

2023 ABORIGINAL ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG WORKER FORUM: TIME FOR ACTION

18 - 19 MAY 2023

THE WESTIN, BOORLOO (PERTH)

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TIME FOR ACTION



**SPEAKING LEADING
DRIVING CHANGE**

HOSTED BY



Western Australian Network of
Alcohol & other Drug Agencies

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

WANADA acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which we live and work, and recognise their strength in connection to the land, sea, and community. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

WANADA acknowledges the widespread and intergenerational effects of colonisation. The policy and actions of dispossession established long-lasting barriers between peoples, land, and culture. Furthermore, we acknowledge that this trauma has a systemic presence in Western Australian society, policy, and the alcohol and other drug system. We acknowledge the need to address this issue by re-evaluating the systems in place that affect the cultural, social, and economic matters of Aboriginal people.

WANADA is committed to advancing conciliation/reconciliation and fostering the valuable contributions that Aboriginal people make in the alcohol and other drug service sector to deliver meaningful, lasting outcomes for Aboriginal people, families, and communities.



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Responsive Aboriginal
Alcohol and Other Drug
Program Award



Outstanding Student
Award



WA Aboriginal Alcohol and
Other Drug Worker of the
Year



Organisation Recognition
Award



Partnership Award



ABOUT US



The Western Australian Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies (WANADA) is the peak body for the alcohol and other drug education, prevention, treatment, and support sector in Western Australia.

WANADA's aim is to enhance health and well-being of all Western Australians by reducing the harms associated with alcohol and other drug use; and enabling a strong and viable alcohol and other drug service system.

THE 2023 ABORIGINAL AOD WORKERS FORUM REFERENCE GROUP

A reference group comprising Aunty Oriel Green & Aunty Moya Newman (Aboriginal Elders who have worked with WANADA for many years), Andrew Amor (Milliya Rumurra Aboriginal Corporation), Catherine Wilson, Simone Clinch & Michelle Mippy (Wungening Aboriginal Corporation) and Wayne Flugge & Cliff Collard (Strong Spirit Strong Mind Aboriginal Programs) was established to steer the planning and delivery of the 2023 Aboriginal Forum.

WANADA thanks the reference group for their time and guidance.



ABOUT OUR PRESENTING PARTNERS

PALMERSTON ASSOCIATION

Established in 1980, Palmerston has over 42 years of experience, developing a strong reputation for delivering evidence based alcohol and other drug (AOD) services and related programs.

Palmerston provides a range of culturally safe services to individuals, families and communities treating comorbid AOD and mental health problems through counselling, family support, group work, outreach, educational initiatives and adult residential rehabilitation in Perth Metro, South-West and Great Southern regions.

WUNGENING ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Wungening Aboriginal Corporation is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation which provides culturally secure, confidential and free of charge services to Aboriginal people in the Perth metropolitan area.

Understanding of historical factors – impacting on Aboriginal healing, health and wellbeing – is key to healing spirit, mind and body. Family is central to Aboriginal culture and connectedness to family is key to healing processes. Wungening encourages and supports connectedness as central to healing for all clients.



PROGRAM DAY 1

THURSDAY, 18 MAY



Government Policy Planning & Procurement Responding to Community Needs	TIME		Ballrooms 2&3	Ballroom 1
	8:30 am	30 mins	REGISTRATIONS	
	9:00 am	10 mins	Introduction & Housekeeping <i>Danny Ford</i>	
	9:10 am	15 mins	Welcome to Country <i>Noel Nannup</i>	
	9:25 am	15 mins	Official Opening <i>Lindsay Hale, A/Mental Health Commissioner</i>	
	9:40 am	30 mins	Kimberley Presentation <i>Represented by Andrew Amor, Milliya Rumurra Aboriginal Corporation & Anna Durant, CHMR</i>	
	10:10 am	30 mins	Pilbara & Goldfields Presentation <i>Represented by Helen Mitchell & Sam Doran, Hope Community Services</i>	
	10:40 am	20 mins	MORNING TEA	
	11:00 am	30 mins	Mid West Presentation <i>Represented by Fleur Harding, WA Country Health Service</i>	
	11:30 am	30 mins	Perth Presentation <i>Represented by Wungening Aboriginal Corporation, Palmerston Association, Cyrenian House, Holyoake, Mission Australia, Salvation Army & Peer Based Harm Reduction WA</i>	
	12:00 pm	30 mins	South West Presentation <i>Represented by Suzanne Blythe, Palmerston Association, Marnie Dillon, St John of God, Tracie Pushman, Cyrenian House & Paul Dessauer, Peer Based Harm Reduction WA</i>	
	12:30 pm	60 mins	LUNCH	
	1:30 pm	30 mins	Wheatbelt Presentation <i>Represented by Jo Woodruff, Holyoake</i>	
	2:00 pm	30 mins	Great Southern Presentation <i>Represented by Tina Edwards Pope & Uncle Rod Ogilvie, Palmerston Association</i>	
	2:30 pm	30 mins	AFTERNOON TEA	
	3:00 pm	45 mins	Regional Panel Discussion <i>Sector representatives from each WA region</i>	
	3:45 pm	30 mins	Presentation of 'Nothing About Us Without Us' Aboriginal Leadership Report <i>Dr Annalee Stearne, Telethon Kids Institute (author of report while at WANADA)</i>	Sound Healing <i>Olman Walley</i> Please note: this is ticketed & limited to 28 people.
	4:15 pm	15 mins	Closing Remarks <i>Danny Ford</i>	
	4:30 pm		CLOSE OF DAY ONE	

