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‘Penington announced as Turning Point’s first patron’

Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Centre is delighted to announce its first patron, Professor David Penington AC.

Professor Penington’s work and his influence in drug research and action has been outstanding. He has chaired the Australian Red Cross Transfusion Committee, the AIDS Task Force, the Victorian Premier’s Drug Advisory Council, and the Advisory Committee for Australian Capital City Lord Mayors on Strategies for Handling Illicit Drugs.

A former Vice-chancellor and Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Melbourne, Professor Penington has also been a chair and member of numerous boards and committees that have enhanced this nation’s understanding and response to a range of health and education issues.

As Turning Point patron, Professor Penington will bring a valuable profile to the work of the organisation, continuing his significant contribution to understanding and tackling drug issues in the community.

“David Penington has been a leader in raising awareness and discussion about drug reform and education in Australia. Turning Point is delighted to have his support”, said Turning Point Director, Professor Nick Crofts.

Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Centre was established in 1994 to promote and maximise the health and wellbeing of people and communities living with and affected by alcohol and other drugs. Through an evolving program of research and development, translating evidence to practice, and building community and organisational capacity, Turning Point aims to ensure the safest possible environment in relation to alcohol and other drugs for now and the future.

Professor Penington will be officially welcomed as patron at Turning Point’s ninth Annual Oration on 21 November 2005. Titled, ‘Alcohol Policy – thinking globally, acting locally’, the oration will feature Professor Robin Room, Director, SoRAD, Stockholm University.

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