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Chris Chalubek
SANDAS
Board Chair



2023



Thank you to Michael and the SANDAS team on another successful year representing, supporting and advocating for the South Australian Alcohol and other Drug sector. Both locally and

nationally there have been impactful and impressive results that strengthen our vital sector. On behalf of the Board I would like to extend our sincerest thanks and well wishes to Lesli Bevan. Over her nine years with SANDAS, Lesli made a wonderful contribution to our quality and governance systems.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the Board for their work and commitment to the successful stewardship of SANDAS during another year of pressures, this time brought on by inflation and rising costs.

As we established our first Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan, a significant achievement against our strategic directions, SANDAS declared its support for the establishment of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament in the Australian Constitution. The Voice is an integral component of the Uluru Statement from the Heart along with Truth-telling processes and the negotiation of Treaty. SANDAS commits to sharing information about the Uluru Statement from the Heart, activities that relate to the Referendum and support for the 'Yes' campaign in the lead-up to the referendum. We acknowledge our State Government's leadership in becoming the first jurisdiction to establish a Voice to the State Parliament, noting this is a first step towards redressing the longstanding inequalities that face Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in South Australia.

Our continued advocacy for and efforts to create supports for the sector's lived experience

workforce resulted in the delivery of the Peer Workforce Organisational Readiness Training and the convening of the SA AOD Peer Network in partnership with Hepatitis SA and the support of the Adelaide PHN. Both are important initiatives and steps towards a strong Peer workforce. Further to this SANDAS worked closely with DASSA providing key insights from SANDAS' work in identifying the trends and needs of the South Australian AOD workforce as DASSA developed the South Australian Workforce Development Strategy. We look forward to the launch of this strategy and its role in informing the Government's commitments to strengthening the Alcohol and Other Drug Workforce in South Australia.

Ensuring South Australian representation at a national level SANDAS worked closely with the Australian Alcohol and Other Drugs Council (AADC) supporting an intensive focus on engagement with national Parliamentary and Government stakeholders and processes. SANDAS supported particular engagement with Minister Butler's Office regarding AOD sector funding issues and May Budget implications. As a consequence of advocacy by SANDAS, the AADC and National AOD Peaks Network, South Australia has seen the Cost of Service funding flow to the Commonwealth funded sector and the reinstatement of the ERO in the form of the Drug and Alcohol Treatment service Maintenance Measure (DATSM).

Our success would not be possible without our strong relationships with our key stakeholders Drug and Alcohol Services South Australia, both Adelaide and Country SA Primary Health Networks and our national peak the Australian Alcohol and Other Drugs Council. Working positively and collaboratively with these local and national partners has supported SANDAS' efforts to support its members to maintain a strong and vibrant local Alcohol and Other Drug Sector.

Chris Chalubek SANDAS, Chair

executive officer's report



This has been the first full year post the Covid-19 pandemic. The sector and wider community are emerging into a post pandemic world. Whilst most things are reverting to 'normal' some things seem permanently altered. Online meetings, consultations, workshops and conferences are here to stay, if often as an optional way of attending. So too is flexible working. These were things we struggled to implement as a sector prior to Covid-19, so it is a silver lining that we have been able to integrate these changes so quickly and effectively.

A key piece of our work this year has seen us reflecting on our Strategic Directions. In doing so it became clear that we had not progressed our own journey around Reconciliation. To this end we formed a Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group and developed a Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan to final draft stage by the end of the financial year which will now be implemented during 2023-24. Thanks to the members of the team who worked on it. We are very pleased to formally launch it at the 2023 Symposium.

We also worked to progress the agenda on drug regulation, bringing Professor Dan Howard, Commissioner for the NSW Inquiry into the Drug Ice to SA to meet with key stakeholders. Dan also presented at the 2022 Symposium. Our 2022 Forum saw us launch the SANDAS Position Paper on Drug Regulation which we have shared with state and federal politicians, the media and the wider community. Whilst we don't have traction for change yet, moves in the ACT and Queensland indicate that change may come soon.

