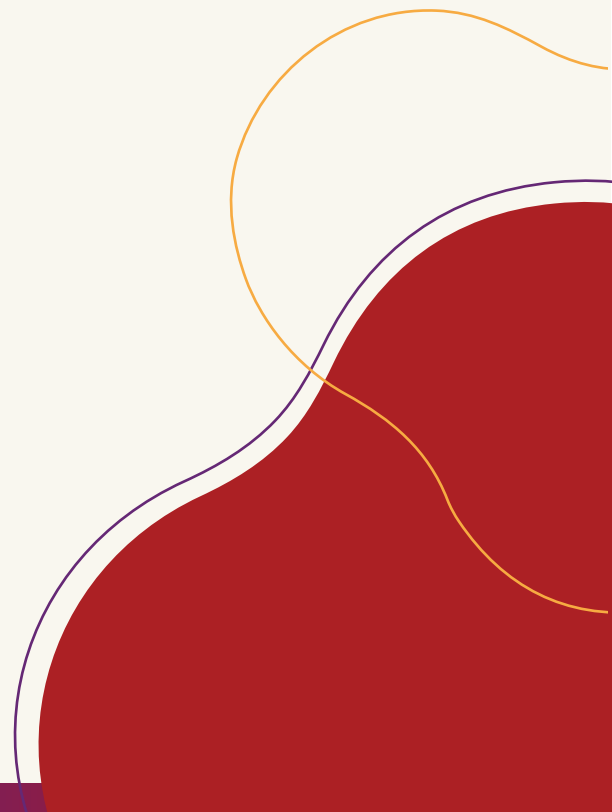


**WA ALCOHOL
AND OTHER DRUG
CONFERENCE 2025**
PATHWAYS • SYSTEMS • STRATEGIES

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG EXCELLENCE AWARDS

5-7 March 2025





Nomination Information

The 2025 Alcohol and Other Drug Excellence Awards will be assessed using an independent assessment process. Awards Panels will assess all nominations against the specified selection criteria for each category and select up to three finalists and one winner in each category.

Finalists will be invited to attend the Awards ceremony during the 2025 Western Australian Alcohol and Other Drug Conference: Pathways, Systems, Strategies, on 5-7 March 2025 at Esplanade Hotel Fremantle by Rydges, Fremantle. Finalists will have the option to attend their awards nomination only or purchase a ticket separately at early bird rate to attend the conference.

The winner in each category will remain confidential until the Awards ceremony.

Throughout the judging process, all information that has been supplied as part of a nomination will be kept strictly confidential and will only be disclosed to the relevant Awards Panel. It is not possible to provide each entry submission with individual feedback, however general feedback may be provided on request once the Alcohol and Other Drug Excellence Awards 2025 conclude.

The Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Excellence Awards categories this year are:

1. Excellence in Community Development, Capacity and Capability Building.
2. Excellence in Reducing the Risk of Alcohol and Other Drug related Harms.
3. Excellence in Treatment.
4. Excellence in Partnerships.
5. Excellence in Improving AOD outcomes for Aboriginal Peoples.
6. Excellence in Working with Families and Significant Others.
7. Excellence in Preventing and Reducing AOD Harms in Young People.
8. Translating Research into Practice for Improved AOD Outcomes.
9. Excellence in Consumer Engagement.

The categories are detailed later in the document.

Key dates

- Award nominations open: **Friday 20 September 2024**
- Closing dates for Award nominations: **Friday 29 November 2024**
- Finalists will be publicly announced by: **Thursday 6 February 2025**
- Alcohol and Other Drug Excellence Award Ceremony: **Wednesday 5 to Friday 7 March 2025**



Eligibility for Award Nomination

The following conditions apply:

- The program or organisation nominated must be operating in Western Australia.
- Previous award winners from the 2014, 2018 and 2021 Alcohol and Other Drug Excellence Awards are not eligible to re-nominate the same initiative, unless the initiative has demonstrated significant development(s). Finalists may re-nominate.
- An initiative can be nominated in more than one category but can only win in one category.

Nomination form

- A completed nomination form must accompany each submission.
- The nomination form should include two referees.
- A separate letter of endorsement must be signed by the nominating organisation's Chief Executive Officer, Board member or other authorised representative.

Evidence cited in Application

Information and examples used in response to the category criteria must be verifiable. Evidence provided must be for recently completed (within the last 12 months) or current programs. Examples of evidence that can be accepted include but are not limited to: quantitative data and/or qualitative data such as case studies.