PROGRAM DAY 2

FRIDAY, 19 MAY



Self-Determination Reflected in Organisations	TIME		Ballrooms 2&3	Ballroom 1
	7:45am	60 mins		Strong Spirit Strong Mind Awards Breakfast Please note: this is a ticketed event.
	8:45 am	30 mins	REGISTRATIONS	
	9:15 am	15 mins	Welcome & Housekeeping <i>Aunty Oriel Green & Aunty Moya Newman</i>	
	9:30 am	30 mins	Mooditj Moort (Solid Families) AOD & Parenting <i>Celine Thompson & Anne Thompson, Wungening Aboriginal Corporation</i>	
	10:00 am	30 mins	Relapse, Vulnerability & Social Determinants <i>Joel Stuart & Arnold Bin Baker, Milliya Rumurra Aboriginal Corporation</i>	
	10:30 am	30 mins	MORNING TEA	
	11:00 am	30 mins	Djinang Kadadjiny Karni Wangkiny <i>Emma Jarvis & Rohan Collard, Palmerston Association</i>	Aboriginal Stakeholder Engagement Project <i>Nicole Velkaski, Cath Colvin & Madi Ross, Mental Health Commission</i>
	11:30 am	30 mins	Reflections & Learnings from the Aboriginal Family Support Program <i>Michelle Russell & David Shakespeare, Cyrenian House</i>	Best Practice – Aboriginal Engagement <i>Nathan Meteoro & Eliza Kitchener, Black Dog Institute; Sara Walsh & Stacie Mei Laccohee-Duffield, Mental Health Commission</i>
	12:00 pm	60 mins	LUNCH	
	1:00pm	30 mins	Strong Spirit Strong Mind Aboriginal Programs <i>Kurt Porter, Strong Spirit Strong Mind Aboriginal Programs</i>	Opportunities & Challenges, Providing Culturally Appropriate AOD Services in the Pilbara <i>Fiona Paterson, Bloodwood Tree Association</i>
	1:30 pm	30 mins	FASD – Filling Gaps <i>Dionne Aitken, Mental Health Commission</i>	The Good Way – Relapse Prevention Program <i>Stephen Morrison, Hope Community Services</i>
	2:00 pm	30 mins	Through Care Model <i>Andrew Wilson & Julie Mobbs, Yaandina Community Services</i>	Taking Men Out Bush – A Time for Change <i>Stephen Morrison, Hope Community Services</i>
	2:30 pm	30 mins	AFTERNOON TEA	
	3:00 pm	60 mins	Health & Mental Health Minister Presentation & Panel <i>The Hon. Amber Jade Sanderson MLA, Minister for Health; Mental Health & sector representatives from each WA region</i>	
	4:00 pm	20 mins	Call to Action & Closing Remarks <i>Jill Rundle, WANADA</i>	
	4.20 pm		CLOSE OF FORUM	

Workforce

Kootamiara kwab boola moort ngala bidi (Healthy Communities Our Way)



Ngala moorditj-abiny wer walburn kaat, yoongar wer bardan moort
koort kenyal moort-ngat
(We strengthen and heal mind, body and spirit through our
community led programs)

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Palmerston's RAP vision is for equality and equity, so that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people feel comfortable walking through Palmerston's doors, knowing they will be treated equally, respectfully, in a safe and culturally secure way, and with genuine inclusiveness.

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