

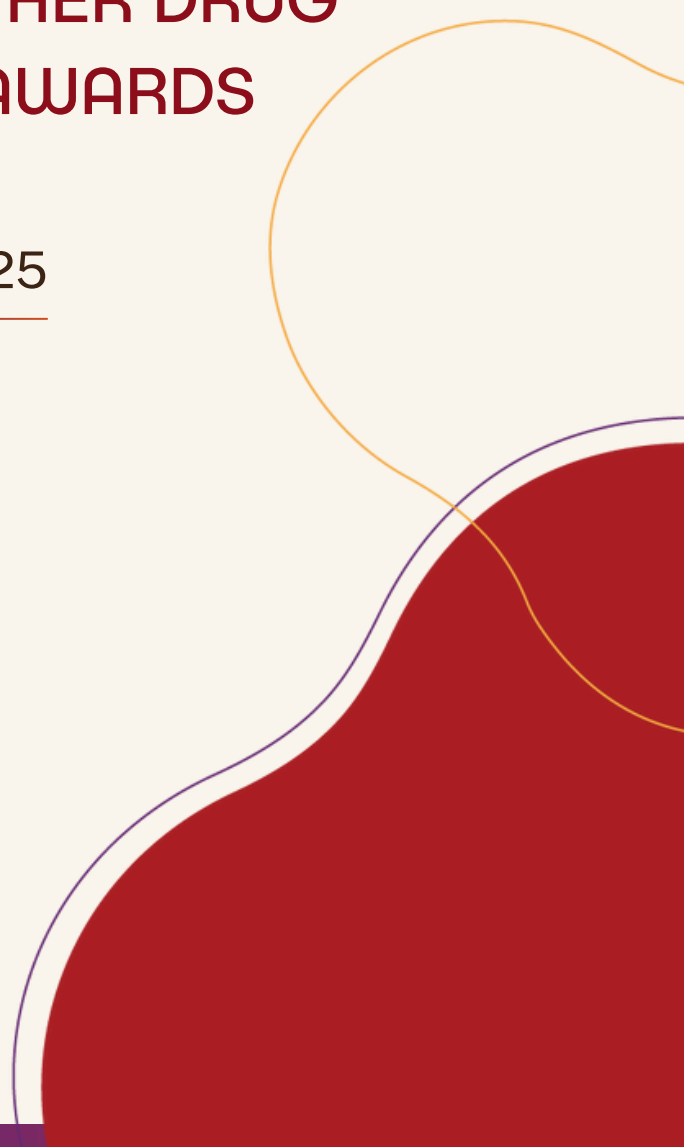


WA ALCOHOL  
AND OTHER DRUG  
CONFERENCE 2025

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

The categories are detailed later in the document.

### Key Dates

- Award nominations open: **Friday 20 September 2024**
- Closing dates for Award nominations: **Extended to 17 January 2025**
- 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 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 online nomination form must accompany each submission.
- Upon request, two referees may be required. If possible, please include these on the nomination form.
- An endorsement notice by the nominating organisation's Chief Executive Officer, Board member or other authorised representative. An email is sufficient.
- Where relevant: Supporting material/evidence as described below. (Max 5 pages)

## Written application

A written application must be submitted through the online award nomination form, including:

- A program/project/service description as it applies to the award category of **no more than 500 words**.
- A statement describing the extent to which the program/project/service addresses the following selection criteria for the relevant award category of **no more than 1,000 words in total**:
  - a) addresses an identified community need
  - b) uses relevant theory and evidence-informed practice
  - c) is innovative and fits within the relevant sector policies
  - d) is sustainable, accessible and/or applicable to other settings
  - e) involves key stakeholders
  - f) has achieved outcomes to date

## 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

## 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. Community Development, Capacity and Capability Building

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. The development and implementation of effective prevention and community development or building capacity/capability initiatives contributes to reducing AOD related harm in the community.

## 2. Reducing the Risk of AOD-related Harms

This category celebrates the achievements of a program or organisation that has implemented evidence-informed AOD harm reduction strategies. 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.

## 3. Treatment

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

## 4. Partnerships

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

## 5. Improving AOD outcomes for Aboriginal Peoples

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



## 6. Working with Families and Significant Others

This category celebrates the achievements of a program or organisation that has effectively included 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.

## 7. Preventing and Reducing AOD Harms in Young People

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

## 8. Translating Research into Practice for Improved AOD Outcomes

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

## 9. Consumer Engagement

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. Effective consumer engagement can contribute to improved service quality and 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](mailto:drugpeak@wanada.org.au).