This year we continued our work on developing the workforce. This included building on last years work where we had collected feedback on workforce development needs at the 2022 Forum and worked with students from UniSA who

undertook an online survey and interviews with key stakeholders. The work continued into this year with the analysis of the findings consolidated into a report. The report, written with the students, gives us a rich and deep picture of the sectors workforce development needs and findings have been fed into work being undertaken by DASSA. We met regularly with DASSA staff who are developing an SA Workforce Development Action Plan. We also provided input to the development of the National AOD Workforce Development Strategy led by NCETA at Flinders University. This year we commenced the development of a Peer/Lived Experience Worker Network and delivered training to support organisations to recruit and retain peer/lived experience workers. We managed a calendar of significant training events across the year (see details in the training section).

SANDAS have worked closely with the Australian Alcohol and Drug Council (AADC) on development of a number of significant national issues. The most important has been the ensuring that the federal government maintain the Equal Remuneration Order funding (now known as the Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services Maintenance funding - DATSM). We await the Deeds of Variation that will see it flow to the sector. The sector also secured a small amount of funding in the May Federal Budget to compensate for recent cost of living increases, the Cost of Service funding that Commonwealth funded services should receive in the new financial year.

Our work with Australian Alcohol and Drug Council and our sibling Peaks on the National AOD Peaks Network has made it very clear that we are still lacking a coherent national governance model. This is essential to effectively plan for and allocate appropriate resources to deliver services sufficient to meet the needs of our client group. A fit for purpose governance model for the AOD sector would engage the current funding providers and key stakeholders including the Federal Department of Health and Aged Care

(AOD Strategy Branch), the Primary Health Branch (who fund PHNs), the Department of Social Security Grants Hub, the National Indigenous Australians Agency and representatives of each state and territories funding bodies, and representatives of the National AOD Peaks and the AADC. Whilst the detail would need to be worked out the intent of such a model would be to coordinate funding, conduct needs assessments, research, national workforce development activities, integrated planning and collective representation to government. At a state level, we need a similar model bringing together DASSA and the State Department of Health, our local PHNs, local representatives of the Department of Health and Aged Care and the National Indigenous Australians Agency. A state governance model could enhance our chances of making best use of the limited resources for treatment, support, harm reduction, early intervention, prevention and educational interventions available. We would also be able to develop better integrated data, information, and referral systems. Whilst we all strive for the best outcome, better governance would make it easier to achieve.

All in all a busy and productive year but SANDAS could not achieve what it has without our members' support and engagement. I would particularly like to thank the Board, including those who have resigned

during the year, for their support and guidance to the organisation, individuals from the frontline who have come to workshops, consultations, online meetings and provided us with insights into your work. This engagement is critical to the work we do on your behalf. I would also like to thank major funding bodies, the Federal Department of Health and Aged Care and the South Australian Department for Health and Wellbeing, who provide our core funding. We also received a small grant from

Adelaide PHN to deliver a component of our peer support program. This is an exciting opportunity to engage the emerging peer workforce.

Lesli Bevan, our very capable Quality Officer retired this year, we will miss her guidance. Her legacy is a thorough quality system that has seen us achieve ISO 9001:2015 and be certified with flying colours. Julie, our very effective Finance and Admin Officer left us in early 2023, she will be sorely missed.

Finally, I would like to thank the team - Sam, Nicole and Jodi who provide the backbone of the organisation. They enable the organisation to make a significant contribution to the work of the alcohol and other drug sector in South Australia. SANDAS would not have the impact it has without them.

Michael White
SANDAS Executive Officer

In 2022/2023 SANDAS represented

47 members (41 organisational and 6 individual) and delivered the following:

Training

11 professional development opportunities, to 350 participants, covering 21 topics.

Advocacy

9 key representations to Government/ relevant bodies and over 14 media interactions

Representations

Represented the sector at 16 committees/working groups, bringing information and perspectives from our membership through the Member Survey, site visits, the State Forum 2022 and Board meetings.

