



Building the capacity of the Australian alcohol and other drug sector: an evaluation of the role of the state and territory peak bodies

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The AOD Peaks Network

- The network of state and territory alcohol and other drug peak bodies includes:
- Alcohol Tobacco and other Drugs Association ACT (ATODA)
 - Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drugs Council of Tasmania Inc. (ATDC)
 - Association of Alcohol and Drugs Agencies NT (AADANT)
 - Network of Alcohol and other Drugs Agencies (NSW: NADA)
 - Queensland Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies (QNADA)
 - South Australian Network of Drug and Alcohol Services (SANDAS)
 - Victorian Alcohol and Drug Association (VAADA)
 - Western Australian Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies (WANADA)



Peaks Capacity Building Network

- The peaks have been funded by the Australian Government Department of Health to undertake capacity building activity since 2008
- The Peaks Capacity Building Network (PCBN) is made up of a representative from each state and territory.
- The PCBN facilitates collaboration, knowledge and information sharing, reduces duplication and furthers common strategic interests.

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Why the evaluation?

- The aim of this project was to evaluate the role of peak body's for the NGO AOD sector in building sector organisational capacity, particularly each peak body's ability to support the NGO AOD treatment services to deliver measurable and sustainable results in treatment outcomes.
- The outcome measures needed to be flexible enough to take into account the varying existing levels of capacity within each state and territory and the diverse range of key activities to be undertaken.
- The evaluation was not designed to result in a comparison of each state and territory, but rather assesses the role of peak bodies overall. However, jurisdictions were provided with details of the data and information collected in their jurisdiction.



Capacity building defined

Capacity building is a strategy that improves the ability of AOD workers, services and/or the broader AOD system to achieve better AOD health and social outcomes.



Capacity building strategies

- Building sustainable linkages and strategic partnerships
- Assisting services to undertake service improvement
- Identifying and facilitating training opportunities
- Developing and promoting information and resources





In Western Australia

- Independent voice on AOD issues in WA
- Support diverse range of services
 - Residential rehabilitation
 - Sobering up centres
 - Community drugs services
 - Harm reduction and
 - Counselling
 - Therapeutic communities



WANADA Building Capacity



- Culturally Secure Accreditation Standard
- Green Book –Service Directory
- A Better Fine
- Leadership and Management Training
- Stigma Research
- Consumer engagement
- Secondment Pool
- Forums
- Student placement model



WANADA Building Capacity

- To date over 75 students placed in the sector
- Disciplines include
 - Dietetics
 - Exercise and sports science
 - Health Promotion
 - Pharmacy
 - Medicine
 - Paramedics
 - Population Health
 - Social Work
 - Health Science

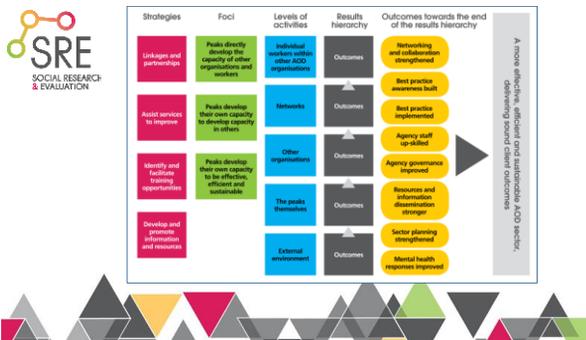
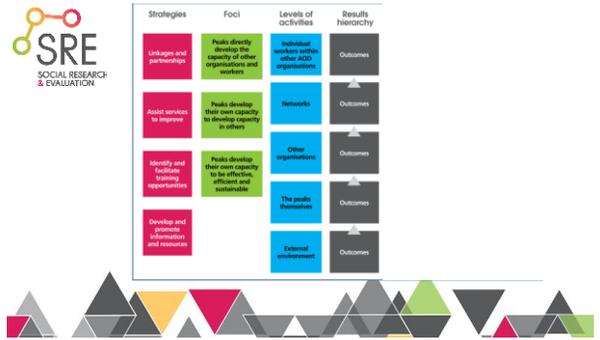
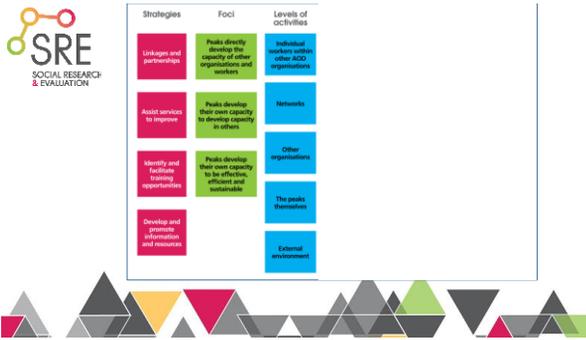


WANADA Building Capacity



- Graduate Program
- Future
 - Internship
 - Traineeships





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Questions?

The evaluation is available at: <http://www.nada.org.au/news/national-aod-peaks-cb-evaluation/>

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