



ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOL AND
OTHER DRUG AGENCIES **NT**

Together we make a difference



Annual
Report
2013_14

CHAIRMAN MESSAGE

AADANT has been evolving continuously for 2 years – and we will keep changing to remain relevant and vital to the AOD sector in the NT.

In May 2013 AADANT incorporated in its own right and stepped out from under the auspice arrangement with NTCOSS heralding a brand new world for the 2013_14 financial year.

The board managed operations until February 2014 when AADANT welcomed Michelle Kudell into the role of Executive Officer and charged her with growing the organization and building its reputation and relevance to the AOD sector.

Our Mission and Objectives

At AADANT our Mission is: To build and maintain a strong, sustainable and culturally diverse Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) sector that works together to reduce alcohol and other drug related harm across the Northern Territory.

Our Objectives are: To perform as a peak body for the Non-Government Alcohol and Other Drugs sector in the Northern Territory through:

Sector capacity building including workforce, and agency, training, support and development; Encouraging and/or facilitating collaboration, networking and other communication across the sector; Promoting a range of effective strategies that minimise related harms including promoting links to current research and best practice guidelines and standards; Increasing public awareness, and education, regarding AOD issues and strategies to minimise related harms; Strategic development of guidelines, resources and publications that support a high functioning AOD sector; and Advocacy and representation of a sector perspective on policy and other issues that relate to substance misuse issues.

A year of significant achievement

An important theme this year has been development and recognition.

Since February, and the recruitment of our new Executive Officer, the organization has established its functionality ensuring that an operational office and work environment was established.

In the 7 months since, AADANT has steadily built a reputation as providing important and necessary information, networking and resources to its members and the broader sector. Our Executive Officer has ensured that AADANT is involved in Government decision making and has represented the sector at numerous reference and information groups and meetings.

Examples include:

ATOD Strategic Planning Steering Committee, VSA Network, National AODs Peak Network, National Peaks Capacity Building Network, Aftercare Advisory Group, AOD Standards Planning, Government enquiry into FASD, Government enquiry into the harmful use of alcohol.

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AADANT also worked hard to bring a highly successful AOD Sector Forum to Darwin in June 2014. Occurring over three days the forum was attended by in excess of 150 members and guests. Feedback included “one of the best forums ever held in the NT”.

AADANT also assisted in, or facilitated, several other learning or networking opportunities across the NT.

People and culture

I have been greatly encouraged by what I’ve seen this year. AADANT has developed a robust customer service culture and the workforce is very supportive of the corporation’s strategic direction.

Our Executive Officer secured additional funding which has seen the recruitment of a Project Manager. Miranda Halliday joined our team to work alongside the Executive Officer in the new financial year. Further core funding has also secured another 3 years operational funding for AADANT.

We are united in a desire to continue this ambitious change program that will secure a sustainable future for the NT AOD Sector.

The Future

We are in the process of developing our Strategic Plan to carry us forward and you can expect to find this on our new website when it becomes live.

The website will be live by the end of October 2014, bringing a much needed central point of reference for information, templates, resources, news and events.

We are also working on Standards for the AOD sector in the NT and a comprehensive case management package to assist our agencies in the delivery of their services. Other proposals are in the pipelines awaiting potential funding and I expect the new financial year ought to be a busy and productive one. I have absolute faith in our new staff, who make a formidable team, and who are absolutely dedicated to serving the needs of the AOD sector.

Thank you

Thank you to our members who have continued to support AADANT and provide valuable information and support as we work together to reduce the harmful use, and its effects, of alcohol and other drugs in the NT. I would like to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of my fellow committee members and the management team.

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I joined AADANT as Executive Officer in February and have had a busy, productive and rewarding time since. From very meagre beginnings as a fledgling Incorporated entity, AADANT now boasts a head office space located in Katherine and a full time Program Manager to assist in the development of services to the AOD sector. I am very proud to say this also represents the receipt of new funding for our Program Manager position and successful negotiation of a new 3 year Service Agreement for AADANT's core funding.

Some of our significant achievements over the last 7 months include:

Membership of the National AOD Peak Body network, The Peaks Capacity Building Network, NT Peak Body Network and KRAG – Katherine Regional Action Group (responsible for the development of the AMP Katherine);

Signing of an MOU with the National AOD Peak Body network – **OUTCOME:** collaborative agreement signed by every state and territory and development of a capability statement:

July 2014

Alcohol and Other Drugs Peaks Network

Capability Statement for the Australian Government

OUR VISION

An Australian community with the lowest possible levels of alcohol, tobacco and other drug related harm, as a result of the alcohol, tobacco and other drug sector's evidence-informed prevention, treatment and harm reduction policies and services.

