



# ADVANCE NOTICE UPDATE

**Annual International Conference 2011**  
**30 May to 3 June**  
**The Esplanade Hotel**  
**Fremantle, Western Australia**



**Mark this in your diary**  
**NOW**  
**and book early!**



Fremantle sustains a rich mixture of cultures and nationalities and provides a unique opportunity for the visitor to experience and enjoy a range of cultural activities in a relaxed atmosphere. Along with maritime history and beautiful architecture, visitors to the port city can experience fine crafts, original music and theatre, exciting galleries, museums, bookshops and buskers.

The theme of the conference is **TCs Today – No Closed Doors** with the broad topic area being alcohol and other drug (AOD) best practice treatment and referral options for all consumers.

The No Closed Doors theme of this year's conference explores the vision of integrated shared care and the goal that each individual presenting for assistance will receive a positive response, either directly through treatment or through appropriate referral regardless of cultural, social, mental health or justice issues.

## Conference Topics

- Co-morbidity: best practice for consumers with co-occurring AOD and mental health issues.
- Aboriginal Consumers: best practice, cultural security.
- Corrective services and coerced clients: working collaboratively with our partners in the justice system.
- Families and Children: family involvement in treatment, interventions for children affected by parental drug use and associated issues.
- Innovations in treatment in Therapeutic Communities.

## Other topics discussed will include:

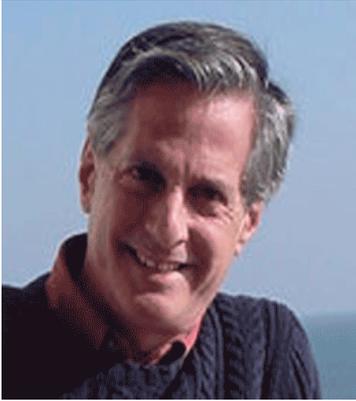
TC Standards and Quality Processes  
Assessing and working with the possibility of violence in TCs.

The conference program features:

**Monday 30 May – Visits to Western Australian TCs and an evening Welcome Celebration.**

**Tuesday 31 May – Thursday am 2 June** - An exciting conference programme featuring keynote speakers **Dr Ken Minkoff, Dr Chris Cline, Dr Mike Farrell and Barry Abbott.**

**Thursday pm 2 June and Friday 3 June – Workshop Program** including workshops with **Dr Ken Minkoff and Dr Chris Cline, Ali Marsh and Tania Towers, Peter Duncan and Lynne Magor-Blatch and Charl Van Wyk.**



**Ken Minkoff M.D.** is a board-certified psychiatrist with a certificate of additional qualifications in addiction psychiatry; a dedicated community psychiatrist and is currently a clinical assistant professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and a senior systems consultant for ZiaPartners in San Rafael, CA. He is recognized as one of the nation's leading experts on integrated treatment of individuals with co-occurring psychiatric and substance disorders, and on the development of integrated systems of care for such individuals. Dr. Minkoff's major professional activity is the provision of training and consultation on clinical services and systems design for individuals and families with mental health and substance use disorders.

**Christie Cline M.D., MBA** is a board certified psychiatrist. Dr Cline is the founder and President of ZiaPartners, Inc. and ZiaLogic Both corporations provide consultation, products and technical assistance nationally and internationally to behavioral healthcare systems in the areas of policy, procedure and practices for integrated services development, quality improvement and systems transformation. Dr. Cline developed the design and format of the CCISC Change Agent Approach and the CCISC Change Agent Curriculum and is a co-author of the CCISC Co-occurring Disorders Capability Toolkit, has published articles on co-occurring disorder system and services development and written book chapters on the ethics of co-occurring treatment.



Dr Cline and Dr Minkoff are the leading experts on the implementation of the Comprehensive Continuous Integrated Systems of Care Model (CCISC) in adult and child and adolescent systems of care. These projects have involved working in all types of systems and service settings with extraordinarily diverse populations. Since 2001, Dr Cline and Dr Minkoff have worked as a team in the process of system transformation for individuals and families with co-occurring issues in over 30 states and 4 Canadian provinces, and both nationally and locally in Australia.

