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FROM THE HARP MANAGER



Julia Purchas
HARP Manager

Welcome to the winter edition of the HARP News. Despite the colder months there has been a lot of activity in the sector. The last week of July was Hepatitis Awareness Week and this edition of the HARP News illustrates the wide range of events and programs that have taken place across the district both within the LHD and with the NGOs.

Hepatitis NSW had a fantastic launch on Monday 22nd July. The NSW Chief Health Officer Kerry Chant launched the proceedings which included clinicians, researchers, positive speakers, peers and health promoters. This was a great example of how all the different partners in NSW are working towards the common goal of elimination of Viral Hepatitis by 2028.

The other major event that has occurred recently is NAIDOC Week, the theme this year was “Voice, Treaty, Truth. Let’s work together for a shared future”. The week was celebrated at a host of events throughout SESLHD. Most of our hospitals and services were involved and several are featured in this edition. KRC ran a whole week of events and the HARP health promotion team and peer educators supported various events across the district.

To quote Aunty Linda Boney, Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer, Prince of Wales Hospital, “this year’s theme, “Voice, Treaty, Truth”, calls for Aboriginal voices in decision making, and understanding the truth about our history so that we can all move forward together.”

On a sadder note in July we learnt that Grahame Collier had passed away. Chris O’Reilly has written a fitting tribute to the man we can attribute and thank for the inception of HARP programs and the sector we work in today.

This year’s HARP Forum is being held on October 16th and 17th, there is a call for poster abstracts details can be found in the newsletter. The theme is *The Millennial Edition*. The focus will be reflecting on the heroes such as Grahame and others who fought tirelessly for the health and welfare of people in the community when the AIDS epidemic emerged, and we are going to look forward to what the future and current generation of sector workers are bringing to continue the great legacy of the work we do. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

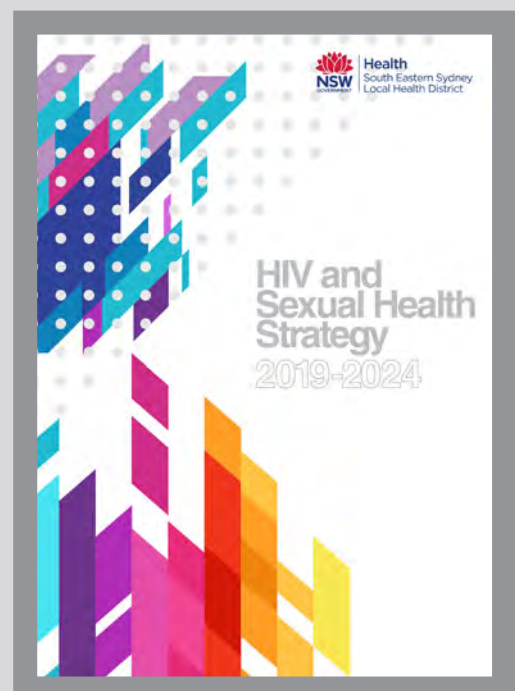
Julia

COMING SOON....

The SESLHD HIV and STI Strategy 2019-2024, which will inform models of care and service development for provision of HIV and STI programs over the next 5 years, will be released shortly.

The Strategy has been developed after an extensive review of HIV/STI service delivery, which included consultations with stakeholders such as GPs, clinicians, NGOs, and a wide range of clients. Inclusion of community voices ensures the Strategy reflects the current community context, consumer experiences, and preferences for delivery of future programs and services provision.

The Strategy sits alongside the NSW and National Strategies, setting out goals and strategies to address a rapidly changing future context that includes mainstream availability of PrEP; new approaches to diagnostics, such as home HIV testing; changing demographics of those diagnosed with HIV; and, increasing numbers of people entering older age with HIV.



Obituary: A Reluctant Farewell



Grahame Collier

It isn't often that we pay tribute to a retired public servant in our industry or call them a significant influencer on the way we work in the field of HIV and Sexual Health. Usually we reserve our tributes and celebrations for a community hero or champion whose hard work, activism and sacrifice changed our society or social system for the better, leaving a legacy that endures to the benefit of the many in our society.

But I would like to celebrate the life and mourn the passing of a great man, Grahame Collier who died this week after a lifetime of making contributions to the health and welfare of thousands of his fellow human beings.

