



Queensland Network of Alcohol
and Other Drug Agencies Ltd

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A NOTE FROM OUR CEO

Welcome to the 2nd edition of the QNADAFocus for 2018!

The year is off to a busy start, with work progressing on the national quality framework and national treatment framework, as well as work nearing completion on the development of an outcomes framework for the Qld AOD sector (so keep your eye out for an invitation to a convention soon).

We're also busy talking with Ministers at both the State and Commonwealth levels, informing them of the high quality services our members deliver and advocating for the implementation of evidence informed planning to grow the level of services available to what we know the community needs.

In excellent news, I extend a hearty congratulations to Dennis Young on his appointment to the Order of Australia at the recent Australia Day honours. Dennis was instrumental in the formation and formative years of QNADA, acting as Chair of the QNADA board from 2007-2012, Vice-President from 2013-2015 and a board member in 2015. You can find out more about the honour, as well as Dennis's achievements on page 6.

It seems fitting then that February's edition invites you to take a trip down memory lane with us as we embark on 2018. See significant milestones of how we have evolved over time in representing our members on a range of issues relevant to the AOD sector on pages 7-10.

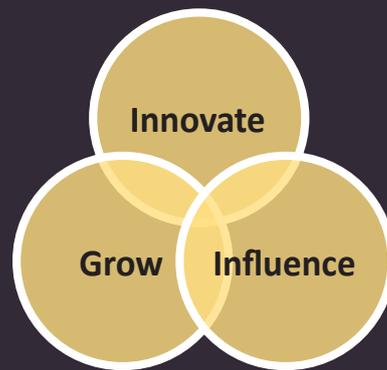
We have a double serve of our member spotlight celebrating one of our oldest members and introducing our newest member on pages 4 & 5.

You can also meet our newest staff member, Sue Pope on page 3. Sue has taken on the role of Senior Policy and Engagement Manager, so you'll be seeing her around a lot!

Take a look at some of the great work that is happening across the country with our peaks fly-over on page 14; and get acquainted with AADC, our national peak body on page 11-12.

Until next time, take care and stay in touch.

Rebecca



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QNADA acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the traditional custodians of this country and its waters. We wish to pay our respect to Elders past and present and extend this to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people reading this message.

We welcome Sue Pope

to the QNADA team

It gives us great pleasure to welcome Sue Pope to QNADA as Senior Policy and Engagement Manager. Previous to this role Sue was with the Queensland Alliance for Mental Health – peak body in Queensland for the community mental health sector. As part of her role, Sue worked closely with members across Queensland, identifying issues and advocating for the sector. She also guided the Stretch2Engage project– the development of best practice principles to guide service engagement with people accessing mental health and alcohol and other drug services, their friends, families and carers – a partnership with QNADA and Enlightened Consultants.

Prior to that Sue led a state-wide prevention program for the Stroke Foundation called ‘Know Your Numbers’ and worked closely with community pharmacies across Queensland to raise awareness of the risk factors for stroke and to conduct risk assessments on more than 60,000 people each year.

Family is a high priority for Sue and whilst her children were small, Sue juggled her busy life with the kids with her own consultancy. Sue worked with Medicare Locals and NGOs across primary health, mental health and disability on project management, quality management, strategic planning and tender writing.

Sue’s skill sets are many and her last role was quite varied which meant that she met many different people and needed to be across lots of different issues and related sectors. She says she really enjoys meeting people and learning from their experiences and being able to apply that to her advocacy role – particularly to influence improved outcomes for the sector and for people who access services.

Sue is excited about this opportunity to learn more about the alcohol and other drugs sector and contribute to the work of an organisation she says she has always recognised as doing valuable work.

Sue and her partner have 2 daughters, 1 teenager and 1 primary-schooler as well as a cavoodle called Rosie. She spends her free time running the children to swimming squad, ballet lessons and other after-school and weekend activities, working on her house renovation and wishing there were more hours in the day.



So what will be keeping our Senior Policy and Engagement Manager busy?

- Maintain awareness of regional, state and national issues and contribute to the discussion/debate on behalf of the QNADA membership;
- Coordinate the development of policy submissions, position papers and communications;
- Develop internal strategies and administrative systems and manage compliance;
- Work with the CEO to develop and deliver QNADA consultancy work.

Sue is keen to meet you and will be in contact over the coming months. She would love to hear from you, so if you would like to arrange for Sue to visit, please contact her on 3023 5050 or sue.pope@qnada.org.au.

Veteran member spotlight

The Salvation Army



As the nominated delegate of one of seven foundation members, and as Vice President of the Board of Directors, Gerard Byrne was in the spotlight this month.

Why was QNADA formed?

