



# HIROADS

HIGH RISK OFFENDERS  
ALCOHOL & DRUG SERVICE



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# ABOUT

HiROADS is delivered by Caraniche, a company of psychologists, social workers and other health professionals that specialise in providing forensic drug and alcohol treatment services to individuals within the Victorian criminal justice system.

## What is HiROADS?

High Risk Offenders Alcohol and Drug Service (HiROADS) is a statewide service, with offices in Abbotsford, Epping and Ballarat.

HiROADS is delivered by Caraniche, in partnership with the Department of Health.

## Who is suitable for HiROADS?

HiROADS is a specialist forensic alcohol and other drug (AOD) service designed to address the treatment needs of individuals with complexities that may increase their risk of recidivism. This may include problematic substance use and difficulties reintegrating into the community upon release from a custodial setting, and those who may have difficulty engaging with other community-based providers.



Someone is eligible for HiROADS if they have:

1. A current or historical conviction of a serious violent or serious sex offence,
2. History of non-compliance with Parole conditions and Community Corrections Orders, and
3. History of not engaging with AOD treatment services.

Other complexities that can be supported by HiROADS include:

- Acquired brain injury
- Complex presentations
- Significant co-existing substance uses and mental health concerns
- Cognitive disability or impairment
- History of aggression towards service providers in the community

*Note: HiROADS is not available for "Other Diversion" referrals.*

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# WHAT DOES HIROADS OFFER?

Upon starting with HiROADS, each client is allocated to an AOD Clinician, whom has extensive experience working with forensic clients, in the community and prison setting. This means the clinician can provide high quality, specialist forensic AOD counselling to the client, addressing their needs whilst they continue to reside in the community.

HiROADS is a dual diagnosis service, in that it aims to address the substance use and associated mental health issues with the client in a therapeutic way.

HiROADS' primary role is not to address criminogenic risk or offending behaviour directly, but does so by treating the underlying

issues that may increase the risk of offending behaviours.

As well as having regular appointments with a specialist forensic AOD Clinician, clients also have access to a Care and Recovery Coordinator (CRC). The CRC role works with the AOD Clinician and the client to address a range of issues related to their substance use and/or mental health concerns that require more practical assistance. In this way the CRC role can provide short term case management alongside counselling. This is an integrated model of care which better supports the client to be able to work towards their goals of recovery across a range of areas of need.

## HOW DO I REFER TO HIROADS?



Caraniche can receive HiROADS referrals from ACSO/COATS workers or Justice Case Workers for individuals currently involved in the criminal justice system. If a client has already been referred by ACSO to your service, but you are unable to meet the client's needs due to their complexities or presentation, a variation can be submitted by your service, requesting that their treatment be provided by HiROADS.

**To refer a client, or for further information regarding the HiROADS service, please contact the HiROADS team on:**

**P: 03 8417 0500 or**

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