



Mental Health
Commission



Alcohol and Other Drugs
Advisory Board



ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS ADVISORY BOARD

COMMUNIQUE – 1 APRIL 2026 MEETING

The Alcohol and Other Drugs Advisory Board (AODAB) was established pursuant to s.14 of the *Alcohol and Other Drugs Act 1974* (the Act) to provide advice to the CEO (the Commissioner, Mental Health and Alcohol and Other Drugs [the Commissioner]) about matters relevant to performance of functions under section 11 - the functions of the CEO. In fulfilling this purpose, the AODAB consults with the alcohol and other drug and related sectors to ensure advice to the Commissioner reflects the broad range of views and experience of people affected by alcohol and other drug related harm, such as communities, young people, the ageing population and those with co-occurring issues such as physical health and mental health conditions.

This communique provides an overview of key matters discussed at the AODAB meeting on 1 April 2026.

Workplan Development

Following on from the work completed at the Planning Day on 11 February 2026, the AODAB reviewed the draft Work Plan. Members drew on their collective and diverse sector expertise to identify strategic work items that align with the Mental Health Commission's strategic objectives and the strategic priorities of the Mental Health and Alcohol and Other Drugs Strategy 2026–2031, while remaining flexible to respond to emerging priorities. The meeting included continued discussion to progress and finalise the Work Plan, which will guide the agenda and focus of future AODAB meetings.

WA Model for Violence Prevention Pilot

The AODAB received a presentation from the Prevention and Wellbeing team, providing an update on the [WA Model for Violence Prevention Pilot](#). The program aims to improve understanding of alcohol use, harm, and injury to:

- develop and implement targeted injury and violence prevention strategies with partner agencies such as police and health services; and
- inform community leaders about the need for changes in the places people live and work, and encourage relevant stakeholders, including business owners and residents, to prevent violence through evidence-based solutions.

The presentation was insightful, and members were encouraged by the high-quality data the program has captured, as well as the ways in which this data is being used collaboratively across government and the wider sector.

The next AODAB meeting is scheduled for 3 June 2026.