WHO WE ARE

The AOD Peaks Network comprises of all state and territory peak bodies:

- Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drug Association ACT (ATODA)
 - Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drugs Council Tasmania (ATDC)
 - Association of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies Northern Territory (AADANT)
 - Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies (NADA)
 - Queensland Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies (QNADA)
 - South Australian Network of Alcohol and Drug Services (SANDAS)
 - Victorian Alcohol and Drug Association (VAADA)
 - Western Australian Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies (WANADA)
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OUR REACH & WHO WE REPRESENT

We provide a conduit for immediate access to alcohol and other drug services in all Australian jurisdictions. We represent:

- 435 organisations (primarily non-government), 80% of which are funded to provide AOD services by the Commonwealth;
- All specialist treatment types (counselling, detoxification, residential and non-residential rehabilitation, opiate replacement therapy) and harm reduction services;
- \$377,905,578 of State, Territory and Commonwealth AOD services funding investment; and
- 80,000 Australians who receive an episode of care annually.

WHAT WE DO

The AOD Peaks Network advances and supports alcohol and other drug services in all Australian jurisdictions to prevent, treat and reduce alcohol, tobacco and other drug related harms to individuals, families and communities. To enable this we provide expert services in:

- Capacity building
- Sector and workforce development
- Quality improvement
- Education and research
- Information and communication
- Coordination and partnerships
- Information management and data collection
- Representation and consultation
- Program development for State, Territory and Commonwealth governments, including policy advice.

WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENTS:

The AOD Peaks Network is an effective tool for government in the AOD sector by:

- Providing frontline, real-time jurisdictional intelligence to State, Territory and Commonwealth governments on AOD policies, programs and problems;
 - Being an invaluable source of information on government investment, through protecting investment in community/NGO AOD services across all jurisdictions by supporting the implementation of evidence based practice and workforce development;
 - Supporting government by enabling effective and consistent implementation of reform across all jurisdictions;
 - Being a conduit for communication between government and service providers and consumers in the AOD sector;
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- Assisting government in program planning and decision making;
- Supporting collaboration across the sector, with other sectors, and across jurisdictions; and
- Supporting information exchange between jurisdictions to minimise duplication in policy and program development.

CONTACT

The AOD Peaks Network contact is Jill Rundle, CEO WANADA (ph – 08 6365 6365 email – jill.rundle@wanada.org.au)

NT AOD Sector Forum – Darwin – **OUTCOME:** Attended by 100+ attendees with 100% positive feedback. Comments were received indicating that the event was seen as one of the best in the NT and the guest speakers also commented on the quality of the venue, the arrangements and, even the gifts – Ted Wilkes commenting that he received the best gift ever through our forum.

Development of an informative and regular AOD sector newsletter - **OUTCOME:** Feedback has been extremely positive with members sending endorsement via email and constant requests for additions to our mailing list;

Training – Cultural Diversity – Alice Springs – **OUTCOME:** This event was attended by 40+ attendees and earned close to \$300 through non-member attendance.

Hosted Quality Framework Discussion – Darwin - **OUTCOME:** This meeting was well attended and 100% positive feedback was received following the event;

Website Development - **OUTCOME:** due to be live 19/09/14 – all going well at the time of writing this a presentation of the website will follow this report;

Construction of a Resource Library – located in Katherine – **OUTCOME:** we currently hold a supply of 8 different AOD resources available to members and a selection of materials available for browsing which include brochures, reference material, research materials, books and flyers.

Invitation to respond to Government enquiry into FASD and the Harmful use of Alcohol;

Invitation to join the Government AMT review;

Invitation to sit on selection panel for a number of key Government AOD positions;

Representation on/at numerous meetings, committees and advisory groups (see below – EO Calendar) including an invitation to participate on the National Peak Body Development Committee; Meetings with Minister Nash, Senator Di Natale and DoH Canberra.

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Representation at Territory and National forums and conferences including NIDAC Conference, POCHE Key Thinkers Forum and submitting an abstract to present at the 7th Australasian Drug and Alcohol Strategy Conference – **OUTCOME:** submission pending;

Representation at National Peaks Consultation: NDARC data collection exercise for a case study of “supporting treatment” and key themes and issues in the review of the Alcohol and other Drug Treatment Services Sector;

Application for further funding – Department of Social Services – Community Development and Participation grant: **OUTCOME:** currently pending and Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet – Indigenous Advancement Funding - **OUTCOME:** proposal in development – application to be submitted by 17th October 2014;

Agency support :

- Letters of support: BRADAAG re AMT Proposal, DASA re new proposal – pending.
- Individual support incidences – supply of resources x 4 (since July 2014)

Attendance at Events and Functions – Homelessness Day – Katherine, BRADAAG 30th Birthday Celebration

Some of the projects we are working on include:

Development of AOD Standards for the NT;

Development of a Case Management Package for the AOD sector;

Collaboration with AOD Remote Workforce Team in the dissemination and development of their resources and tool kits;

Invitation to review NDARC Suicide Assessment Kit;

Policy review and development;

In writing this summary I recognize that it has been a very busy period and there are possibly many more contacts, meetings or achievements that whilst insignificant, in so much as my ability to recall them, have been intrinsic to the development of the organization and more specifically our reputation. I can say with some pride that we are now a recognized point of reference for the Government and AOD agencies when seeking information, advice or representation of the AOD sector.

