

CAOD Consumer-Informed AOD Research and Analysis (CIARA) Working Group: Expression of Interest



The Centre for Alcohol and Other Drugs (CAOD) has established the Consumer-Informed AOD Research and Analysis CIARA Working Group to support and facilitate meaningful engagement between the Strategic Research and Evaluation team and people with lived experience of alcohol and other drugs (AOD) use.

The aim of the WG is to support the critical role of AOD consumers and carers in ensuring that research, analysis and evaluation activities deliver of high-quality evidence based AOD programs and services to improve the health and wellbeing of people at risk of, or experiencing harms from AOD use.

Expressions of interest are currently open to fill **six working group positions**. Members will provide advice and recommendations to the Strategic Research and Evaluation team and to CAOD more widely, based on their lived experience.

What we are looking for

The CAOD are seeking expressions of interest from people with lived experience of AOD use, including people who:

- Have a strong interest in research and evaluation; OR
- Have experience as a consumer or carer representative on governance committees; OR
- Identify as a member of a priority population, including people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent; gender and sexuality diverse communities, and culturally and linguistically diverse communities; OR
- Represent AOD Community Organisations.

How to Apply

Please submit your expression of interest by Friday 19th November 2021. In your application, please outline:

- how you meet one or more of the above criteria;
- the reasons for your interest; and
- your experience with and/or connections to other consumer and community networks or organisations.

Applications will be assessed as received and against the above criteria and EOI content by a CAOD Strategic Research and Evaluation panel. Further opportunities for engagement outside of the posted timeframe may be available. Further information can be found in the attached terms of reference, including details of remuneration.

For any enquiries, or to submit your application, please email Lexi Buckfield at lexi.buckfield@health.nsw.gov.au.