



# the 25<sup>th</sup>

## Annual General Meeting of the AIDS Action Council of the ACT

**6:30 pm Thursday 28 October 2010**

CSIRO Discovery Centre, North Science Road, Black Mountain Canberra

### **25 Years: Achievements and Challenges**

#### **Annual Peter Rowland Memorial Address**

Dr Peter Rowland was a key figure in the early response to HIV/AIDS in the ACT. The Board decided to honour Peter's memory at each Annual General Meeting with a Memorial Address



#### **Guest speaker for the 2010 Peter Rowland Memorial Address: Don Baxter**

*Don Baxter was closely involved in the initial grass-roots HIV community response in Sydney's gay community from 1983 and was a founding member of the AIDS Council of New South Wales. Don has subsequently been in national leadership positions, including his current role as the executive director of the Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations (AFAO), and as a member of key advisory and decision-making bodies in Australia's national HIV response - in both elected positions and Ministerially-appointed ones.*

Over the last decade Don has led the development of AFAO's International program, including a particular focus on MSM and HIV globally and in the Asia Pacific. Don Baxter is a founding Co-Chair of the Global Forum on MSM & HIV and initiated the first MSM Pre-Conference Satellite (held at the 2004 Bangkok International AIDS Conference) and currently runs MSM-specific programs aimed primarily at developing effective national MSM community advocacy organisations in Indonesia, Papua New Guinea and the Pacific.

### **Launch of the AIDS Action Council Strategic Plan 2010-2013**

The communities and stakeholders of the AIDS Action Council were involved in the development of this new Strategic Plan which takes a paradigm shift from previous processes, focussed on transparency and accountability. The resultant Strategic Plan is responsive to the local and national environment whilst maintaining a focus on priority needs within the ACT.

#### **Presentation of awards**

The AIDS Action Council of the ACT recognises the important contribution of individuals and organisations through annual awards.

#### **Please RSVP to:**

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