Most people won't know Grahame's name. For the record Grahame was the Manager AIDS Education and Prevention in the then AIDS Bureau, the key administration branch of the HIV and sexual health program for the Ministry of Health for five years between 1987 and 1992. In that position Grahame was an integral part of the management team along with Ruth Cotton, David Lowe and Ross O'Donoghue in steering the development of the NSW response to the HIV epidemic. Grahame was one of the architects of the successful partnership model of the response to HIV in this State, the development of an

equal partnership between clinicians, affected community and politicians that drove the roll out of funding for the key services needed to manage this response.

Much of what we have today - solid funding allocations for services, accountable administrative structures across the State, well-funded NGOs representing their communities - is a reflection of Grahame's belief that those who know their community best are best placed to deliver the services needed.

Always humble, Grahame was the first to acknowledge the work and successes of other people and wasn't someone who sought the limelight. In many ways he was the perfect public servant, the ubiquitous quiet achiever, who nevertheless made a huge contribution to the wellbeing of peoples' lives. He was an inspiration to the people he worked for and he brought out the best in his staff who wanted to be their best for him as he was for them and for the programs he worked on, and the communities, the clients, the people he worked for. I will always be in his debt for the wisdom, advice and strength of purpose he showed me as a manager, mentor and friend.

Christopher O'Reilly
Deputy Director | DPPHE



VOICE TREATY TRUTH

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Let's work together for a shared future.

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND ISLANDER DAY OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE (NAIDOC) IS HELD ANNUALLY ACROSS AUSTRALIA DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF JULY TO CELEBRATE THE HISTORY, CULTURE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLES.

Many events were held across SESLHD during NAIDOC Week 2019, including Kirketon Road Centre, Sydney/Sydney Eye Hospital, St George Hospital, and Prince of Wales Hospital (POWH).



POWH Campus Executives with Randwick City Council Mayor Kathy Neilson



The Gamay Dance Group from La Perouse

NAIDOC celebrations saw the wider community & SESLHD staff come together to support the Aboriginal community, events included Aboriginal Elders sharing their stories, welcoming people on to country and local Aboriginal dancers and singers.

On Wednesday 10 July, Aunty Linda Boney opened **Prince of Wales Hospital's** NAIDOC Event with the Acknowledgement to Country, Kevin Heath from the HARP Unit was MC and a smoking ceremony was performed by the Gumaroy Entertainers.

There were special guest speakers from the various services based on the Randwick Campus and the Randwick City Council Mayor, Kathy Neilson spoke and expressed support from the Council for working together for a shared future.

NAIDOC is not only celebrated in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week was a great opportunity for everyone to come together and participate in a range of activities, and to support local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.



SESLHD HARP Staff with Mayor Kathy Neilson and POWH Staff, including Aunty Linda Boney



MC Kevin Heath, HARP Senior Male Aboriginal Health Promotion Officer

VOICE. TREATY. TRUTH. THESE WERE THE THREE KEY ELEMENTS TO THE REFORMS SET OUT IN THE ULURU STATEMENT FROM THE HEART.

They represent a unified position of First Nations Australians. The theme this year acknowledges that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have always wanted an enhanced role in decision making in Australia's democracy. The Indigenous voice of this country is over 65,000 plus years old. It is now time for our knowledge to be heard through our voice.

ON MONDAY, **KIRKETON ROAD CENTRE** KICKED OFF ITS WEEK LONG CALENDAR OF NATIONAL NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS WITH AUNTY RHONDA PERFORMING THE 'ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY' IN HER CEREMONIAL CLOAK.

Acknowledgement of Country is an opportunity to show respect for Australia's Traditional Owners, and the continuing connection that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have to the land, sea, sky and waterways.

In the past, possum skin cloaks were worn for warmth, coverings in the night, used as baby carriers and for burial. These cloaks also distinguished ownership, holding stories of clan and Country. Today, ceremonial cloaks are of continuing importance to our Elders performing ceremonies to preserve our traditions and culture.