Prior to QNADA's formation Queensland had a loose coalition of NGO AOD agencies that Queensland Health consulted with about the AOD sector. At that time, Queensland was the only jurisdiction that didn't have a peak NGO AOD sector representative body. Queensland Health and the NGO AOD sector recognised that sector coordination and consultative representation was needed to maximise opportunities and to further develop the NGO AOD Sector. The establishment of a peak body also ensured that the sector would be informed through collective advocacy and representation.

What are the biggest challenges facing our sector in 2018?

The AOD sector is in a healthier position now than in previous years. Queensland Health's Connecting Care to Recovery strategy and the associated funding has increased services, improved service availability and the service system. However, it should be noted that people who access NGO AOD treatment services have a range of complex and multiple needs. Our biggest challenge will be to achieve a whole of government response to peoples multiple needs. Funds are expended in providing treatment services - yet there needs to be stronger across government commitment and coordination between health, education, employment and housing departments to maximise treatment outcomes. Other challenges include the sector being under pressure from increased service demand and the impact of marginalisation and stigma compounds which compounds the range of issues our service user's experience.

How do you see QNADA supporting these challenges and opportunities?

Conversations with State and Federal Departments responsible for housing, employment, education, health and justice to address the gap in services to meet the complex needs of people accessing NGO AOD services , and to continue the representation of the NGO AOD sector with all levels of government. QNADA to continue to provide up-to-date resources and support for members to increase quality and inform best-practice.

What's your game-plan to get through 2018? How do you stay well to keep fighting the good fight?

I like to multi-task and tackle projects in "edible" chunks. I also enjoy riding motorcycles and I'm involved in local junior rugby league football club. These hobbies keep my batteries charged!

Newest member spotlight

Open Doors Youth Service



We are pleased to welcome Open Doors as our newest member! Pam Barker, General Manager Open Doors Youth Service (ODYS) took the time to share some information with us this month.

Why was ODYS formed?

ODYS started 17 years ago out of a need for LGBTIQ youth to have a safe space to call their own with workers who could provide culturally sensitive specialist support. We were initially auspiced by Brisbane Youth Service and became our own incorporated association 12 months later.

What are the biggest challenges or opportunities facing our sector in 2018?

While marriage equality has been won in Australia we still see young people within the community struggling to access culturally appropriate support. ODYS is working within the community to diversify its services and educate other services so young people who identify as LGBTIQ+ and their families have a place to access support. Some of the biggest challenges are around alcohol and drug use as a coping mechanism within the cohort, sexual health and the lack of education provided in schools around staying healthy, healthy relationships and consent is also an issue.

What are the biggest challenges or opportunities facing your organisation in 2018?

Funding for vital services that young LGBTIQ people need access to. There is a lack of free psychologist support across Queensland who can offer support to this cohort. We have just been funded for AOD interventions and will be launching our new program soon.

How do you see QNADA supporting these?

We have received funding to provide AOD support to LGBTIQ youth between the ages of 12-24 years. We see QNADA as our BFF in helping us offer the best services we can to community and young people across South East QLD.

What's your strategy/game-plan for getting through this year? or how do you stay well/keep fighting the good fight?

The team at ODYS like to have a laugh and keep things light, we work with some intense situations on a daily basis and appreciate the need to have fun in the workplace. We have a great team who work really well together.

Did you see?



Congratulations to Dennis on his appointment to the Order of Australia! Dennis was the Chair of the QNADA board from 2007-2012, Vice-President from 2013-2015 and a board member in 2015.

Drug ARM Australasia's Executive Director Dr Dennis Young has been appointed as a Member (AM) in the Order of Australia, in the Australia Day Honours after a lifetime of service to our community, specifically for his work in the alcohol and other drug sector.

Dennis has been the Executive Director and Superintendent of the Drug Awareness and Relief Foundation (Australia) trading as Healthy Options Australia (HOA) since 1988 overseeing its growth to three states and over forty locations. Under his leadership the organisation has expanded to four independent charitable not-for-profit organisations. In 1988, HOA was just a small organisation with three program staff and a couple of administration workers.

His citation reads:

MEMBER (AM) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

Dr Dennis Charles YOUNG, Bundamba Qld 4304

"For significant service to community health in Queensland through alcohol and drug treatment support programs, and to the community".

Service includes:

