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Beyond the Boundaries:
Families and Professionals Working Together Symposium

Rendezvous Observation City Hotel, Scarborough
21 – 22 September 2006



Drug and Alcohol Office
Government of Western Australia





Invitation to Attend

The Symposium Management and Program Committees are pleased to invite you to attend the Beyond the Boundaries: Families and Professionals Working Together Symposium to be held by the sea at the Rendezvous Observation City Hotel, Scarborough on Thursday, 21 and Friday, 22 September 2006.



Organising Committees

The symposium has been organised by Palmerston Association Inc and the Drug and Alcohol Office, and contributing agencies include the Western Australian Network of Drug and Alcohol Agencies (WANADA), South East Metropolitan Community Drug Service Team and WA family representatives from the Local Drug Action Group and VOICE.

Overview

The Western Australian community has become increasingly concerned with the use of alcohol and other drugs both licit and illicit and related harms. In addressing key issues government and non-government agencies, families, professionals and other individuals are working together forming a collective wisdom to support those potentially impacted by problematic drug use.

This unique collaborative event aims to bring people together to acknowledge, share and discuss alcohol and other drug issues and reflect on current practice and responses experienced by families and workers.

This symposium will provide participants with a context to explore 'Beyond the Boundaries' when considering current issues, research and treatment options, and gain a better understanding of service delivery. To explore these areas we are delighted to welcome international, national and local presenters who will provide a range of stimulating topics for discussion.

Keynote Speakers

Tim Costello AO

Tim Costello is Chief Executive of World Vision Australia. In this role he has established a strong public presence in the fight against global poverty, and its causes. Prior to this he has long been recognised for articulating the social conscience for Australians having led many debates on tough international and domestic issues, including gambling, urban poverty, homelessness, reconciliation and human rights.

After studying law and education at Monash University and obtaining his Masters in Theology at the Melbourne College of Divinity, he was ordained a Baptist Minister. From 1987 – 1994 Tim Costello held positions as the Minister of St Kilda's Baptist Church and he also served as the Mayor of the City of St Kilda. From 1995 – 2004 he was Minister of the Collins Street Baptist Church and Executive Director of Urban Seed, a Christian not-for-profit organisation.

Tim Costello was named Victorian of the Year 2004. In June 2005 he was awarded an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO), and is currently Victorian Australian of the Year 2006.

Keynote Topic: A whole of community response to issues arising from alcohol and other drug use

Margaret Hamilton

Professor Hamilton has over thirty-five years experience in the drug and alcohol field including clinical work, research, education, supervision, policy and program development and advice as well as publication.

She has a background in social work and public health and has conducted research in epidemiology, policy, evaluation (prevention and treatment), young people and drugs, women and alcohol, alcohol problems in remote Australia, evaluation of therapeutic communities and self-help, pharmacotherapies and other interventions as well as initiating the Drug Policy Modelling Program. Margaret was the founding Director of Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Centre in Victoria. She now Chairs the Multiple and Complex Needs Panel, a statutory body in Victoria, is Co-Deputy Chair, Australian National Council on Drugs and is also the Chair of various other boards and policy advisory groups. She also holds an appointment in the School of Public Health, University of Melbourne.

Keynote Topic: "We know families are involved in and influenced by drug use. How can we better respond?"

Harold D. Holder

Dr Holder is a Senior Research Scientist at the Prevention Research Center (PRC) of the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation, Berkeley, California. Dr Holder has explored two major alcohol research areas: prevention of alcohol problems, and the cost and benefits of treatment. He was one of the first researchers to undertake controlled studies on the economic benefits of alcohol treatment.

Dr Holder's published work has addressed public policy studies at the community, state, and national levels including the impact of changes in sales of wine and spirits on drinking and alcohol-involved traffic crashes; assessments of the prevention potential of alcohol server liability; mandated server training; and environmental strategies as part of comprehensive approaches to prevention. Dr Holder is a leader in a systems perspective to prevention and he has written a book entitled, *Alcohol and the Community: A Systems Approach to Prevention*, Cambridge University Press (1997).

Dr Holder's distinguished career has been recognised in the international arena and he holds a number of prestigious awards.

Keynote Topic: Community partnerships and prevention of alcohol-related harms: The role of science in effective local prevention

Keynote Speakers

Annie Madden

Annie Madden is currently the Executive Officer of the Australian Injecting & Illicit Drug Users League (AIVL). This is the national peak organisation representing people who use illicit drugs and consumers of drug treatment services.

Annie Madden has an honours degree in Social and Political Sciences. She is on numerous national, Commonwealth Government and research committees. Annie has been working in the areas of illicit drug use, consumer representation and BBV prevention for over 13 years and has been on the methadone program for over 10 years.