Information

272 eNews Bulletins, reaching 419 Subscribers

Resourced by

SANDAS had the following resources to deliver its programs:

- core funding from the state Department of Health and Wellbeing and federal Department of Health and Aged Care
- 14 volunteer Board members
- membership fees from 41 organisational members
- a grant from Adelaide PHN
- 4 staff members (3 FTE)

year in review

Consistent with previous years there has been significant work done this year on advocacy around funding. Of note though has been something of a change of emphasis. Working with Melanie Walker and James Dunne at the Australian Alcohol and Drug Council, our national peaks body and with the other jurisdiction peaks in the National Peaks Network we have focused on advocacy around the reestablishment of a national governance model for the wider AOD sector. Whilst this has not yet born full fruit, there are the emergence of flowers, and some have set (forgive the gardening analogy).

Locally this has been a topic of advocacy and conversation with DASSA, the National Indigenous Advancement Agency and local representatives of the federal Department of Health and Aging and the SA Primary Health Networks.

At a sectoral level we commenced working with key DASSA staff on the development of a SA AOD Workforce development Action Plan. We welcomed the commitment that DASSA made to developing a comprehensive and fit for purpose action plan, that when completed should guide the future development of the workforce. It will cover key issues such as developing the sector as a preferred sector for employment, recruitment and retention, skills and knowledge development, sectoral succession planning and ongoing professional development. Whilst not completed this year there has been a great start made and we are keen to continue this work.

This year we have seen our Aboriginal Community Controlled membership grow to seven organisations. In light of this and consistent with our Strategic Plan we undertook the development of a SANDAS

Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan. We worked closely with Reconciliation Australia and the Plan was finalised in late June. Endorsement is due to take place in early August and we plan to launch the Reflect Action Plan at the 2023 SANDAS Symposium.

Our RAP Working Group has the following members:

- Linda Stuart, Nunkuwarrin Yunti, Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation, First Nations Member, Member Rep
- Michael White, Executive Officer SANDAS, RAP WG Chair, RAP Champion
- Sam Raven, SANDAS, Senior Policy and Project Officer, Staff Rep
- Sally Underdown, Alcohol and Drug Foundation, SANDAS Board/Member Rep
- Anthony Tucker, Mission Australia, Member Rep
- Sophie Bouchier, Substance Misuse Limestone Coast, SANDAS Board/Member Rep
- Michelle Edmondson, Life Without Barriers, SANDAS Board/Member Rep

I would like to thank all of the committee members for their time and contribution.

We are actively seeking further membership from First Nation member organisations, if you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person working in the sector, please come and join us.

This year also saw the completion of two projects with the Community Outreach Centre, School of Social Work students on placement. One group of students developed a significant project (that many of you would have been engaged with) scoping the workforce development needs of the sector.

A second cohort undertook the development of a paper on the marketing of alcohol on the internet in South Australia. Both reports have been published on the SANDAS website and have contributed to our understanding of the issues studied. The projects have given students a very good grounding in the issues facing people who use alcohol and other drugs and those who are harmed by their use, either personally or through use by a loved one. The Executive Officer presented to students at UniSA and Flinders University.

In November 2022 we convened the SANDAS Drug Law Reform Roundtable. This was an opportunity to bring together high level stakeholders from across government to meet with Professor Dan Howard (QC) the NSW Commissioner on the States Inquiry into methamphetamine. Professor Howard had the terms of reference



expanded to cover all substances. Dan developed a significant range of recommendations including the full legalisation of the personal use and possession of drugs. He based his findings on national and international research relating to health, human rights, justice, the impact of policing, child welfare policies, interventions and a range of other factors. SANDAS updated Position Paper on Drug Law Reform (available on the SANDAS website).