- The Drug Awareness and Relief Foundation: Executive Director and Superintendent, since 1988.
- Mental Health Association Queensland Ltd: Chair, 2009-2011. Vice-Chair, 2007-2009. Treasurer, 2005-2007. Executive Director and Secretary, since 2011.
- Australian College of Community Services Ltd: Executive Director and Secretary, since 2011. Vice-Chair, 2009-2011.
- Drug ARM Australasia: Executive Director and Secretary, since 1980.
- Queensland Network of Alcohol and other Drugs Agency (QNADA): President, 2007-2012. Vice-President, 2012-2014. Board Member 2014-2015.
- Australian Winter School Conference Committee: Chair, 2009-2012.
- Australian National Council on Drugs: Council Member, 1999-2011. Chair, 'Of Substance' Magazine, 2007-2011.
- Alcohol and Drug Council of Australia (now defunct): Chair, Workforce Development Working Group, 2010-2014.
- Queensland Coalition for Action on Alcohol: Secretary, since 2014.
- Queensland Drug Education Coordinating Committee: Committee Member, 2008-2010.
- Queensland Illicit Drug Diversion Initiative Reference Committee: Director, 2000-2006.
- Community Council of Australia: Director, since 2012.
- Compass Queensland: Director, 2014-2015.
- Former Parliamentary Members Association Queensland: Secretary/Treasurer, since 2014.
- Toowong Rotary Club: Member, since 2012.
- Brisbane/Mid City Rotary: Member, 1992-2012.
- Spring Hill Lions Club: Member, 1983-1992.
- Toowong Lions Club: Member, 1975-1983.
- Kelvin Grove State College Alumni: President, since 2014.
- Transplant Australia: Member, since 2006.
- Metro South Health Clinical Ethics Committee: Member, since 2013.
- SAHS Mental Health Clinical Network: Network Member, 2008-2010.
- Ipswich West Moreton District Health Council: Council Member, 1996-2000.
- Queensland Police Service: Officer, 1966-1974 and 1977-1988
- Parliament of Queensland: Member for Baroona, 1974-1977.



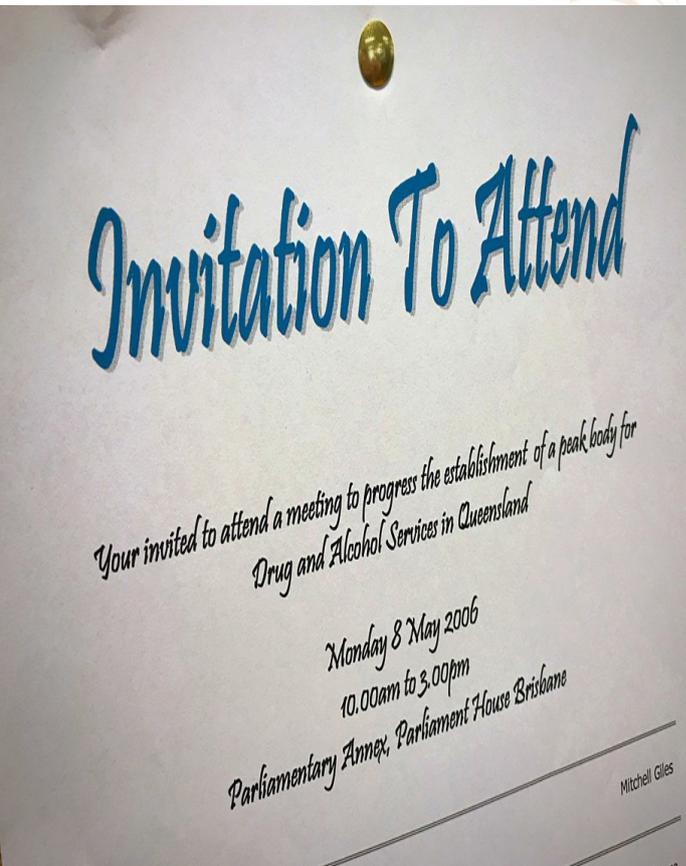
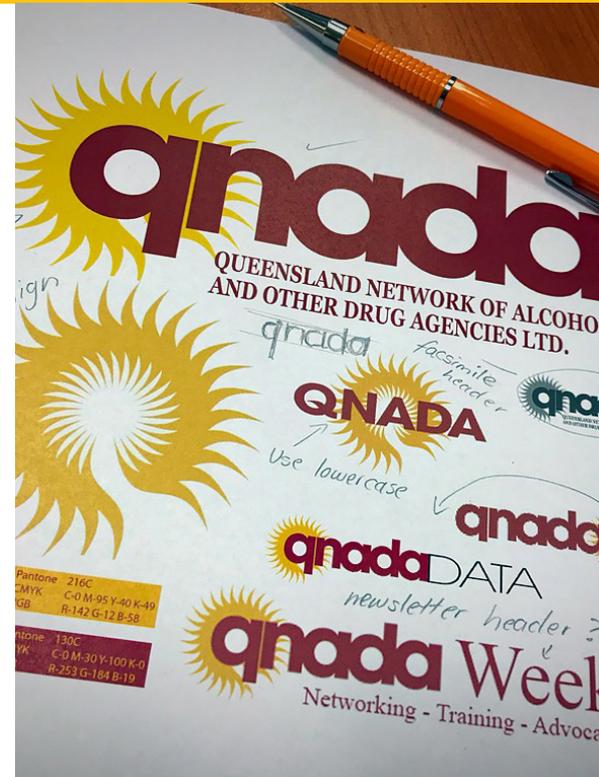
Dennis has also previously had his work recognised through a citation for Fraud Investigation and Commendation for Fraud Investigations awarded by the Queensland Police Service, A Silver Jubilee Medal and a Centenary Medal. We also recognised his significant contribution to the AOD sector at our 2016 AGM.

