

## First Annual ACT Alcohol and Other Drug Awards eBulletin

### About the First Annual ACT AOD Awards

The First Annual ACT Alcohol and other drug Awards (the Awards) were held from 10am - 12pm on Friday 11 December 2009 at the ACT Legislative Assembly.

The Awards recognised individuals who, during the course of their careers, have made outstanding contributions: to improving the health and well-being of people affected by alcohol and other drugs issues; to reducing alcohol and other drug related harm; and towards developing the alcohol and other drug profession.

The Awards were based and judged, on the following principles: carer and consumer participation; diversity; evidence-informed practice; harm minimisation; human rights; social determinants of health; social justice; and working in partnerships. Many impressive nominations were received reflecting the depth of talent, skill, knowledge and commitment of individuals in the alcohol and other drug field in the ACT; and the desire of workers to recognise the exceptional work of their colleagues.

Award recipients were presented with an award and \$500 to spend on a professional development activity of their choice.

The Ceremony also highlighted the achievements of workers who had engaged in the ACT Alcohol and Other Drug Minimum Qualification Strategy Project in 2009, with certificates of participation being presented by Dr. Colin Adrian, Chief Executive Officer, Canberra Institute of Technology.

The Awards were generously opened with a Welcome to Country from Ms Agnes Shea (OAM), Ngunnawal Elder.

The Awards were also kindly presented by Ms Mary Porter, Member of the Order of Australia, Member of the Legislative Assembly, and Member for Ginninderra.

### First Annual ACT AOD Awards Recipients

The ACT AOD Sector Project would like to extend its congratulations to the three Award recipients of the First Annual ACT Alcohol and Other Drug Awards:

#### **Excellence in Alcohol and Other Drug Work Award:**

This award recognises an individual who has demonstrated excellence in non-clinical and / or clinical alcohol and other drug work in the ACT. The individual has demonstrated a strong commitment to embodying the principles of the Awards and to conducting their professional practice with empathy, skill and knowledge.

#### **Winner: Clare Purcell**

Clare Purcell is a well-respected, reliable, competent and highly valued member of the ACT alcohol and other drug sector who has worked tirelessly to minimise the harms

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resulting from alcohol and other drug use in the Canberra community. She has supported many individuals to identify and achieve their goals through the provision of both empathetic and evidenced-informed approaches to treatment.

To read more about Clare, see the [First Annual ACT Alcohol and Other Drug Awards Booklet](#) section.

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### **Lifetime Achievements Award:**

This award recognises an individual who over the span of their career has consistently demonstrated a commitment to evidenced-informed and socially-just approaches to promoting the health and well-being of individuals, families and communities affected by alcohol and other drug issues. The individual is regarded as highly skilled, knowledgeable and experienced; and has made an exceptional contribution to the alcohol and other drug sector in the ACT.

#### **Winner: Dawn Bainbridge**

Dawn Bainbridge has dedicated over two decades to supporting people affected by alcohol and other drugs in the Canberra community; and to strengthening the alcohol and other drug sector.

[Download photo.](#) Please note that the Award was accepted by Phil Lawler, CEO, Alcohol and Drug Foundation ACT on behalf of Dawn Bainbridge.

To read more about Dawn, see the [First Annual ACT Alcohol and Other Drug Awards Booklet](#) section.

### **Outstanding Contributions Award:**

This award recognises the contributions of an individual who has worked to prevent or reduce the psychological, physical, social and / or economic harms caused by alcohol and other drugs in the ACT. The individual need not have worked in direct service delivery or specifically in the AOD sector, but will have over a considerable period of time worked to improve the health and well-being of people affected alcohol and other drug issues.

#### **Winner: David McDonald**

David McDonald is a social scientist who has worked tirelessly to improve the health and wellbeing of people affected by alcohol and other drug issues. He has particularly achieved this by contributing to the evidence base upon which ACT public policy is formed; and by supporting the ACT alcohol and other drug sector to engage with the evidence base.

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To read more about Dawn, see the [First Annual ACT Alcohol and Other Drug Awards Booklet](#) section.

For more details on Award recipients, see the [First Annual ACT Alcohol and Other Drug Awards Booklet](#) section.

## **About the Presentation of Certificates to Participants in the ACT Alcohol and Other Drug Minimum**

## Qualification Strategy Project 2009

The ACT has been in the process of implementing a minimum qualification strategy (the strategy) for the alcohol and other drug sector. Under the strategy, all workers from ACT Health funded alcohol and other drug services whose core role is to provide drug treatment services should either possess the specified minimum qualification or have an agreed plan and timeline with their service, to meet the minimum qualification. Visit [www.aodsector.org.au](http://www.aodsector.org.au) for more information on the ACT Alcohol and Other Drug Minimum Qualification Strategy Project.

During 2009, almost 25% of the ACT alcohol and other drug sector workforce participated in training and assessment opportunities through funding from the ACT Alcohol and Other Drug Minimum Qualification Strategy Project to obtain the minimum qualification. This is an extraordinary achievement by individual workers, services, and the sector, which reflects a shared commitment to on-going learning and improvement processes.

