

VISION

South Australia reduces alcohol and other drug harms through strong positive community responses.

MISSION

To address the use of alcohol and other drugs by acting as the voice of its members and service users at national and state levels through networking, collaboration, research, information sharing, advocacy, training and policy review.



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

SANDAS welcomes membership from the following groups:

- non-government organisations providing a service to reduce the harm that can be associated with alcohol and other drug use;
- individuals who have an involvement with prevention and reduction of the harm that can be associated with alcohol and other drug use;
- other organisations or individuals with an interest in alcohol and other drug issues;
- students undertaking relevant courses.

SANDAS acknowledges the Kurna people and recognises their continued relationship to and custodianship over the lands and waters where we work. We extend that recognition to all First Nation's peoples, and pay our respects to Elders past, present, and future of all other lands on which we work.



**STRATEGIC
DIRECTIONS
2021 - 2024**

OUR VALUES

Our work is underpinned by 5 guiding principles:

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.

Member Focus

- Advocate for sustained and sufficient funding
- Represent the collective views of members
- Facilitate networking and information sharing between members and with other sectors
- Facilitate evidence based, practice informed workforce development
- Develop strategic relationships with key stakeholders including funding and research

Diversity and Lived Experiences

- Support the engagement of clients, families, communities in service design and delivery
- Support the further development of a lived experience workforce
- Represent the diversity of AOD sector including culturally focused, geographically dispersed and specifically targeted services

Governance and sustainability

- Continuously improve organisational governance
- Maintain accreditation
- Meet all contractual requirements
- Evaluate the impact of our activities
- Optimally use and expand SANDAS resources