



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

31 OCTOBER 2017 – 3 NOVEMBER 2017 @ Pullman Hotel King George Square, Brisbane

Late Breaking Call for Abstracts!

The 2017 Conference Advisory Committee invites the submission of abstracts for oral presentations, Yarning Circles (first introduced at the 2016 ATCA Gathering in Melbourne), workshops and posters for this year's conference: *Innovation: Enhancing the TC Models*.

The closing date for all submissions is **FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2017**.

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 or anecdote to share, then we strongly encourage and invite you to share your work and ideas with us.

Conference Themes include:

- **TC practice:** Partnerships for new ideas and new initiatives
- **Cultural partnerships:** working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, Māori and Pasifika peoples
- **Working with Families:** Family involvement in treatment, interventions for children affected by parental substance use and associated issues
- **Continuing care:** Re-thinking community partnerships
- **Co-morbidity:** Best practice for people with co-occurring AOD and mental health issues
- **Corrective services and coerced clients:** Working collaboratively with our partners in the justice system
- **Attachment and Trauma:** Interventions and recovery

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 programmes 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.

Participatory workshop: There is the opportunity for half-day workshops on Friday afternoon (3 November) to encourage the interactive transfer of skills and practical solutions to common problems or specific themes.

Project Snapshot: Each project snapshot will be allocated 10-minute oral presentation time with the use of audio-visual equipment if desired and four minutes of questions.

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.

CLOSING DATE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF LATE BREAKING ABSTRACTS IS

FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2017, 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 18 September 2017.

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.



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Please return to abstracts@atca.com.au
Please print or type all information. Please see conference website
for further details.
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TITLE OF PRESENTATION

PRESENTATION TYPE

Oral Presentation <input type="checkbox"/>	Poster Display <input type="checkbox"/>	Participatory Workshop <input type="checkbox"/>
Project Snapshot <input type="checkbox"/>	Seminar <input type="checkbox"/>	Yarning Circle <input type="checkbox"/>

CONFERENCE THEME

AUTHORS

Name		Organisation
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Contact details of Lead Author		
Name		Email

ABSTRACT (Maximum 250 words)

BIOGRAPHY (100 words)

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS (eg., Maximum numbers, room set-up,
equipment etc.)**