



Cross sector forum: building partnerships between the non-government alcohol and other drug (AOD) & health and human services sectors

When: 9.00-4:00, 28 June 2022 **Where:** Western Plains Cultural Centre, Dubbo / Wiradjuri Country or via zoom online
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09:00-09:30

Registration open & coffee and tea available

Come and say hello to the NADA team and network with forum participants. For more details on NADA and work carried out by the sector click on the [link](#) to read our latest Advocate magazine and see our [website](#).

09:30-09:40

Welcome to Country

Aunty Margaret Walker (Dubbo Local Aboriginal Land Council)

09:40-09:50

Forum welcome and opening address: Building partnerships between NGO AOD and other health and human services

[Robert Stirling](#) (CEO, NADA) will open the forum and discuss opportunities and barriers to collaboration and explore ideas for building partnerships across services and sectors.

09:50-10:00

Forum overview and introductions

[Michelle Ridley](#) (Clinical Program Manager, NADA) will give an overview of the forum background, aims and introductions. The cross-sector forum is organised and supported by NADA through a NSW Health funded project to strengthen and expand continuing care services for people experiencing alcohol and other drug use issues.

10:00-10:40

Providing AOD treatment and services in rural and regional areas

The panel will discuss their experiences of providing AOD services to people in rural and regional areas, including the barriers for people accessing services, programs available and cross sector partnerships currently happening and tips for cross sector agencies working with people experiencing AOD issues.

Panel discussion
Q&A

Panellists: **Michele Campbell** (Manager Clinical Services, [Lives Lived Well](#)), **Cameron Leiper** (Program Manager, AOD & Mental Health & Broken Hill & Far West NSW, [Mission Australia](#) Australia), **Jenny Taylor** (Counselling /MERIT/Substance Use in Pregnancy & Parenting Program Team Leader, Mental Health Drug and Alcohol, Dubbo and Region, NSW Health) and **Jo Buckerfield** (AOD CNC, Western NSW Local Health District).

Panel moderator: [Sarah Etter](#) (Clinical Director, NADA)



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<p>10:40-11:00</p> <p>Lightening Round presentation</p>	<p><i>Nunyara Day Program – a collaboration between Mission Australia, Royal Flying Doctor Service and the Local Health District</i></p> <p>Katy McLean (Care Coordinator, Continuing Coordinated Care Program, Mission Australia) Coral Allen Hore (WNSWLHD MERIT Clinician), Hephzibah Victor (WNSWLHD Drug & Alcohol Clinician).</p> <p>This presentation will provide an overview of the Nunyara Day program - the planning and subsequent facilitation of the program, highlighting both successes and challenges faced within external collaboration, shared responsibilities, consumer feedback and post-program evaluation.</p>
<p>MORNING TEA & NETWORKING</p>	
<p>11:30-11:45</p> <p>Lightening Round presentation</p>	<p><i>Lives Lived Well Regional and Rural AOD programs</i></p> <p>Deanne Healy (Team Leader, AOD Services Orange) & Liz Priest (Manager, Elouera women's residential rehab)</p> <p>Lives Lived Well provide AOD services across regional and rural NSW and they have residential rehab centres at Orange and Wollongong. This presentation will discuss how the residential programs Wyla (adults rehab and withdrawal unit) and Elouera (women's and children program) are working with people across rural and regional NSW.</p>
<p>11:45-12:05</p> <p>Lightening Round presentation</p>	<p><i>Community Restorative Centre (CRC) - Reintegration Housing Support Program (RHSP)</i></p> <p>Regina Brady (Manager, RSHP) and Kelly Parker (Manager, RHSP)</p> <p>The Reintegration Housing Support Program (RHSP) aims to connect people who are leaving custody and who are at risk of homelessness, to specialist support workers who assist with securing access to suitable accommodation as well as providing wrap-around psychosocial support. The program is funded and run-in partnership with DCJ Housing as an initiative of the Premier's priority to reduce homelessness. The RHSP operates in six locations across NSW including in Dubbo. This presentation will outline this program and discuss how they are working across sectors. To find out more about CRC and its programs click here</p>



2.45-3:05	AFTERNOON TEA AND NETWORKING
<p>3.05-3.50</p> <p>Panel discussion Q&A</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Building partnerships across sectors – how can we make this work</i></p> <p>This panel will discuss some of the barriers and ideas for how we can build sustainable and working partnerships with a particular focus on rural and regional areas.</p> <p>The panellists: Jenna Bottrell (Area Manager Mental Health, AOD and suicide prevention services, Western and Far West NSW, Mission Australia), Andrew Coe (Chief Executive Officer, Western NSW Primary Health Network), Michelle Crowe (Project Coordinator, Weigelli & Orana Haven Hub Project), Kahli Day (Manager Case Work, Western District Triage Hub, Department of Communities and Justice), Marisa Ronsisvalle (Manager, Clinical Services, Centre for Alcohol and Other Drugs, NSW Ministry of Health)</p> <p>Panel mediator: Michelle Ridley (Clinical Program Manager, NADA)</p>
<p>3:50-4:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Forum wrap up and close</i></p> <p>Michelle (NADA) and Sarah (NADA) will wrap up the forum and give delegates the opportunity to provide feedback about next steps.</p>

The cross-sector forum is organised and supported by NADA through a NSW Health funded project to strengthen and expand continuing care services for people experiencing alcohol and other drug use issues. Continuing care helps people achieve better outcomes across a range of AOD treatment settings and provides support in various ways, including assistance to maintain initial treatment goals, relapse prevention, providing referrals and connections to other sources of support, and addressing co-occurring issues, like homelessness, mental health problems, family and domestic violence, criminal justice, and child protection involvement.

Providing a person with support for co-occurring issues is an integral part of best practice AOD service delivery and continuing care and to do this effectively we must work collaboratively across the different health and human services sectors. This forum aims to build partnerships to enhance collaborative practice and provide people with better access to quality, continuing care and integrated services.

For more details about the forum and NADA's continuing care project contact michelle@nada.org.au and see NADA's [Advocate online magazine](#).