In the Queensland Times, Dennis thanked the many workers in the alcohol and other drug sector workers who have toiled alongside him over the decades. He hopes that the award will somehow be able to raise the profile of the work done by the alcohol and other drug sector and highlight the need for more resources. Dennis said in the QT, "The men and women of the sector are hard-working, dedicated and passionate, but their work is not always fully appreciated."

QNADA in retrospect

Holly Stokes caught up with Trevor Hallelwell, Sunshine Coast Program Manager WHOS Najara and President of the QNADA board to chat about the evolution of QNADA.

At exactly what point in time does a new organisation birth? Is it when its name is decided, its ABN registered, its staff are employed or its first project achieved? Talking with Trevor Hallelwell the current Chairperson of the QNADA Board, early discussions on the formation of an AOD peak body commenced in 2006. Motivations were equally driven by both government and sector. Queensland Health had an interest in developing a consistent and central data collection system, while the sector had grown into the need for a representative body to help advocate for the industry. Queensland was the only state in the Commonwealth without an AOD peak body and until then, influence had been collectively driven by frontline services themselves. With support from NADA (the AOD peak body for NSW) the steering committee successfully laid the foundations for the organisation in Queensland. QNADA was formally registered as a business in October, 2009. QNADA's early board membership was (and still is) representative of the diversity of the sector in treatment, prevention and early intervention. Trevor's background in graphic design lent itself to the development of the original QNADA logo; a design which truly reflected the state which the peak represented. QNADA's greatest challenge came in 2012 when the organisation's secretariat role was defunded under the new government at the time. This hardship steered the business towards a stronger fee-for-service model, while this temporary detachment from government funding enhanced QNADA's reputation as an independent body. Looking forward, Trevor sees merit to the recent creation of a national peak body. He views this as an opportunity for the issues affecting Queensland to receive traction in Canberra at a Commonwealth level.



2007

We have arrived!

2007 marked the establishment of QNADA Inc.

2008

Funding received!

In 2008 the Improved Services Initiative was funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health.

2009

It's official!

In 2009 QNADA transitioned to a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee.



2010

Evaluation of the Improved Services Initiative!

2010 was an exciting year for QNADA as we released our first major publication 'Building Capacity in non-government alcohol and drug Services: The Queensland experience'.

You can find a copy of [here](#).

2013

Business is ramping up!

In 2013 we drafted five submissions to the Queensland Government.

These included;

Child Protection Inquiry

"Red Tape Reduction" and liquor licensing review

Youth justice review

Consultation primary health care services bilateral plan

Commonwealth Senate Inquiry into Justice Reinvestment



2011

Our first conference!

In 2011 we held our first conference "QNADA Conference: Challenges and Innovations". The program was held over 2 days and invited project managers, researchers, policy makers and front line workers responsible for implementing the National Drug Strategy in Queensland.

2012

Drug Action Week kept our team busy!

During Drug Action Week 2012 we facilitated three expert panels and represented member views on a fourth. The theme focused on 'Changing the drinking culture of young Australians' which was presented in collaboration with Dovetail and Drug ARM.

2014

Getting un-conventional!

In 2014 we contributed to the Queensland AOD Sector Convention as a member of the QLD Alcohol and Other Drug Sector Network.

Attracting 107 service managers, policy makers and sector representatives from government and non-government agencies, discussion took was held around what the sector viewed as good practice in AOD treatment. The collaboration informed the development of a treatment framework.



2015

Articulating our common ground!

The Queensland AOD Treatment Service Delivery Framework was officially released in March 2015. Our CEO Rebecca Lang was one of six authors including Linda Hipper, Jeff Buckley, Dion Tatow, Kate Podevin and Eddie Fewings.

A second resource developed and released in 2015 was Helping Asylum Seeker and Refugee Background: a guide to community support and AOD workers

2016

The convention that started the conversation!

On the back of the 2014 Queensland AOD Sector Convention and the subsequent release of the 2015 QLD AOD Treatment Service Delivery Framework, the Qld Alcohol and Other Drug Sector Network consisting of QNADA, QAIHC, Insight, Dovetail, AOD Service Improvement Group, Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drugs and Preventive Health Branches of Queensland Health, QMHC and the APSAD hosted a symposium on 'Outcomes in Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment' in April 2016.

This symposium started the development of an outcomes framework for the sector. Presentations from international and local speakers with experience in developing and implementing outcome measures related to AOD treatment and harm reduction, the information reported provided the basis to develop an outcomes framework.

You can read the symposium report [here](#).





2017

Consultation for the Drug and Specialist Courts Review

In 2017 we represented member views during a comprehensive re-imagining of the Drug and Specialist Courts program, the final report was released in June 2017.