Written Application

A written application in 12-point Arial font, or neatly handwritten, must be submitted through the **Awards Nomination Form** It should include the following:

- A program description of no more than 500 words
- A statement addressing each of the selection criteria for the relevant Award category totalling no more than 1,000 words
- Supporting material/evidence (please see below)

Supporting Material/Evidence

- Up to five A4 pages of supporting material or links to electronic media as supporting material may be submitted as part of the application.
- Copies of photographs and short videos, etc. are permitted to be submitted but will not be accepted in place of the written application and must be relevant to the application.
- Material over the five-page limit will be disregarded.
- Supporting material will not be returned to the applicant.

Refusal of application

- WANADA reserves the right to accept or reject nominations for the Awards.
- WANADA's decision will be final and not subject to any further consultation or review.



1. Excellence in Community Development, Capacity and Capability Building

The development and implementation of effective prevention and community development or building capacity/capability initiatives contributes to reducing AOD use in the community. This category celebrates the achievements made by a program or organisation that has designed and implemented effective AOD prevention, community development and/or building AOD capacity/capability.

Selection criteria include the extent to which the program:

- a) Applied evidence-informed prevention and/or community development and/or build AOD capacity/capability strategies to reduce AOD use for the target population(s).
- b) Applied innovation while being aligned with relevant policy, strategic or framework goals.
- c) Demonstrated sustainability, accessibility and/or applicability to other contexts.
- d) Demonstrated engagement with relevant key stakeholders, including community members, to inform program development.
- e) Achieved other relevant outcomes.

2. Excellence in Reducing the Risk of Alcohol and Other Drug Related Harms

Harm reduction includes policies, programs and practices that aim to reduce the adverse health, social and economic consequences of AOD use for individuals or communities. This category celebrates the achievements of a program or organisation that has implemented evidence-informed AOD harm reduction strategies.

Selection criteria include the extent to which the program:

- a) Applied evidence-informed strategies to reduce AOD-related harms.
- b) Applied innovation while being aligned with relevant policy, strategic or framework goals.
- c) Demonstrated sustainability, accessibility and/or applicability to other contexts.
- b) Demonstrated engagement with relevant key stakeholders, including consumers, in program development.
- e) Achieved other relevant outcomes.



3. Excellence in Treatment

Effective treatment, including medical or psychosocial approaches, can significantly improve the health and quality of life for people who experience issues associated with Alcohol and Other Drug use. This category celebrates the achievements of a program or organisation providing treatment services.

Selection criteria include the extent to which the program:

- a) Applied evidence-informed approaches to improve outcomes for people accessing AOD treatment.
- b) Applied innovation while being aligned with relevant policies, strategies and frameworks (e.g. National Quality Framework for Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services and National Framework for Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Treatment 2019-29).
- c) Demonstrated sustainability, accessibility and/or applicability to other contexts.
- d) Demonstrated engagement with relevant key stakeholders, including consumers, in program development.
- e) Achieved other relevant outcomes.

4. Excellence in Partnerships

Genuine partnerships with key stakeholders, including inter- and intra-sector services, contributes to the achievement of improved AOD outcomes. This category celebrates a program or organisations that develop and sustain effective partnerships to achieve improved AOD outcomes.

Selection criteria include the extent to which the program:

- a) Demonstrated effective consultation and collaboration with relevant stakeholders for improved AOD outcomes.
- b) Applied evidence-informed strategies for effective partnership.
- c) Applied innovation while being aligned with relevant policy, strategic or framework goals.
- d) Demonstrated sustainability, accessibility and/or applicability to other contexts.
- e) Achieved other relevant outcomes.



5. Excellence in Improving Alcohol and Other Drug outcomes for Aboriginal Peoples

The prevention and reduction of AOD harms for Aboriginal peoples and communities requires culturally appropriate responses. This category celebrates the achievements of a program or organisation that has implemented effective AOD responses and achieved improved outcomes for Aboriginal peoples.

Selection criteria include the extent to which the program:

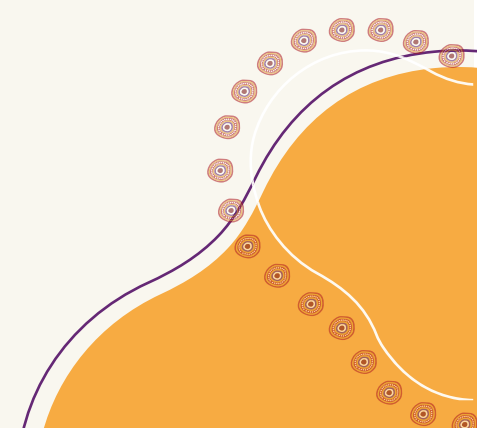
- a) Applied evidence-informed approaches to improve AOD outcomes for Aboriginal peoples.
- b) Applied innovation while being aligned with relevant policy, strategic or framework goals.
- c) Demonstrated sustainability, accessibility and/or applicability to other contexts.
- d) Demonstrated Aboriginal ways of working, including application in program development.
- e) Achieved other relevant outcomes.