The Roundtable flowed into the 2022 Symposium with Professor Howard presenting to the sector that recommended a broad range of local and national presentations

on alcohol and other drug regulation and human rights. We partnered with UniSA: Justice + Society's Professor Sarah Moulds and the SA Human Rights Network. The Roundtable and Symposium developed a starting position for future reform that includes establishing a state based inquiry into drug law reform (Special Commission/Parliamentary Inquiry/Royal Commission) that would consult with the South Australian community (including drug users, families, treatment providers, health providers, the justice system, wider community, and identified groups) and draw on local, national and international evidence to identify the best model of drug regulation for South



Australia. We hope that this work will bear fruit in the coming year. This work and related work supporting pill testing saw a significant degree of interest in our work from the media.

Whilst working with the sector on many issues we have also been working on the organisation. This has included completing both internal and external audits resulting in ongoing accreditation to ISO9001:2015. Additionally we have also worked on governance and strategic planning to ensure that we are providing the best services and support to our members and the people who are supported by them. Our thanks go out to the Board Members who put in considerable work to progress these developments.

training highlights

Guest speakers & events

SANDAS provides guest speakers and representatives for events that provide community education, cross-sectoral knowledge sharing and professional development.

- Nunkuwarrin Yunti AOD Workforce Support Forum
- National Harm Reduction Forum 2022
- Rethink Addiction Convention
- APSAD Conference Darwin 2022
- AOD Workshops for Community Corrections
- Reconciliation SA Gala
- Alcohol and Drug Foundation AOD Prevention Forum at Parliament House
- AIVL Stigma Conference Canberra
- DCS Partners Forum
- Aboriginal Family Support Services Workshop
- National Corrections Day Event
- VAADA Conference Melbourne
- Family Drug Support Day Parliament House
- People's Health Voice Roundtable
- Harm Reduction International Conference 2023 Melbourne
- Flinders University Criminology Seminar
- National Reconciliation Week Breakfast
- DASSA Workforce Development Strategy Consultation

SANDAS Drug Regulation Roundtable

Held a Roundtable discussion preceding the Annual Symposium to bring together stakeholders with an interest in drug law reform. Professor Dan Howard, Commissioner of the Special Commission of Inquiry into the Drug 'Ice' in NSW and representatives from the AOD treatment sector, Aboriginal Controlled Health Services, SAPOL, SA Government and other experts in Drug Law Reform.

SANDAS Symposium 2022

The theme for the 2022 Symposium was Drug Law Reform, and was held with 90 attendees. The speakers included:

- Keynote address by Professor Dan Howard, SC – Overcoming political catatonia and the 20th century 'War on Drugs' mindset – life saving drug policy and laws for the 21st century. This was followed by a panel discussion including Professor Nicole Lee and Associate Professor Caitlin Hughes.
- Dan Raffell, Senior National Program Manager and Trainer, SMART Recovery – Labels are for Jam Jars: Destigmatising behavioural change and influencing public policy.
- Dina Haifawi, Senior Project Officer, Drug and Alcohol Services SA – Take Home Naloxone Project Update
- Paula Ross, Head of Workforce Development, 360Edge – Help! I've been subpoenaed! (Mini workshop)
- Leigh Garrett, CEO, OARS Community Transitions – Restorative Justice
- Robyn Layton AO KC & Deb Moyle, Program Manager, Tiraapendi Wodli – Justice Reinvestment in SA, The Tiraapendi Wodli Journey



SHARC Organisational Readiness Training

Contracted the Self Help Addiction Resource Centre (Vic) to provide Organisational Readiness Training to SANDAS members who employ or are planning to employ Peer Workers in AOD Services. Adelaide PHN provided a subsidy for their commissioned AOD services to attend this training.

SANDAS Seminar Series

A series of four webinars enabled SANDAS to share some quality professional development opportunities with the sector, without the need for an in person event.

Speakers:

- Sally Glover & Catherine Winter: Family Drug Support – Support the family, Improve the Outcome
- Tracey Nye: Relationships Australia SA – Gambling Support Program & Lived Experience
- Venetia Brissenden: Thorne Harbour Health - Pride, Prejudice and altered states: Considering the LGBTIQ+ in AOD
- Dr Rachel Reily: SAHMRI – Wada Wanti: Leave the ice alone – App for addressing methamphetamine use in Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island communities

SA AOD Peer Network

2023 saw the launch of the SA AOD Peer Network, an opportunity for AOD Peer workers to access information sharing, support and professional development activities. This network is supported by Adelaide PHN.