The Drug and Specialist Courts Review was led by Arie Freiberg, Jason Payne, Karen Gelb, Anthony Morgan and Toni Makkai and included consultation with over 140 government and non-government stakeholders which commenced in 2015.

The review acknowledged that specialist treatment was needed to address the underlying causes of offending. From this review, the government committed to a four-year pilot program to be named the Alcohol and Drug (AOD) Treatment Court that will be based in the Brisbane Magistrates Court.

Since June 2017, relevant government departments have been working collaboratively to develop a range of legislative and policy documents that will inform and support the delivery and operation of the Alcohol and Drug (AOD) Treatment Court.



2018

You must be wondering what's next?

In 2018 you can expect the finalisation and release of the Outcomes Framework which will be subject to a convention process in May 2018.

QNADA will continue to work alongside NGO and Government treatment services, the Department of Health and PHN's across the state.

We continue to support the collection of the AODTS NMDS for non-government services. The 2015-16 collection included 9912 episodes of care (up from 7555 in 2014-15) from 56 reporting establishments.

We will continue to support our members and the broader AOD sector to build capacity to respond to the shifting trends and the increasing number of clients who present with complex needs.



National AOD Peak

Australian Alcohol and Other Drugs Council



Australian Alcohol
& other Drug Council

The National Peak Body

The AOD sector will welcome the Australian Alcohol and Other Drugs Council (AADC) in 2018. The AADC has been established after a recommendation from the Independent National Peak Establishment Committee to provide a strong and united voice at the national level on contemporary issues relevant to the sector.

The establishment of a national alcohol and drug sector peak body will deliver the following activities:

- Provide and support the provision of impartial well-informed information and advice to the Australian Government on matters affecting the alcohol and other drug health agenda;
- Ensure national representation and participation in relevant Australian Government advisory/consultation, contribute to relevant discussion papers and consultations, and promote national networks and partnerships across the alcohol and drug sector.

The evolution of the AADC began in November of 2013 after the Alcohol and other Drugs Council of Australia (ADCA) was placed into administration. In May 2014 the ADCA Board of Directors convened a meeting of members in Canberra to discuss the way forward. The outcome was that the ADCA Board constituted an independent committee to conduct a broad consultation on the potential structure, activities and membership of a new peak body for the sector and that the ADCA be wound up once it was established.

In October 2014, the independent committee, chaired by Rebecca Lang (QNADA) and Larry Pierce (NADA) and including representatives from the State and Territory Peaks, APSAD, AIVL, FDS, national research centres, PHAA, FARE and NIDAC met via teleconference to discuss the role and purpose of a national peak. Agreement was reached to establish a smaller working group that was to progress the development of an online survey to canvas the views of people working in the sector, including ADCA members.

Once released, the survey garners response from 456 people across the sector, and in June 2015 the independent committee considered the results and developed a proposal for a model for the new national peak. The outcomes of the survey clearly show there is an overwhelming desire by the sector for a new national peak (83%) of respondents. The survey indicated the peak should represent AOD specialist treatment services (90%) of respondents, harm reduction services (85%), AOD research centres (77%), government treatment services

National AOD Peak

Australian Alcohol and Other Drugs Council

(76%), drug user organisations (72%), family support services (68%) and key AOD organisations such as APSAD, DANA and the Chapter of Addiction Medicine (65%).

The survey results suggested the key activities of the new peak should be representation of the sector at the national level (94%), policy advocacy in public spaces (84%), policy advocacy behind the scenes (83%), facilitating networking within the AOD sector and between the AOD sector and other related sectors (75% and 72% respectively) and workforce development activities, including a national conference (68%).

There were three options considered to govern and fund the initiative; Federated Model (AOD Peak NGO's); Mass Membership Model; and the Coalition Model. Once the advantages and challenges were weighed it was decided that the Coalition Model would provide the most feasible foundation as it could build on the work of the existing peaks, as well as provide a structure for ensuring its work is informed by research, practice and user viewpoints.

One month later the ADCA Board surveyed members on the independent committee's proposal to establish a new peak body as a coalition model. ADCA members overwhelmingly supported the proposal. QNADA's own CEO Rebecca Lang and ATODA's CEO Carrie Fowlie were appointed to lead the development of a constitution of the new peak body.

2017 was an exciting year in the establishment of the AADC when foundation members were invited to join. Of those invited to join

NADA - Network of Alcohol and other Drugs Agencies (NSW), QNADA - Queensland Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies, VAADA - Victorian Alcohol and Drug Association, WANADA - Western Australian Network of Alcohol and Drug Agencies, SANDAS - South Australian Network of Drug and Alcohol Services, ATDC - Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drugs Council of Tasmania, ATODA - Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Association ACT, AADANT - Association of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies NT, APSAD - Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol & other Drugs, AVIL - Australian Injecting & Illicit Drug Users League and FDS - Family Drug Support.

