



# ATCA Standards Update

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Changing the way we drink

# Accreditation Humour



# Plotted History of the Standards

- 1986 – Inception of ATCA
- 1991 – First funding for Peer Reviews in the sector
- 1992 – First reviews occur
- 1996 – Review system was updated
- 2008 – ATCA gains funding to produce a Standards Package specifically for the AOD TC sector



## **Self-Review Worksheet**

**For the Australasian Alcohol and Other Drug  
Therapeutic Communities Standards (TC  
Standards)**

**To be worked through in conjunction with the  
TC Standards Support Package**

# Where are we now?

- Four pilot reviews



# Process of undertaking a review

- Peer team undertakes the review over two days
- Development/training opportunity for a staff member of another TC
- Overviewed by ATCA Standards Project Officer
- Report developed for the TC on their achievements against the indicators

# Feedback from the TCs

- Like the process
- Some changes required in the worksheet format
- One process would be better



# Where to from here?

- Partnership with another accreditation process?
- JAS ANZ accreditation?
- Prisons and other modified TC



# A final word