SA State AOD Treatment Sector Forum 2023

This event provided our members with an update on the sector as well as networking opportunities. The sector heard from service providers and funding bodies, and had the opportunity to contribute to SANDAS' consultation on Drug Law Reform and help to build our position for future advocacy.

National Comorbidity Guidelines Training

SANDAS successfully completed delivery of the 7 modules of the National Comorbidity Guidelines Training developed by 360 Edge and The Matilda Centre at the University of Sydney.

AOD Workshops for Regional GPs

SANDAS was contracted by Country SA PHN to provide a series of workshops on Alcohol and Other Drug Issues for Regional GPs in several locations.

treasurer's report

I am pleased to present the Treasurer's report on behalf of the Board of SANDAS for the 2022/23 year.

Financial Results

The 30 June 2023 financial statements show a net surplus for the year of \$24,195 and I would like to highlight the following in relation to the financial statements.



Income Statement

The major source of cash inflows is the grant funding of \$430,142 represented by:

- \$189,200 contributed by SA Health (Mental Health and Substance Abuse funding)
- \$236,810 contributed by Commonwealth Department of Health (CSCBSPP funding).

A small surplus occurred \$2,748 from SA Health and \$347 from the Department of Health.

Additional income this year is attributable to the Worker grant of \$10,000 come this year is attributable to APHN Peer membership fees of \$9,596, Workshops and Forums of \$12,741, consultancy service fees \$11,399, interest \$9,801, and other sundry income of \$67.

In total SANDAS expended \$426,010 against the grant funding.

Balance Sheet

Members' funds have grown to \$381,656. This will allow SANDAS to remain in a stable financial position in an otherwise volatile

world, to continue to operate and meet its objectives serving the South Australian Alcohol and Other Drug sector. The cash balance at 30 June 2022 was \$439,959, giving SANDAS strong liquidity, with a current ratio of 3.51

Auditor

Letizia Palmer (Chartered Accountants) were contracted as auditors and provided accounting and audit services to SANDAS. An unqualified audit opinion has been issued on the financial statements showing full confidence in SANDAS being able to meet its reporting, legal and regularity obligations.

Conclusion

Financially SANDAS has progressed well in 2022-23 moving forward and supporting the sector and our members, many still recovering from the impacts of COVID-19. SANDAS has finished the year being financially resilient, continuing to grow its cash balance through generating additional income from minor grants, fee for service work and investments.

Ashleigh Hosking
Treasurer

board and secretariat

SANDAS Board Members as at 30.06.23

Chris Chalubek, - Chair

(Sonder)

Alexandra Ingleton - Secretary/ Deputy Chair

(Mission Australia)

Ashleigh Hosking - Treasurer

(Salvation Army)

Sophie Bouchier

(Substance Misuse Limestone Coast)

Damien Chalmers

(Centacare)

Michelle Edmondson

(Life Without Barriers)

Vicki Holmes

(Nunkuwarrin Yunti)

Stephen Lymb

(Uniting Communities)

Margaret Randle

(Hepatitis SA)

Matthew Seals

(Psychmed)

Sally Underdown

(Alcohol and Drug Foundation)

SANDAS Executive Committee Members as at 30.06.23

Chris Chalubek

Alexandra Ingelton

Ashleigh Hosking

Michael White

Board members resigned during 2022/2023

Karrin Marshall, Life Without Barriers

Tom Steeples, Individual Member

Melissa Shee, Uniting Communities

SANDAS Secretariat as at 30.06.23

Michael White - Executive Officer

Sam Raven - Senior Policy & Project Officer

Nicole Spurr - Quality, Communications & Policy Officer (0.5 FTE)

Jodi Tasker - Finance & Administration Officer (0.4 FTE)

Staff resigned 2022-2023

Lesli Bevan - Project Officer, Comorbidity, Quality and Communications

Julie Borsboom - Finance and Administration Officer



committees, reference groups and media

Committees and reference groups

SANDAS is represented on a variety of government, sector, and human services committees and reference groups. These contribute to the development of resources and research projects or provide advocacy for the AOD sector.