### ***Father and Son: Drug Use Has Many Faces***

**The personal experiences of Bryan Cousins, Kim Ledger and Tony Trimingham  
Chaired by James Pitts, CEO Odyssey House and ATCA Board Member**

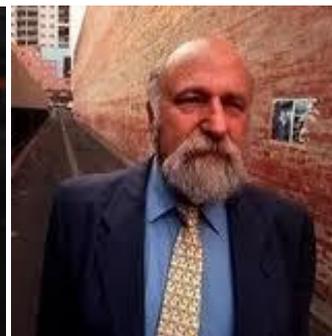
Drugs – licit and illicit, prescribed and non-prescribed can all have an impact on the lives of those who use them and the people who love those who use. Three men speak about their experience as fathers with sons impacted by drug use. Join us for the privilege of hearing the personal stories of Bryan Cousins, Kim Ledger and Tony Trimingham.



Bryan Cousins



Kim Ledger

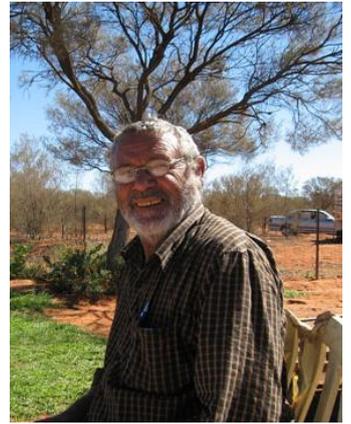


Tony Trimingham



James Pitts

**Barry Abbott** is an Arrente stockman who has had remarkable success rehabilitating at risk boys. Barry, a Wallace Rockhole elder, established the Ilpurla Aboriginal Association a treatment outstation in a remote south-west corner of Central Australia in the seventies. He estimates that he has looked after about 300 boys over the years, some for as long as 12 months at a time. Drug abuse and petrol sniffing in particular are the main reasons young men end up at Barry's station. Barry's approach is simple but remarkably effective: he gives the boys opportunities to become part of a working cattle station. The boys start work at day break and learn a range of skills, including saddlery, vehicle and stock maintenance and horse breaking. Along the way they absorb the strong work ethic, discipline, pride and self-worth that underpin the station (and Barry Abbott's character). In the process, lives otherwise ripped apart by substance abuse and petty crime are salvaged and doors to new futures are opened. Barry Abbott won the Prime Minister's award in 2005 for excellence and outstanding contribution in drug and alcohol endeavours and the Northern Territory Australian of the year Award in 2011.



**Professor Michael Farrell** is a Professor of Addiction Psychiatry at the National Addiction Centre, Institute of Psychiatry, Kings College London and is also Director of Post Graduate Medical Education at the Kings Health Partnership Group and The South London and Maudsley NHS Trust. He trained as a physician in General Medicine in London, before he trained as a General Adult and Addiction Psychiatrist and researcher in the Addiction Research Unit of the Institute of Psychiatry. He worked as a National Drug and Alcohol Policy Advisor in the Department of Health before taking on the role of running a large community drug and alcohol service for nearly twenty years, combining clinical practice with research and evaluation and large population studies. He has worked closely with the voluntary sector promoting collaboration across a wide range of treatment models. He is Chair of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the European Monitoring Centre on Drugs and Drug Addiction. He is a co-founder and editor of the Cochrane Collaboration Drug and Alcohol Group and an assistant editor of the Journal of Addiction. He is a member of The Expert Committee on Drug Dependence at the World Health Organisation and has been a consultant to the United Nations, European Commission and World Health Organisation and a range of National Governments. He was Chair of the Addictions Faculty of The Royal College of Psychiatrists and a member of the Executive of the Society for the Study of Addictions. He is particularly interested in the integration of policy, research, training and clinical practice with a particular focus on national policies. He is director designate of NDARC, in UNSW in Sydney and due to take up the post in early 2011.

**For further information, conference updates, registration and hotel booking information please refer to the ATCA website [www.atca.com.au](http://www.atca.com.au).**