Thank you Aunty Rhonda for sharing your wisdom and stories with all of us

ON WEDNESDAY, KRC STAFF HAD THE PLEASURE OF ATTENDING THE NATIONAL NAIDOC MOB LUNCH AT THE WAYSIDE CHAPEL'S ABORIGINAL PROGRAM .

Staff shared good tucker and yarns with Aboriginal community members and staff. With over a hundred people in attendance, Wayne shared his knowledge of ceremonial body painting, storytelling, dance and the origin of the Yidaki the ancient musical instrument more commonly known as the didgeridoo.

ON THURSDAY, CLIENTS AND STAFF WORKED ON A COLLABORATIVE ARTWORK PIECE THAT IS NOW PROUDLY DISPLAYED IN OUR GROUP ROOM.

Aboriginal culture and artwork is used in our service which provides a therapeutic session for our clients to engage in conversation in a relaxing and safe environment. Come and join our Itha Mari program every Thursday for some artwork, mob lunch and a yarn.



Aunty Rhonda delivering Acknowledgement of Country



Cathy, Gary, Anna, Sara with Wayne at Wayside Chapel



Collaborative artwork displayed at Kirketon Road Centre

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HEPATITIS AWARENESS WEEK



HEPATITIS AWARENESS WEEK (HAW) AND WORLD HEPATITIS DAY (28TH JULY) PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT VIRAL HEPATITIS INCLUDING TESTING AND TREATMENTS.

IN KEEPING WITH THE GLOBAL THEME “FIND THE MISSING MILLIONS”, A KEY FOCUS FOR SOUTH EASTERN SYDNEY IS FINDING THOSE WHO DON’T KNOW THEY ARE LIVING WITH HEPATITIS AND ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO GET TESTED AND TREATED.

HAW is also an opportunity to acknowledge the fantastic work that has been done already with thousands of people cured of hepatitis C here in SESLHD alone.

To support this ongoing work, the HARP Unit provided grants and resources to partner agencies for activities to raise awareness, screening and testing, and link people living with hepatitis to care.

Below is a snapshot of some of the many events held across SESLHD:

THE KRC TEAM PARTNERED WITH THE SURRY HILLS COMMUNITY DRUG ACTION TEAM (CDAT) AND SURRY HILLS -COMMUNITY CONNECT:

At the Northcott Estate Surry Hills, there was a BBQ, quizzes, giveaways and Dried Blood Spot (DBS) testing. Thirteen people took up the offer of on the spot hepatitis C testing and many more enjoyed the music, information and food.

AT EASTERN SUBURBS MENTAL HEALTH:

CNC Ken Murray worked with the Peer Support Workers to raise awareness and offer testing to clients at the service. Fourteen people chose to get tested on the day and many awareness raising discussions were had.

THE HARP UNITS PEER EDUCATION AND YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PEYAC):

PEYAC teamed up with KRC and the Oasis Youth Support Network for one event and attended The Shack in Maroubra to run another. Discussions ranged from safe body art to the risks of ‘backyard’ tattooing and piercing. Quizzes were completed, cookies were decorated, and the chocolate wheel spun to engage and provide young people with education about hepatitis and the new treatments available.



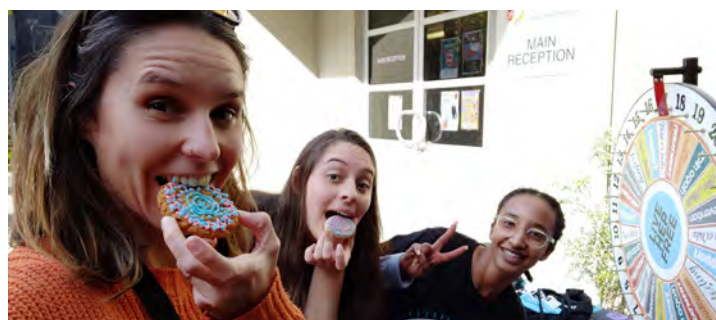
KRC/CDAT at the Northcott Estate



KRC/CDAT at the Northcott Estate



Eastern suburbs Mental Health



PEYAC and decorated cookies

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HEPATITIS AWARENESS WEEK

ST GEORGE LIVER CLINIC:

CNC Lisa hosted a scone and scan event at the Mission Australia Centre in Surry Hills; **NUAA and the Albion centre** promoted hepatitis testing throughout the week and **KRC South** partnered with **Orana Community Centre** in Sutherland where the centres volunteers served breakfast while the KRC team talked testing and treatment and the ease of doing this at home with DBS.