Keynote Topic: Ensuring equity, safety and engagement: Ethics and principles for working with users and families

Lee-Anne Raeside

Lee-Anne Raeside is the Family Initiatives Officer for Local Drug Action Groups Inc. This role involves training and supporting community volunteers and health professionals to implement preventive strategies aimed at reducing alcohol and other drug harm for families. Two main strategies have been to organise and facilitate drug information events to parents and to provide support to family peer support groups.

Lee-Anne is currently studying a Masters degree in Community Psychology and principles such as empowerment, prevention and a strengths-based approach support her work role as Family Initiatives Officer. Lee-Anne is a parent volunteer with the Parent Drug Information Service and has first hand experience of the impact of a loved one's drug use. She is currently a family representative on the VOICE advisory committee to the Minister of Health.

Keynote Topic: Voice of the family: Building resilience and connections

Donna Schultz

Donna Schultz is from the Ngadju and Wongutha language groups in the Goldfields region of Western Australia. Donna currently works for the Department for Community Development as a Community Child Protection Worker in Norseman. A large part of her job involves working with families and children with a community development focus. Alcohol and other drugs is one of the many complex issues that continually destroys the quality of life of Aboriginal families in many communities including Norseman.

'Yarning' is a means of creating links and opportunities to begin the process of addressing alcohol and other drug issues within Aboriginal families and communities.

Keynote Topic: Yarning: An effective methodology to address AOD issues in Aboriginal families



Invited Speakers

A range of other invited presenters will focus on the themes of the symposium addressing such issues as: family violence, mental health, alcohol, prevention, parent support programs, mandated client issues, supervision, transparent practice, consumer participation, partnerships and grandparents.

Who Should Attend?

Families concerned with drug use and workers responding to alcohol and drug-related problems are urged to attend, however it will also be of interest to a diverse range of professionals working in policy, practice, research and community work.

Tentative Program Schedule

The symposium will include plenary and concurrent sessions, poster sessions, interactive panel discussions, workshops and a networking Sundowner.

Thursday, 21 September		Friday, 22 September	
Registration & Coffee	8.15 – 9.00	Registration & Coffee	8.15 – 9.00
Opening Ceremonies	9.00 – 9.30	Introduction	9.00 – 9.10
Tim Costello	9.30 – 10.10	Margaret Hamilton	9.10 – 9.50
Annie Madden	10.30 – 11.10	Harold Holder	9.50 – 10.30
Lee-Anne Raeside	11.10 – 11.50	Concurrent streams	11.00 – 12.20
Panel	11.50 – 12.30		
Lunch & Poster session	12.30 – 1.30	Lunch & Poster Session	12.20 – 1.30
Concurrent streams	1.30 – 2.50	Concurrent streams	1.30 – 2.50
Donna Schultz	3.20 – 4.00	Panel	3.20 – 3.50
Summary & Closing session	4.00 – 5.00	Final address	3.50 – 4.20
Networking Sundowner	5.30 – 7.00	Evaluation & Symposium Close	4.20 – 4.30

Registration Fee Options

- Option 1 - Standard Full
Registration
\$275.00 (incl. GST)
- Option 2 - Standard Day
Registration
\$150.00 (incl. GST)
- Option 3 - WANADA Full
Registration
\$195 (incl. GST)
- Option 4 - Family Day Registration
\$ 55.00 (incl. GST)
each day

Please note: Registration Option 3 is available for WANADA agency and individual members only.

Registration Option 4 is available to family members affiliated with an alcohol and other drug community group or agency.

The registration fee includes symposium attendance, morning and afternoon teas, lunches and a symposium satchel.

Registration & Payment Methods

Completed registration forms can be posted or faxed. Registration and payment (by credit card/direct deposit/cheque) must be received by **Thursday, 31 August 2006.**

Participants will receive written confirmation of registration.

Networking Sundowner

A Networking Sundowner will be held at 5.30 pm on Thursday, 21 September at the Rendezvous Observation City Hotel. This informal event is a great opportunity for people to relax and meet with presenters and colleagues after the first day's program. Canapés and drinks will be provided. The cost is \$22.00 (incl. gst).

Cancellation & Refunds

Cancellations received before **16 August 2006**, a full refund will be made less 15% administration fee. After this date, no refunds will apply, however a substitution may be arranged. All cancellations must be received in writing. All refunds will be payable by cheque only.

Parking

There is undercover parking located in the Manning Street multi-storey car park (5 minute walk north of the Hotel) and outdoor parking located on the beachfront directly in front of the Hotel. Alternatively there is a 24-hour security car park, which is located underneath the Hotel. This has a charge of \$4.00 per hour, up to a maximum fee per day of \$15.00.

Transport

The Hotel operates a shuttle service to the Perth CBD, Fremantle and the Karrinyup Shopping Centre. Public transport connects with a Fastrak train service to the city and coach services to other points. Taxis are also available.

Accommodation

Although this is a non-residential event, the Symposium Organisers have negotiated a special accommodation rate for participants wishing to stay at the Hotel. Participants are responsible for the booking and payment of their own accommodation.

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