

VISION

SANDAS works to lead and strengthen community responses to the harm caused by alcohol and other drugs.

MISSION

SANDAS facilitates networking, collaboration, research, information sharing, advocacy, training and policy review to reduce the harmful impacts of alcohol and other drugs. We are the voice of our members and stakeholders at national and state levels.

SANDAS acknowledges and appreciates ongoing funding support from:

- Australian Government - Dept of Health
- Government of South Australia – Dept of Health



WHO WE ARE:

The South Australian Network of Drug and Alcohol Services was established in 2004, to enhance community wellbeing and reduce the harm associated with alcohol and drug use.

We provide independent, state-wide representation and advocacy for non-government organisations working in the alcohol and other drugs sector, through networking and policy development.

SANDAS welcomes membership from the following groups:

- non-government agencies providing a service to reduce the harm of alcohol and other drug use;
- individuals who have an involvement with prevention and reduction of harm of alcohol and other drug use;
- students undertaking relevant courses.

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**STRATEGIC
DIRECTIONS
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OUR VALUES

Our work is underpinned by 5 core values:

HEALTH AND WELLBEING:

We work to reduce individual and community harm associated with alcohol and other drug use. Our work is underpinned by a belief in the rights of people to health, social justice, equity, reconciliation, cultural safety and social inclusion.

EVIDENCE:

We support alcohol and other drug treatment using evidence based interventions, provided by workers who are qualified and supported to deliver high quality, culturally appropriate services to individuals, families and communities.

LIVED EXPERIENCE:

We value the lived experience of clients, families, peer workers and communities as integral to the provision of effective treatment services.

COLLABORATION:

We enable the strengthening of connections between individuals, organisations, communities, the alcohol and drug and other related sectors, to facilitate collaboration and co-operation.

REPRESENTATION:

We represent the AOD NGO sector knowing our united voice is stronger than individuals or organisations acting alone. We actively engage our members in the development of our representation work with the community, government, media and other stakeholders.

REDUCING HARM

- promoting best practice
- contributing to evidence

FACILITATING COLLABORATION

- creating opportunities to build relationships
- partnering with other sectors and stakeholders

PROVIDING REPRESENTATION

- consulting with members
- speaking with a collective voice
- promoting sector identity
- advocating for sustainable and effective resourcing
- maintaining a proactive media and political profile

ENHANCING COMMUNITY WELLBEING

- working to reduce stigma
- engaging with priority populations

MAINTAINING EFFECTIVENESS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

- meeting obligations
- maintaining accreditation
- enhancing governance
- evaluating performance

BUILDING SECTOR CAPACITY

- facilitating learning & professional development
- disseminating information
- supporting the translation of research into practice