The AADC foundation board is Rebecca Lang (QNADA), Carrie Fowlie (ATODA), Jill Rundle (WANADA), Melanie Walker (AVIL), Elizabeth Baxter (APSAD), and in September 2017 ADCA was registered as a company with ASIC.

We will keep you informed over the next few months and look forward to the important work of our national AOD peak in 2018.



Insight training calendar

Semester 1



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Alcohol and other drug training and workforce development Queensland

 <p>08 MAR</p> <p>THU. 8 MAR 2018, 9:00 AM</p> <p>Culturally Secure AOD Practice - Featuring IRIS</p> <p>WORKSHOP</p> <p>📍 Biala City Community Health Centre</p> <p>Learn more</p>	 <p>09 MAR</p> <p>FRI. 9 MAR 2018, 8:30 AM</p> <p>Understanding Psychoactive Drugs - Townsville</p> <p>WORKSHOP</p> <p>📍 Palmerston Street Facility (A1 D25) Vincent Campus</p> <p>Learn more</p>	 <p>13 MAR</p> <p>TUE. 13 MAR 2018, 9:00 AM</p> <p>"AOD Crash Course" - One Day Introduction to AOD</p> <p>WORKSHOP</p> <p>📍 Biala City Community Health Centre</p> <p>Learn more</p>
 <p>15 MAR</p> <p>THU. 15 MAR 2018, 9:00 AM</p> <p>Understanding Psychoactive Drugs</p> <p>WORKSHOP</p> <p>📍 Biala City Community Health Centre</p> <p>Learn more</p>	 <p>15 MAR</p> <p>THU. 15 MAR 2018, 1:30 PM</p> <p>The Problem Gambling Severity Index (PGSI): a Screen for Problem Gambling in AOD and Mental Health populations</p> <p>WORKSHOP</p> <p>📍 Biala City Community Health Centre</p> <p>Learn more</p>	 <p>20 MAR</p> <p>TUE. 20 MAR 2018, 9:00 AM</p> <p>Introductory Course for AOD Nurses: Managing Withdrawal</p> <p>WORKSHOP</p> <p>📍 Biala City Community Health Centre</p> <p>Learn more</p>
 <p>21 MAR</p> <p>WED. 21 MAR 2018, 9:00 AM</p> <p>"AOD Crash Course" - One Day Introduction to AOD - Cairns</p> <p>WORKSHOP</p> <p>📍 Cairns Hospital Education Centre</p> <p>Learn more</p>	 <p>22 MAR</p> <p>THU. 22 MAR 2018, 9:00 AM</p> <p>Culturally Secure AOD Practice - Featuring IRIS - Cairns</p> <p>WORKSHOP</p> <p>📍 Cairns Hospital Education Centre</p> <p>Learn more</p>	 <p>22 MAR</p> <p>THU. 22 MAR 2018, 9:00 AM</p> <p>"AOD Crash Course" - One Day Introduction to AOD - Sunshine Coast</p> <p>WORKSHOP</p> <p>📍 Nambour General Hospital</p> <p>Learn more</p>
 <p>23 MAR</p> <p>FRI. 23 MAR 2018, 9:00 AM</p> <p>AOD Clinical Assessment</p> <p>WORKSHOP</p> <p>📍 Biala City Community Health Centre</p> <p>Learn more</p>	 <p>27 MAR</p> <p>TUE. 27 MAR 2018, 9:00 AM</p> <p>Young People and Drugs (Dovetail)</p> <p>WORKSHOP</p> <p>📍 Biala City Community Health Centre</p> <p>Learn more</p>	 <p>29 MAR</p> <p>THU. 29 MAR 2018, 9:00 AM</p> <p>Harm Reduction 101</p> <p>WORKSHOP</p> <p>📍 Biala City Community Health Centre</p> <p>Learn more</p>

Are you looking for free training opportunities to keep your skills up-to-date?

Insight has released their Workshop and Seminar Series Calendar for Semester 1, 2018!

Semester 1 features some old favourites alongside some new (or improved) topics including:

- 1-day "AOD Crash Course" for new and generalist workers
- Advanced Harm Reduction
- Culturally-secure Narrative Therapy within a SEWB context
- Sensory Approaches in AOD
- Family Interviews: Towards Therapeutic Outcomes
- Introduction to Mindfulness in AOD

These workshops complement Insight's regular program of core skills and specialised workshops for AOD, mental health and community health practitioners. Cairns and Townsville "Core Skills" training events are included. All workshops are free. Conditions apply and bookings are essential.

Training is offered in a range of mediums including face-to-face, webinars, eLearning and videos.

Participants attending Insight workshops are able to gain CPD hours. All participants attending Insight workshops will receive certificates to acknowledge their attendance.

Check out the full Training Calendar [here](#).