Certificates of Recognition were distributed at the First Annual ACT Awards ceremony to workers who participated in the ACT Alcohol and Other Drug Minimum Qualification Strategy Project 2009.

The certificates were kindly presented by Dr Colin Adrian Chief executive officer, Canberra Institute of Technology.

Download a [photo of the participants who attended the Awards to accept their Certificates of Recognition](#).

Below is an alphabetical list of participants after which their service is cited in brackets. If the participant attended the ceremony to receive their Certificate of Recognition, a photo is also attached.

- Ainsworth, Kylie (Toora Women inc.)
- Babic, Susan (Toora Women inc.)
- Barry, Erin (ACT Alcohol and Other Drug Sector Project)
- Barton, Candace (DIRECTIONS ACT)
- Bates, Tonya (Ted Noffs Foundation ACT)
- Bode, Amanda (ACT Alcohol and Other Drug Sector Project). [Download photo](#).
- Capper, Aimee (Canberra Alliance for Harm Minimisation and Advocacy). [Download photo](#).
- Costello, James (Ted Noffs Foundation ACT)
- Crowe, Michelle (Alcohol and Drug Program, ACT Health)
- Cutmore, Carol (Toora Women inc.)
- Elferkh, Roberta (Toora Women inc.)
- Elferkh, Yasmin (Toora Women inc.)
- Files, Marsha (Gugan Gulwan Youth Aboriginal Corporation)
- Fordham, Jane (Ted Noffs Foundation ACT). [Download photo](#).
- Fowlie, Carrie (ACT Alcohol and Other Drug Sector Project). [Download photo](#).
- Frommel, Ben (ACT Alcohol and Other Drug sector Project). [Download photo](#).
- Gordon, Vanessa (Ted Noffs Foundation ACT)
- Henry, Carolyn (The Salvation Army)

- Huddleston, Dale (Gugan Gulwan Youth Aboriginal Corporation)
- Hunt, Jan (Ted Noffs Foundation ACT)
- Kersley, Camille (Alcohol and Drug Foundation ACT)
- Lai, Genevieve (DIRECTIONS ACT). [Download photo.](#)
- Lang, Glen (CatholicCare Canberra and Goulburn)
- Mapiva, Jane (Toora Women inc.)
- McIntyre, David (The Salvation Army). [Download photo.](#)
- Miller, Rebecca (Ted Noffs Foundation ACT)
- Monaghan, Fred (Gugan Gulwan Youth Aboriginal Corporation)
- Monck, Laura (Ted Noffs Foundation ACT)
- Morosi, Mark (Ted Noffs Foundation ACT)
- Northam, Jaimie (Ted Noffs Foundation ACT)
- O'Sullivan, Sean (The Salvation Army)
- Phan, Dean (Canberra Alliance for Harm Minimisation and Advocacy)
- Phillips, Lyn (Ted Noffs Foundation ACT)
- Pridmore, Brett (Ted Noffs Foundation ACT)
- Rankin, Joanne (Canberra Alliance for Harm Minimisation and Advocacy)
- Ransom, Andrew (The salvation Army)
- Ruddell, Randall (CatholicCare Canberra and Goulburn)
- Russell, Geoffrey (Ted Noffs Foundation ACT)
- Ryan, Nardine (Ted Noffs Foundation ACT)
- Ryan, Tanya (Ted Noffs Foundation ACT)
- Smith, Jeremy (Ted Noffs Foundation ACT)
- Sullivan, Tai (Toora Women inc.)
- Varkey, Shobha (Ted Noffs Foundation ACT)
- Walker, Selina (Gugan Gulwan Youth Aboriginal Corporation)
- Wiggins, Nicole (Canberra Alliance for Harm Minimisation and Advocacy)
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- Wilkins, Glen (DIRECTIONS ACT). [Download photo.](#)
- Williams, Anthony (Ted Noffs Foundation ACT)
- Windon, Margaret (Alcohol and Drug Program, ACT Health)

## First Annual ACT Alcohol and Other Drug Awards Booklet

For further information on the First Annual ACT Alcohol and Other Drug Awards and the Award Recipients, download the [First Annual ACT Alcohol and Other Drug Awards Booklet](#).

## Media Releases

The following media releases were distributed following the Awards Ceremony:

- ACT Alcohol and Other Drug Awards Ceremony Media Release
- ACT Alcohol and Other Drug Awards: Excellence in Alcohol and Other Drug Work Award Winner: Clare Purcell
- ACT Alcohol and Other Drug Awards: Lifetime Achievements Award Winner: Dawn Bainbridge
- ACT Alcohol and Other Drug Awards: Outstanding Contributions Award Winner: David McDonald

Download the [ACT AOD Awards media pack](#) to view the media releases.

## Acknowledgements

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- Ms Mary Porter, Member of the Order of Australia, Member of the Legislative Assembly, and Member for Ginnenderra
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