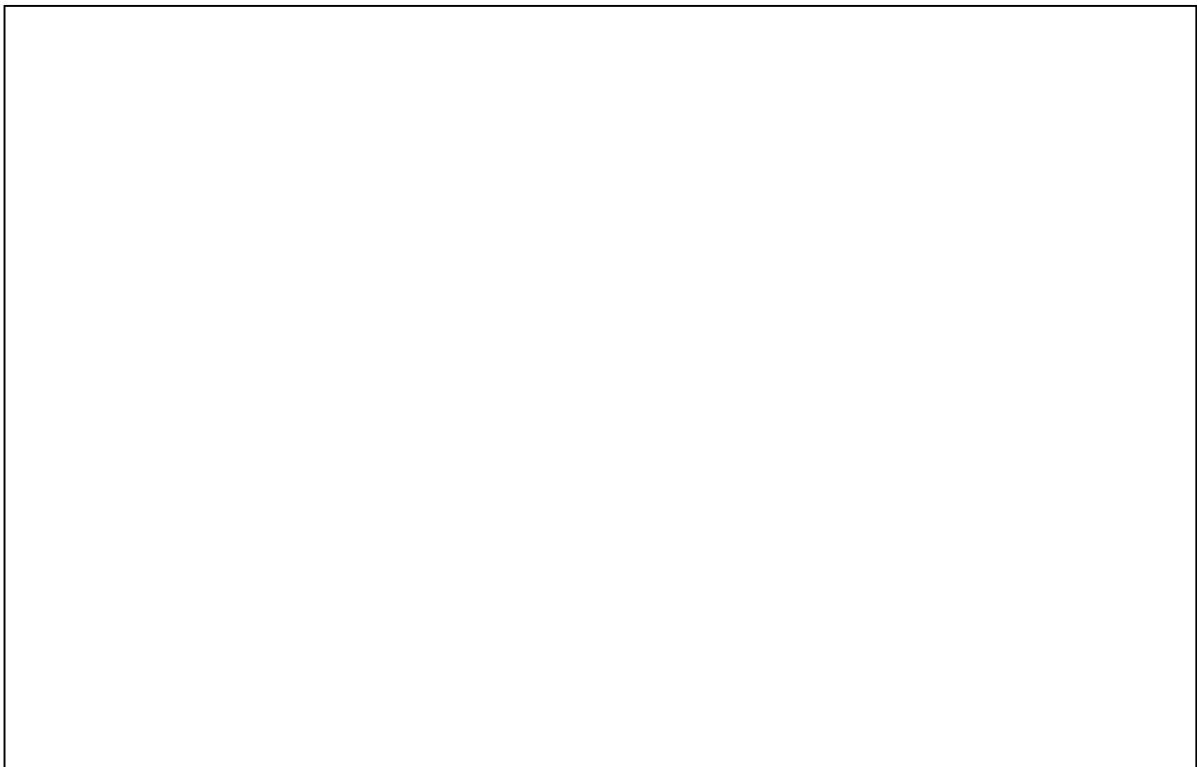
Please detail how the program, service or intervention has been **evaluated** and found to be **effective in reducing or stopping alcohol or other drug use; reducing criminal activity; improving physical and emotional health; improving social functioning; improving psychological functioning and relationships; and/or making meaningful contributions to the community:**



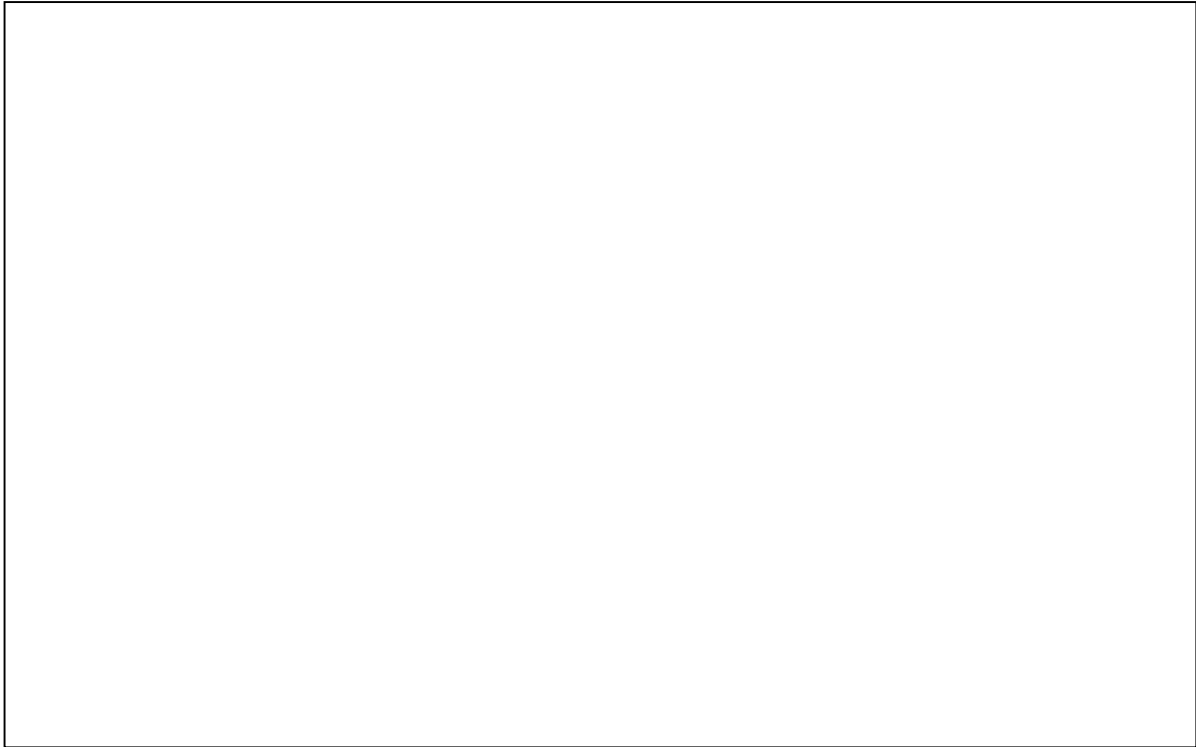
Please detail how the program, service or intervention is **integrated** into the alcohol and other drug sector:

