



ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS ADVISORY BOARD

COMMUNIQUE – 3 JUNE 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 3 June 2026.

Presentation from Peer-Based Harm Reduction WA

The AODAB received a presentation from Peer Based Harm Reduction WA, on stigma and discrimination from a systemic policy and legislative reform perspective.

Members discussed the role of legislation, regulation and broader system settings in stigma and discrimination, noting that these factors can both contribute to and act as barriers to reducing stigma. Members agreed that efforts to address stigma and discrimination should adopt a whole-of-system approach, including consideration of policy, legislation and service delivery settings. Members discussed the importance of embedding lived and living experience in policy, strategy and practice across prevention, treatment and harm reduction responses.

Presentation from Alcohol and Other Drugs Consumer and Community Coalition (AODCCC)

The AODAB received a presentation from AODCCC on the organisation's priorities and current work program. The presentation outlined AODCCC's role as a consumer peak body representing lived and living experience of alcohol and other drugs use in Western Australia.

Members discussed AODCCC's work in stigma reduction, education and training, and systemic advocacy informed by community perspectives.

Strategic Priority Focus Area Development

Members provided final contributions to the draft strategic priority focus areas which will be used internally to guide the AODAB's work program for the period. The key priorities will be published on the AODAB webpage following endorsement.

The next AODAB meeting is scheduled for 12 August 2026.