Cross country fly-over

The eight state and territory AOD peaks hold regular meetings of both the CEO's and Peaks Capacity Building Network (PCBN). The PCBN is part of an ongoing collaboration of peaks who have been funded by the Department of Health and Ageing to facilitate collaboration, knowledge and information sharing with the view to strengthening NGO sector capacity and further common strategic interests. This network acts as a forum to discuss issues and provide input into the future directions, funding and activities of capacity building actions in the non-government drug and alcohol sector.

Our sister Peaks are involved in a range of fantastic projects across the country. If you haven't already, check out their websites for a broad range of information and resources via the links below.

[AADANT](#) - Association of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies NT

[ATDC](#) - Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drugs Council of Tasmania

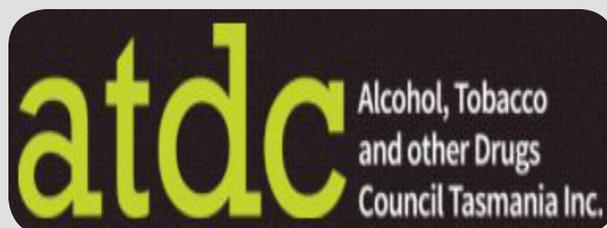
[ATODA](#) - Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Association ACT

[NADA](#) - Network of Alcohol and other Drugs Agencies (NSW)

[SANDAS](#) - South Australian Network of Drug and Alcohol Services

[VAADA](#) - Victorian Alcohol and Drug Association

[WANADA](#) - Western Australian Network of Alcohol and Drug Agencies



2018 is an exciting year!

NADA Conference 2018 Exploring therapeutic interventions

7-8 June 2018
Sydney



Join us at NADA Conference 2018, to be held on 7-8 June 2018 at the Sheraton on the Park, Sydney. This conference will attract delegates from across NSW, the broader Australian AOD treatment sector and related support services to showcase evidence based practice that improve the lives of clients, consumers and the community.

Register now at

nadaconference.org.au

Early bird registrations close **29 March 2018**.

Keynote presentations

Professor Margaret Hamilton AO
Chair of the National Centre for Clinical Research on Emerging Drugs of Concern

Regina Brindle
Consumer Participation Facilitator, Uniting ReGen

Professor Leanne Hides
NHMRC Senior Research Fellow, Lives Lived Well Professor of Alcohol, Drugs & Mental Health, University of Queensland

Nicole Laupepa
Manager, Rosalie House Tamworth, St Vincent de Paul Society

More
speakers to be
announced

Visit nadaconference.org.au to view speaker announcements and program highlights.

NIDAC18 5th National Indigenous Drug & Alcohol Conference

RESPONDING TO COMPLEXITY

PRE CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

Stamford Plaza Adelaide 6th November 2018

NIDAC18 CONFERENCE

Adelaide Convention Centre 7th - 9th November 2018

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SHAPING OUR FUTURE

2018 ATDC
CONFERENCE | 21-22 MAY 2018
HOBART

The 2018 ATDC Shaping Our Future Conference, will be held from 21 -22 May 2018 at the Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart.

The 2018 ATDC Conference is ready to challenge ideas, frameworks and practices in the Tasmanian alcohol and other drug sector.

Visit the conference website at atdcconference.com.au to find out more information about the conference.

2018 Keynote Speakers



Prof Robin Room

Robin Room is a sociologist who has directed alcohol and drug research centres in the United States, Canada, Sweden and now in his native Australia. He is a Professor at the Centre for Alcohol Policy Research at La Trobe University in Melbourne and also has an appointment at Stockholm University.



Prof Paul Dietze

Professor Paul Dietze is the Director of the Behaviours and Health Risks Program at the Burnet Institute. With over 20 years' experience he is one of the leading researchers in the alcohol and other drug sector in Australia with an extensive history of significant and innovative research into the impact of alcohol and other drugs in the community.



Andrew Bruun

Andrew Bruun (ADCW, BSW, Dip AOD Work, Hon Fellow, Dept Psychiatry, Uni of Melb) is Chief Executive Officer at YSAS, the Director of The Centre for Youth AOD Practice Development and an honorary fellow at the University of Melbourne, Department of Psychiatry.



Dr Stephen Bright

Dr Stephen Bright has worked as a clinically-trained psychologist within the Mental Health & AOD field for the past 18 years. He is currently Senior Lecturer of Addiction at Edith Cowan University and Adjunct Research Fellow at Curtin University's National Drug Research Institute.