- Police Drug Diversion State Reference Working Group
- DASSA Workforce Development Advisory Group
- DASSA Appointment Booking System Governance Group
- SANDAS Comorbidity Network
- SANDAS Peer/Lived Experience Network
- SACOSS Policy Council
- SA Human Rights Network
- Justice Reinvestment SA Board
- Hoi Sinh Network (LDAT)
- Southern Community Services Network
- UniSA School of Justice and Society Advisory Panel on Psychology
- UniSA Lived Experience learning and qualifications group
- Not for Profit Community of Practice – Department of Treasury
- Australian Alcohol and Drugs Council
- National AOD Peaks Network
- Skills IQ Industry Reference Group for Direct Client Care (National Training Package Management)
- APSAD Scientific Program Committee – 2022 Conference
- Human Ability Foundation Committee
- National AOD Peaks Capacity Building Network

Media releases

- Pill Testing
- Shameful stigmatising of people requiring treatment
- SANDAS Unequivocally support a Voice to Parliament

Interviews

- Residential bed availability - Mt Gambier Messenger
- Pill Testing interview - ABC
- Liquor Licensing in Adelaide - ABC
- Young people and drugs - ABC
- Calls to tighten alcohol delivery rules - CH10
- Liquor Licensing - ABC
- Wastewater reports inaccurate - ABC News
- War on Drugs – The Advertiser
- You wouldn't treat cancer patients like we treat drug users – The Advertiser
- Inside the clinic helping heroin users 'break that cycle' - InDaily

Provided background on AOD issues to a number of journalists developing stories.

- National Wastewater Reports in relation to SA
- Amyl Nitrate use and control in SA
- Wrote privately to a number of journalists to address the issue of stigma in their reporting



representation

State Representation

SANDAS met with the following to represent the interests of the AOD sector:

- Minister for Health and Wellbeing, Chris Picton, MP
- Minister for Small and Family Business
- Minister for Consumer and Business Affairs
- Minister for Arts Andrea Michaels MP
- Attorney General Kyam Maher
- Nadia Clancy MP
- Tammy Franks MP
- Robert Mills MP
- Adelaide Primary Health Network
- Country SA Primary Health Network
- Dept of Industry and Skills
- Drug and Alcohol Services SA
- Australian Association of Social Workers SA Branch
- Australian Psychedelic Society (SA Branch)
- Murray Mallee AOD Sector Forum
- FARE Australia
- Community of Practice: Online sale and home delivery of alcohol
- Public Health Association of Australia (SA Branch)
- Reconciliation SA
- Aboriginal Family Support Services
- Department of Correctional Services
- Youth Affairs Council SA
- Multicultural Communities Association of SA
- Consumer and Business Affairs
- Red Cross/Centacare Coober Pedy
- Coober Pedy District Council
- Umoona Tjudika Community Council
- Department of Treasury and Finance – Not for Profit Community of Practice
- KWY Aboriginal Corporation
- Letter to Minister Risworth re Ceduna Indue Card funding

National Representation

SANDAS met with the following to represent the interests of the AOD sector:

- Office of the Minister for Health
- Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care Ged Kearny MP
- Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention McBride MP
- Chair of Standing Committee on Health, Aged Care and Sport Dr Mike Freelander MP
- Drug Strategy Branch, Department of Health, Canberra
- Primary Health Network Branch, Department of Health, Canberra
- Australian Alcohol and Drug Council (member)
- Skills IQ Industry Reference Group for Direct Client Care
- National Indigenous AOD Initiative
- Raise the Age Network
- National Alcohol Awareness Network
- Human Ability Steering Committee
- Rethink Addiction Conference
- Australian Professional Society for Alcohol and Drugs
- AIVL Stigma Conference
- VAADA Conference
- Harm Reduction International Conference 23
- NOFASD Australia
- 2022 APSAD International Conference