We make it our business to research and survey the sector (including surveys re FASD, Needs of the Sector and methamphetamine usage in the NT) whenever we are asked for information as I feel above all else our role is to be a true and correct representation of our members.

Today we represent 32 agencies across the NT, including 14 newly financial members (some are currently being processed so this number is increasing). As confidence in our abilities continues to climb I expect our membership will also climb. Having introduced fees this financial year (2014/2015) it has been satisfying to see that our members have happily endorsed our organization and moved without complaint to paid

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membership. To honour and recognize this commitment we are strategizing constantly as to the provision of appropriate member benefits and with the imminent launch of the website these benefits will become more and more evident.



EO CALENDAR UPDATE

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2014

- 26th February: National Peaks Capacity Building Network Teleconference
- 6th : National Peaks Face to Face Meeting - Sydney
- 7th: Meeting Allison Ritter – National Peaks Sydney.
- 11th: National Peaks Capacity Building Network
- 17-19th: Borroloola visit.
- 20th: Krag Meeting – Katherine.
- 26-27th: NDIS Conference – Alice Springs
- 28th: Meet and Greet – Blair McFarland (CAYLUS) and Jenny Frendin (Remote AOD Workers)

APRIL 2014

- 2nd: NT Peaks Network Meeting (NTCOSS) and representation at Government Inquiry into the Harmful Use of Alcohol and Indigenous Communities.
- 3rd: Meeting Gail Wright NTG DoH and meeting CEO Medicare Local.
- 4th: National Peaks Network Teleconference
- 9th : Meeting – Amity (Michael Massingham), Peaks Capacity Building Network teleconference, Meeting – Mission Australia
- 10th: Alcohol Mandatory Treatment Review – Health House, Darwin.
- 30th: Meeting – Relationships Australia.

MAY 2014

- 6 – 7th: Quality Frameworks Consultation - Darwin.
- 6th: Meeting – Barry White, NTCOSS.
- 9th: AOD National Peaks Network Teleconference.

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12th: Meeting re potential premises for AADANT – Katherine, Meeting – Kellie – Darwin Convention Centre re NT AOD Sector Forum – Darwin.

13th: AOD Standards Development Day – NTG DoH

14th: National Peaks Network Face to Face – Sydney – David McDonald to present.

16th: Meeting with Minister Scullion – Katherine – in collaboration with KRAG

21st: Peaks Capacity Building Network Teleconference, Meeting – Larrakia Nation – Megan.

22nd: Meeting with Lauren Moss, Headspace, Darwin, Volatile Substance Abuse Network Meeting, Darwin and Meeting – Cilla Collins – NAAJA CEO.

23rd/26th : AOD Standards Development – Day 2 – Darwin – NTG DoH

28th: Meeting – Flinders University – Katherine

30th: Meeting – AOD Policy and Planning Team NTG DoH Darwin, Meeting – AOD DoH Strategic Plan Stakeholder Interview, Darwin.

JUNE 2014

2nd: AfterCare Advisory Group Meeting - Darwin

3 – 6th: NIDAC Conference – Melbourne (Incl. National Peaks Network Face to Face Meeting pre conference)

16 – 18th: NT AOD Sector Forum - Darwin.

19th: New grants Management Information session – Alice Springs.

JULY 2014

4th: Interview Panel – General Manager DAATS – Darwin

9th: Poche Foundation Reception – Government House – Darwin

11th: Poche Foundation Key Thinkers Forum – Darwin

14th: Meeting DoH Canberra, Meeting – Senator Di Natale, Canberra, Meeting – Senator Nash, Canberra (in collaboration with National Peaks Network

16th: Meeting – Flinders University – Katherine

24th: Interview – Program Manager – AADANT – Darwin, Meeting – Gail Wright and Deb Coleman NTG DoH.

30th: Peaks Capacity Building Network Teleconference.

AUGUST 2014

5th: CHAIN Meeting – Katherine - Networking

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8th: Homelessness Day – Katherine – Information Stall

12th: Meeting – Xenia RMIT – Cert 4 etc

13th: Interview Panel – ADSCA General Manager – NTG DoH, Darwin

18th: AOD Strategic Planning Steering Committee – NTG DoH, Darwin, Meeting – Gail Wright –
NTG DoH re New Service Agreement

21st: KRAG Meeting – Katherine

SEPTEMBER 2014

2nd: Interview Panel – Service Development Manager DoH NTG – shortlist via phone

3rd: Meeting – May Rosas – Traditional Owner

5th: BRADAAG 30yr Celebration – Tennant Creek

8th: Meeting – Remote AOD Workers, Alice Springs, Meeting – Will McGregor – BushMob, Alice
Springs, Meeting – CAAC, Alice Springs, Meeting – CAAAPU, Alice Springs

9th: Meeting, DASA, Alice Springs, Meeting – Holy Oake, Alice Springs

18th: KRAG Meeting, Katherine, Mental Health Strategic Planning Consultation Forum, Katherine

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