

ATCA CONFERENCE PROGRAM: TUESDAY 31 OCTOBER 2017

Site Visit Tour 1	Site Visit Tour 2	Site Visit Tour 3
The Gold Coast - Goldbridge Therapeutic Community and Fairhaven Please assemble in Hotel Lobby by 8am for departure at 8.30am	The Sunshine Coast – WHOS Najara Please assemble in Hotel Lobby by 9am for departure at 9.30am	Brisbane – Logan House and Moonyah Recovery Services Please assemble in Hotel Lobby by 8.30am for departure at 9am

ATCA CONFERENCE PROGRAM: WEDNESDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2017

8.30am – 9.00am	REGISTRATION AND TEA/COFFEE		
9.00am – 9.30am	Session Chair: ATCA Chair, Garth Popple	Welcome to Country: Turrbal elder Aunty Cheryl Thompson Didgeridoo performance: Gurramin	
9.30am – 9.40am		Welcome to conference Introduction of the Advisory Committee	
9.40am – 10.00am		Official Opening: TBA Launch of 31 st Annual Conference	
10.00am – 11.00am		Keynote Address Chris Shipway, Director – Primary Care & Chronic Services, Agency for Clinical Innovation:	
11.00am – 11.20am	MORNING TEA		
11.25am – 12.25pm	Keynote Address Session Chair: Bernice Smith	Robert Henderson: Wiradjuri Observations	
12.30pm – 1.30pm	LUNCH		
	Seminar Session Chair: Julie Fox	Presentations 1: Continuing Care Session Chair: Garth Popple	Presentations 2: Corrective Services & Coerced clients Session Chair: Gerard Byrne
1.35pm – 2.00pm	Leader: Rachel Ham Discussion Topic:	Michelle Tziarkas: Odyssey House “Taking it to the streets” – Continuing care: rethinking community partnerships	Ed Kitchin: Implementing Prison Based AOD interventions – A Participant Perspective
2.00pm – 2.25pm		Clare Davies & Richard Price: The Windana Aftercare Program: Offering people choices to take their lives in a new direction	Gert Volschenk: Working with Corrections in the community – Our experience Setting up 2 x 8-week day programs in New Zealand.

2.25pm – 2.50pm		Carolyn Stublely: Rethinking Withdrawal Management within Therapeutic Community Programs – WHOS (We Help Ourselves)	Dominique de Andrade & Leanne Hides: Reviewing the Evidence: Substance Use and Recidivism Outcomes for Prison-Based Therapeutic Communities
2.50pm – 3.15pm		Mark Butler: Wellbeing and coping strategies of TC workers: A qualitative study.	Fiona Trevelyan: The AOD Treatment Court - 5 years on
3.15pm – 3.30pm	AFTERNOON TEA		
3.30pm – 5.15pm	Innovations in Clinical Treatment Innovation Session Chair: Trevor Hallewell	Dr Stefan Gruenert, CEO Odyssey Victoria <i>Supporting Children and Parents within and beyond the TC</i> Dr Lynne Magor-Blatch, ATCA Executive Officer & Honorary Principal Fellow, UoW: <i>The Impact of Trauma Over Time: Working with the wounded self</i>	
5.15pm – 5.45pm	ATCA Chair's reception		
5.45pm	ATCA AGM		

ATCA CONFERENCE PROGRAM: THURSDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2017

8.30am – 9.00am REGISTRATION AND TEA/COFFEE			
9.00am – 9.15am	Session Chair – Lynne Magor-Blatch	Day 2 Opening & Notices. Introduction of elected ATCA Board: Reflections on ATCA achievements	
9.15am – 10.15am	James A. Pitts Oration Session Chair: Julie Babineau	Professor Jan Copeland, Director, Cannabis Information and Support <i>Therapeutic Communities in the 21st Century: Reflections and refractions</i>	
10.15am – 10.35am MORNING TEA			
10.35am – 1.00pm	Innovation in Research Session Chair: Mitchell Giles	Prof Michael Farrell, Director National Drug & Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC), University NSW: <i>Crystal Methamphetamine and other emerging drugs: Assessing the Trends and Shaping an evidence based response</i> Prof Frank Deane, Director, Illawarra Institute for Mental Health, University of Wollongong: <i>Social capital, mental health and outcomes following residential treatment for substance abuse</i> Prof Leanne Hides, NHMRC Senior Research Fellow, Lives Lived Well Professor of Alcohol, Drugs & Mental Health, University of Queensland: <i>Innovations in the residential treatment of substance dependence</i>	
1.00pm – 2.00pm LUNCH			
	Cracker Barrel Session Session Chair: Barry Evans	Presentations 1: Comorbidity Session Chair: Mark Ferry	Presentations 2: TC Practice Session Chair: Charlie Blatch
2.00pm – 2.25pm	The Cracker Barrel session restores a tradition that was imported from the USA by Milton Luger, the first CEO of Odyssey House NSW. The sessions imitate the American frontier practice of sitting around a 'barrel of crackers' and sharing stories. Cracker Barrel sessions at ATCA Conferences follow the tradition but instead of 'crackers' being drawn from the barrel we draw out questions for discussion and the sharing of solutions in the tradition of 'Community as Method'.	Alesha Wythes: PALM's practice for young people with co-occurring AOD and mental health issues	Gerard Byrne: What treatment looks like in our TCs in 2017
2.25pm – 2.50pm		Gavin Watts: Using technology to support the delivery of services in a TC	Lynne Magor-Blatch: Working with complex clients – a practical application for trauma work
2.50pm – 3.15pm AFTERNOON TEA			