membership and submissions 2022-2023

SANDAS Member Organisations

Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council
Aboriginal Sobriety Group Indigenous Corporation
Alcohol and Drug Foundation
Baptist Care SA
Catherine House
Centacare Catholic Family Services
Community Access and Services SA
Country and Outback Health
Drug Arm
Encounter Youth
Family Drug Support
FocusOne Health
Grandcarers SA
Hepatitis SA Inc.
iReach Rural Health
Junction Australia
Life Without Barriers
Mind Australia
Mission Australia
Moorundi ACCHS Inc
Neami National
NOFASD Australia
Nunkuwarrin Yunti
OARS Community Transitions
Pangula Mannamurna Aboriginal Corporation
Port Augusta Substance Misuse Service
Port Lincoln Aboriginal Health Service Inc
PsychMed
Relationships Australia
Salvation Army
Sammy D Foundation
SMART Recovery Australia
Sonder
Substance Misuse Limestone Coast
Teen Challenge SA Inc
Thorne Harbour Health
Umoona Tjutagku Health Service Aboriginal Corporation
Uniting Communities
Visible Recovery Pty Ltd
West Coast Youth and Community Support

Submissions

- Premier Malinauskas: Changes to drug driving laws
- SANDAS Position Paper - SANDAS gives unequivocal support to the YES campaign
- Consumer and Business Services - 2023 Review of the Late Night Trading Code
- Liquor and Gaming SA - Community Impact Assessment Guidelines consultation
- National Alcohol and Other Drug Workforce Development Strategy
- Minister Butler - Concern About Negative Impact of Alcohol Marketing On Community Health And Wellbeing

In collaboration with the AADC and the National Peaks Network submissions have been made to:

- 6th National Hepatitis C Virus Strategy 2023-30
- Australian Human Rights Commission – National Child Commissioner investigation into opportunities for youth justice and child wellbeing reform
- Select Committee into the Provision of and Access to Dental Services in Australia
- National Health Reform Agreement Addendum 2020-2025 Mid-term Review
- Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs Inquiry into Improving Access to Medicinal Cannabis Bill
- Australian Bureau of Statistics' review of the Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO)
- Joint Select Committee on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice Referendum on the Constitution Alteration (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice) 2023 Bill
- National Mental Health Commission National Stigma and Discrimination Reduction Strategy
- 2023-24 Pre-budget Submission
- Therapeutic Goods Administration proposed reforms to the regulation of nicotine vaping products
- Joint Committee on Law Enforcement inquiry into Australia's illicit drug problem. Challenges and opportunities for law enforcement

about the artwork



This painting has four stories that depict an old landscape, a modern landscape, communities travelling across country and modern services and ancient practices.

The centre panel depicts these communities travelling over country where for millennia they have accessed their many healing practices from the old ways. The ancient lands are represented by the dotted landscape over which they travelled. The ancient practices are represented in the larger circles where healers and Elders are sitting.

Today these same communities traveling over the same lands have access to many services where twenty first century practices can be found. These new services and practices are represented in the large circles within the modern multi coloured lines of country.

Whilst there are new accessible services and practices, the old practices are still to be utilised, and when communities are crossing country, there is a choice. People can choose from both traditional and modern practices providing greater potential for healthy communities.

Artist: Philip (Phil) Allen

Please use the QR Code to
view the SANDAS Reflect
Reconciliation Action Plan.



Formed in 2004, we are the peak body representing South Australia's Non-Government Organisation (NGO) Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) sector.

OUR VALUES

The work of SANDAS is underpinned by five 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.

SANDAS acknowledges and appreciates ongoing support from:

- Commonwealth Department of Health
- SA Department for Health and Wellbeing – Drug and Alcohol Services SA (DASSA)

SANDAS acknowledges the Kurna Peoples and recognises their continued relationship to and custodianship over the lands and waters of the Adelaide Plains where we are based, and acknowledges all the First Nation's peoples on whose land we work. We pay our respects to Elders past, present, and future.



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