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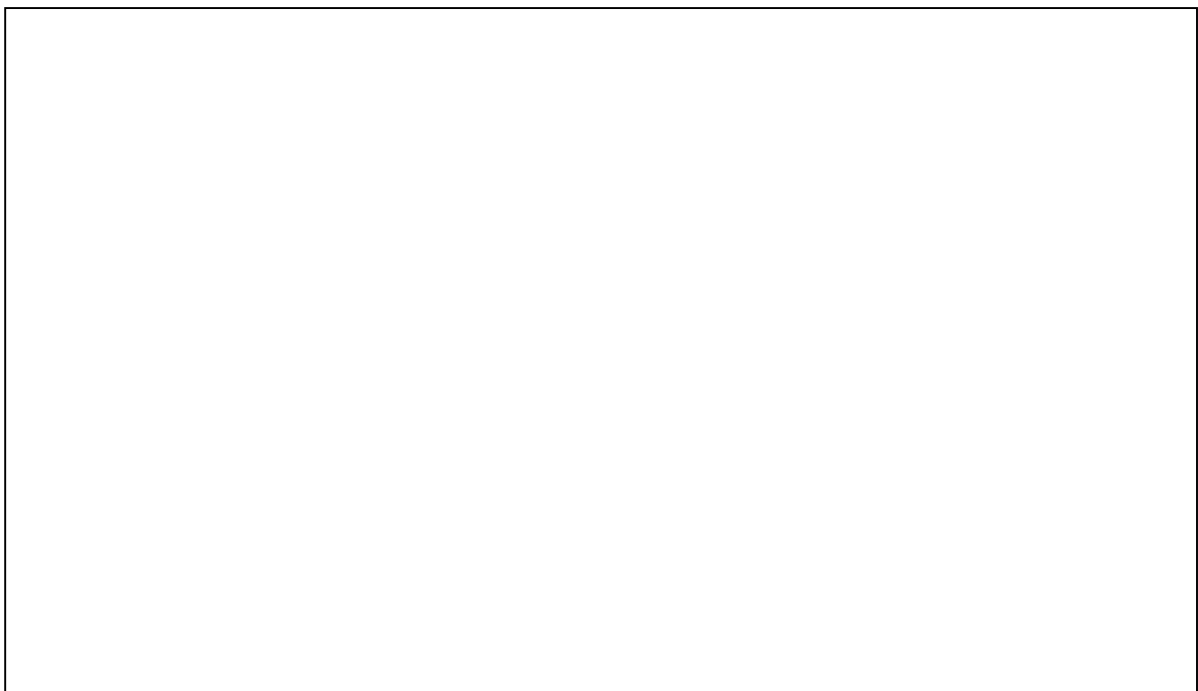
Pease detail how the program, service or intervention consults with clients about quality improvement and client satisfaction:

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Please detail how the program, service or intervention has well developed links with the broader community:

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Please detail how the program, service or intervention provides staff with professional supervision and supports their ongoing development:

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Please provide details of the **benefits** to clients of the innovation or partnership:

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<i>Name of individual, research team or organisation/s being nominated:</i>
Organisation & person(s)/team:
Address:
Town/City/Suburb:
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Judging Criteria

Research Partners, including research institute/universities and ATCA (TC) members:

Details of **research project(s) and summary of achievements** related to the award criteria:

Please detail how the research has contributed to the **TC knowledge and evidence-base:**

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Please list **publications** related to this and other TC/AOD-related research, including peer-reviewed publications:

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