	Yarning Circle Session Chair: Carole Taylor	Presentations 1: Cultural Partnerships: Yarning Circle Session Chair: Johnny Dow	Presentations 2: TC Practice Session Chair: Trevor Hallewell
3.15pm – 3.40pm	Leader: Lee Griggs & Carol Rowe Discussion Topic: Moving on: Cultural partnerships	Donna Blair & Waylyn Tahuri-Whaipakanga: TE ARA TIATIA – A positive pathway	Sarah Etter: Innovations within a Women Specific Therapeutic Community – WHOS New Beginnings
3.40pm – 4.05pm			Michael Foster & Zeke Webb-Pullman: The Recovery Project: Personal Growth and Healing – Drama Project at Goldbridge
4.05pm – 4.30pm	Leader: David Dryden Discussion Topic: History from a Yorta Yorta man	Rawiri Pene & Kohe Pene: With your basket and my basket together we will flourish	Gerard Byrne: Challenges and Opportunities in Remote Communities
4.30pm – 4.55pm			Clare Davies & David Scott: Windana’s Welcome House: Enhancing the TC Model
7.00pm	ATCA Gala Dinner and Awards Ceremony sponsored by WHOS. Auction of the painting “Recovery” donated by Robert Henderson – <i>The Henderson Gallery</i>		

ATCA CONFERENCE PROGRAM: FRIDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2017

8.30am – 9.00am REGISTRATION AND TEA/COFFEE			
9.00am – 9.45am	Keynote Address	Senator Deborah O'Neill, Senator for NSW	
	Session Chair: Gerard Byrne		
9.45am – 11.00am	Hot topics in TCs	A series of rapid presentations on what we have learned, where we are heading, innovations and challenges for the future:	
	Session Chair: Lynne Magor-Blatch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Johnny Dow (Higher Ground, Auckland, New Zealand) • Carol Daws (Cyrenian House, WA) • Garth Popple (WHOS, NSW & Qld) • Gerard Byrne (The Salvation Army, ACT, NSW & Qld) • Carole Taylor (DASA, NT) 	
11.00am – 11.20am MORNING TEA			
	Seminar: Working with Families – Attachment & Trauma Session Chair: Eric Allan	Presentations 1: Trauma and Attachment, Comorbidity Session Chair: Rebecca Lang	Presentations 2: Working with Families Session Chair: Carol Daws
11.20am – 11.45am	Leader: Sophie Lynch & Annette D'Amore Discussion Topic: Walking in a journey with families at Odyssey House Victoria	Kieran Palmer: Healing the wounds of the past: how yesterday's trauma can affect today's world, and how to install hope into tomorrow	Lachlan Dean: Connecting Young People with families
11.45am – 12.10pm		Jacqui Moyes: Creative confinement: Making the Queen in the mirror	Girija Dadhe: Family focussed recovery
12.10pm – 12.35pm		George Kiridis & Jessica Walshe: The Healing Power of Connected Relationships.	Tony Trimmingham: Working with Families
12.35pm – 1.15pm Announcement of 2018 Symposium and Training Program and Venues Closing Ceremony – Performance by Goldbridge TC and Red Clay Theatre Group			

FRIDAY 2.00pm – 5.00pm

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

Barry Evans: *Preparing your TC for Certification under the ATCA Standard*

Robert Henderson: *The Henderson Gallery Art Therapy, Trauma and Creative Practice*

Alana Mendels and Tegan Nuckey: *Introducing TIDE, a comprehensive HepC assessment, treatment and case management support model*

This workshop will explore what is required of a member agency as it prepares for a certification audit. The session will focus on the necessities for certification as a Therapeutic Community under the ATCA Standard and the rating scale that determines whether certification is recommended by the auditors. The session will also examine the Essential Elements that inform the Standard and audit outcome and review Stages One and Two of the certification audit.

Robert will be facilitating a dynamic Workshop focusing on a mindset orientated attitudinal framework. This framework will offer insights to complement existing practices. Exploring the other side of the brain – utilising both sides of the brain in your practice and ways to begin to have consideration for a flexible and balanced approach through difference lens.

Participants will leave with an insight of how to utilise this framework to assist clients to experience a paradigm shift. This involves client/s and the practitioner working together which culminates in an immersive practice event. The framework is a great engagement tool as it is often too hard for clients to verbalise past traumas, therefore this framework enables them to produce a visual illustration to which they can speak as a third person narrative.

The centre of First Nation's culture is story telling which includes historical and current Narrative. Most powerfully presented through dance, song, painting and other artistic practices.

People who inject drugs represent approximately 90% of newly acquired hepatitis C infections. Therapeutic Communities can, and do, play an important role in improving the health outcomes of people living with hepatitis C and can contribute to the reduction in the risk of residents developing advanced liver disease through access to early diagnosis, appropriate support for the management of co-morbidities and access to treatment with new, curative, Direct Acting Antiviral medication (DAAs).

The Queensland Injectors Health Network (QuIHN) has implemented the Hepatitis C Treatment Management Program to offer access to testing and treatment for clients in the community who might otherwise have difficulty accessing treatments. QuIHN has developed a streamlined assessment and treatment model including a comprehensive case management support service (TIDE) designed to assist and support people while on treatment. The Treatment Management Program focuses on recruiting people who are Hepatitis C positive who are currently injecting drugs, or people on Opiate Substitution Therapy, and or people who are accessing Rehabilitation services.