More speakers to be announced

The 2018 ATDC Shaping Our Future Conference aims are to: challenge existing ideas, frameworks and practices and encourage reflection and innovation across the Tasmanian ATOD sector; enrich the quality, currency and reach of ATOD practice through discussions of evidence-based theory and practice; contribute to the strategic positioning of the Tasmania ATOD service system to address challenges into the future; create an environment in which delegates share knowledge and build relationships; and to provide an opportunity for the Tasmanian ATOD workforce to grow and develop.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Visit the conference website at atdcconference.com.au

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Embracing new opportunities in the alcohol and other drug sector

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2018 Western Australian
Alcohol and Other Drug Conference

20-21 March 2018
Novotel Langley Hotel, Perth

The WA Alcohol and Other Drug Conference, *Leading the Way: Embracing New Opportunities in the Alcohol and Other Drug Sector* will be bringing together a diverse range of speakers exploring the issues involved with embracing new opportunities in criminal justice, leading the way in policy (harm reduction) and leading the way in practice.

Keynote speakers:

Chief Constable Michael Barton, Durham Constabulary, UK
Professor David Forbes, University of Melbourne

Visit the website today for early bird registration and to view full details of the program and speakers

<http://2018aodconferencewa.com.au>

AOD ADVISORY SERVICE FOR PRACTITIONERS

Alcohol and Drug Information Service

Call **1800 177 833** for 24 hour/7 day free anonymous alcohol and drug support.

The Alcohol and Drug Information Service (ADIS) is a Queensland state-wide service.

ADIS provides a free anonymous 24 hour/7 day telephone counselling, information and referral service for anyone with concerns about their own or someone else's use of alcohol or other drugs. We provide:

- an opportunity to discuss your own situation and concerns with someone who understands and can help
- information about alcohol and other drugs including written resources
- options and referral to appropriate treatment services or further assistance
- consultancy service for health and related professionals.

Request a call

Please submit the form below for an Alcohol and Drug Information Service (ADIS) counsellor to make contact.

Are you a health professional or are you referring yourself? *

- Health Professional referral Refer yourself (self referral)

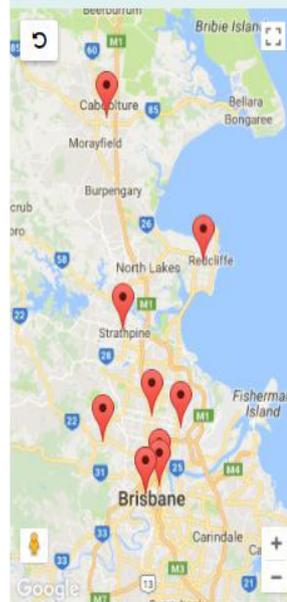
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Contact us

Phone: 1800 177 833 (24/7)

Locations

See the map below to view our various locations.



The Metro North Hospital and Health Service have released a trial telephone counselling service. This service provides specialist support for health professionals in QLD regarding the treatment of people with AOD concerns. The service is free and available from 8am to 11pm 7 days. You can find more information on the ADIS [website](#), or by calling 1800 290 928.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Family Drug Support

What: Stepping Forward sessions offer an opportunity for families to learn and connect.

When: Multiple sessions throughout January 2018

Where: Wynnum West

More information: http://webadmin.greenivymedia.com/uploads/qnada/Past%20Events/Ext_20171122_FDS%20Wnnum%20flilers.pdf

SMART Recovery: Group Facilitator Training

What: Skill development and training for health professionals wishing to be able to deliver group program.

When: 20th of February 2018

Where: Toowoomba

More information: <https://smartrecoveryaustralia.com.au/course-list/19-toowoomba-facilitator-training/>

SMART Recovery: Group Facilitator Training

What: Skill development and training for health professionals wishing to be able to deliver group program.

When: 27th of March 2018

Where: Brisbane

More information: <https://smartrecoveryaustralia.com.au/course-list/15-brisbane-facilitator-training/>

Western Australian Alcohol and other Drugs Conference 2018

What: With national and international speakers, delivered by WANADA and the Mental Health Commission, this conference will engage people around the country in the sector.

When: 20 - 21 March 2018

Where: Perth

More information: <http://2018aodconferencewa.com.au/event-information.html>

2018 Australian and New Zealand Addiction Conference

What: National conference with topics on all types of addiction, including prevention, treatment, systematic responses, behaviours, mental health and harm reduction.

When: 28-29 May 2018

Where: QT Gold coast

More information: <https://addictionaustralia.org.au/>

Delivery of Global Drug Survey

What: International survey of current or past drug users to gather up to date information to inform policy.

When: April 2018

Where: Online

More information: <https://www.globaldrugsurvey.com/>

SAVE THE DATE—NADA Conference 2018: Exploring therapeutic interventions

What: This conference will showcase evidence based practice that improve the lives of clients, consumers and the community.

When: 7th and 8th of June 2018

Where: Sydney

More information: <http://nada.org.au/eventdetails?event=1182>

SAVE THE DATE— ATDC Conference 2018: Shaping Our Future

What: Shaping Our Future is ready to challenge ideas, frameworks and practices in the Tasmanian alcohol and other drug sector.

When: 21st & 22nd of May 2018

Where: Hobart

More information: <http://www.atdcconference.com.au/>