6. Excellence in Working with Families and Significant Others

Involving families and significant others in treatment and support programs can result in improved AOD outcomes for individuals, families and the community. This category celebrates the achievements of a program or organisation that has effectively included families and significant others.

Selection criteria include the extent to which the program:

- a) Applied evidence-informed approaches to involve family members and significant others.
- b) Applied innovation while being aligned with relevant policy, strategic or framework goals.
- c) Demonstrated sustainability, accessibility and/or applicability to other contexts.
- d) Demonstrated engagement with key stakeholders, including family and significant others, in program development.
- e) Achieved other relevant outcomes.





7. Excellence in Preventing and Reducing Alcohol and Other Drug Harms in Young People

Implementing effective information, education, early intervention and treatment programs for young people can result in the prevention and reduction of AOD harms. This category celebrates the achievements made by a program or organisation working to prevent and reduce AOD-related harm amongst young people.

Selection criteria include the extent to which the program:

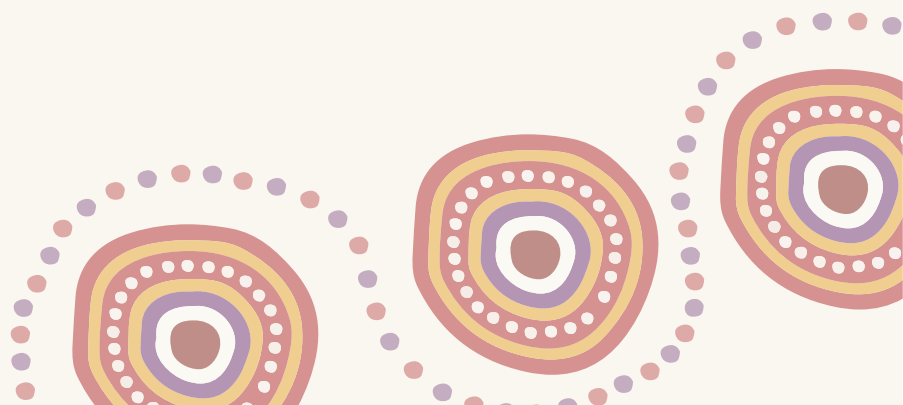
- a) Applied evidence-informed approaches to achieve improved AOD outcomes for young people.
- b) Applied innovation while being aligned with relevant policies, strategies and frameworks (e.g. Young People's Mental Health and Alcohol and Other Drug Use: Priorities for Action 2020-2025).
- c) Demonstrated sustainability, accessibility and/or applicability to other contexts.
- d) Demonstrated engagement with key stakeholders, including young people, in program development.
- e) Achieved other relevant outcomes.

8. Excellence in Translating Research into Practice for Improved Alcohol and Other Drug Outcomes

Translating research into practice is the ideal that many services and policy makers strive for. This category celebrates the achievements of a program or organisation that has applied evidenced research to improve AOD outcomes.

Selection criteria include the extent to which the program:

- a) Applied research-based evidence to achieve improved AOD outcomes.
- b) Applied innovation while being aligned with relevant policy, strategic or framework goals.
- c) Incorporation of evaluation that monitors the application of researched approaches.
- d) Demonstrated sustainability, accessibility and/or applicability to other contexts.
- e) Achieved other relevant outcomes.





9. Excellence in Consumer Engagement

Effective consumer engagement can contribute to improved service quality and outcomes. This category celebrates a program, organisation, or group that has shown significant commitment to consumer engagement, with consumers contributing to service planning, design and implementation that positively affects others.

Selection criteria include the extent to which the consumer or program:

- a) Applied effective consumer engagement strategies to achieve improved AOD outcomes.
- b) Demonstrated appropriate support for consumers to effectively engage in advocacy and program development.
- c) Applied innovation while being aligned with relevant policies, strategies and frameworks (e.g. Consumer, Family, Carer and Community Paid Participation Policy),
- d) Demonstrated sustainability, accessibility and/or applicability to other contexts.
- e) Achieved other relevant outcomes.

For all enquiries regarding the 2025 Alcohol and Other Drug Excellence Awards, please contact WANADA by phone **6557 9400** or email the conference organiser drugpeak@wanada.org.au

