



Introduction Aboriginal Network

Established in 2006 for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Alcohol and other Drug workers or workers associated within the AOD sector in the metropolitan, rural and remote areas



The Gathering

Aboriginal Network Gathering meeting is designed for all Aboriginal AOD workers to meet and discuss AOD issues and establish a network gathering.

In order for the event to happen contact was made through agency visits, telephone and email conversations which gave a better overview of what was needed for Aboriginal AOD workers.

Network

- Currently have 23 members in the metro area
- Meetings held every six weeks
- Forum / Workshops
- Visits to the Kimberley, Pilbara regions
- First Kimberley / Pilbara teleconference
- Expanding to rural regions – Albany, Bunbury and Midwest.

Feedback

- Were all Noongars, but it's good to share what's happening around
- Good to compare what's happening in the metro and country.
- Continue meetings – well needed
- Great
- High importance to allow information, experience and knowledge sharing

Slow Down Project

- WANADA working in partnership with Aboriginal Medical Services, Community Drug Service Teams and local aboriginal community members in the Midwest, Great Southern and Southwest regions to develop culturally appropriate resources for Aboriginal injecting drug users.

How it works

- Support the development of Aboriginal culturally secure educational and prevention resources approaches **(i.e. brochures, media campaigns, yarning sessions, resources etc as determined by the communities, this means what will work better in their regions)** that is aimed at raising the awareness of injecting drug / amphetamines harm reduction, including the associated risks of blood borne viruses such as hepatitis B and C.

Involvement Group

Target Group

- Aboriginal Injecting Drug Users

Who can assist

- Elders
- Whole of Community
- Ex- Drug Users
- Youth

Regions

- Geraldton Midwest – DVD
- Bunbury South West – Z Card
- Albany Great Southern – Z Card

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