To raise awareness amongst health care workers in SESLHD about viral hepatitis, the HAW online quiz invited staff to test their knowledge. 534 completed the quiz with 3 people to receive prizes for their efforts!



Mission Australia



KRC South

LAUNCHING NSW HEPATITIS AWARENESS WEEK



NSW Hepatitis Awareness Week was launched with a successful event held by **Hepatitis NSW** at Surry Hills. With over 60 attendees and speakers from across the community sector, government agencies, and research and clinical fields, it was a great opportunity to hear the latest on viral hepatitis elimination efforts across NSW.

Following the Welcome to Country by Allen Madden, NSW Chief Health Officer Dr Kerry Chant delivered the keynote address, speaking of achievements in eliminating hepatitis C and hepatitis B, and of the challenges still ahead. NSW has set 2028 as the target for hepatitis C elimination and there are tens of thousands of people still to be cured.

Among other speakers were community members, Amanda and Grace, who gave personal, first-hand accounts of their journeys through hepatitis B and C diagnoses and treatment.

NSW Hepatitis Awareness Week is an opportunity to focus on the great work around hepatitis C and hepatitis B that is being pursued by so many people, organisations, and agencies across the state.

Those efforts, of course, are not confined to just one week of the year and it's also important to maintain awareness across all communities and institutions for the other 51 weeks.

PLAYING THEIR PART! ONE DAY HEP C TRAINING FOR WORKERS...TOGETHER WE CAN!



“Play Your Part! Together we can eliminate Hep C” is a one-day Hep C training for workers focused on hepatitis C testing, treatment and prevention which includes a focus on stigma and discrimination and injecting drug use.

The HARP Unit delivered this training in the lead up to Hepatitis Awareness Week with 35 health care workers across SESLHD attending.

Excitingly, HARP partnered with NADA the Network of Alcohol and Other Drugs Agency to adapt and deliver this training to workers from the alcohol and other drug (AOD) sector during HAW. It was fantastic to hear that so many workers left feeling inspired to engage in hepatitis C work in their settings.

Thank you to all of our fabulous partners and presenters from NUAA NSW, Hepatitis NSW, KRC, NADA, The Langton Centre, Jarrah House and SLHD. Together we can improve the health of people who inject drugs and who live with chronic Hep C!

A FOCUS ON REDUCING STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION FOR PEOPLE WHO INJECT DRUGS

The HARP Unit again incentivised the **‘Stigma, Discrimination and Injecting Drug Use’** HETI online training module for health care workers across SESLHD.

It is hoped that the training will go some way in reducing the stigma and discrimination too often experienced within health settings and create more positive health experiences for people who inject drugs.

Over 100 people completed the training during HAW alone. This active promotion throughout the year has resulted in 450 staff completing the training, many more than the 43 (fantastic) people who had completed the training in the 12 months prior.



To complete the module go to HETI and search: Stigma, Discrimination & Injecting Drug use (course number 96479339)



SAFE BODY ART RESOURCE

The fabulous **HARP Peer Educators and Youth Advisors** have created a new Safe Body Art resource for young people which is now available from the HARP Unit.

The team developed the resource to support their conversations with young people on outreach.

The resource promotes safer tattooing and piercing to prevent blood borne viruses.

Nice work PEYAC!

HEP C VIDEO & BLITZ CLINICS COMING TO ST GEORGE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The HARP Unit has worked with St George Mental Health Service's Wellness Network and consumers to create a video promoting the new hepatitis C treatments. The video is currently screening in the waiting room. It sends a clear message that the new treatments (unlike the old interferon-based treatments) are available for people living with mental health issues and that it is possible to live hep C free.

The [video](#) also promotes the hepatitis C blitz clinics that will run in the service throughout August.

The HARP Unit and the St George Liver Clinic are really excited to be working with St George Mental Health and we thank them for being so keen to support this initiative.

LIVER HEALTH DAY AT UNSW

For the second year, HARP Health Promotion and Viral Hepatitis and Harm Minimisation Team have partnered with UNSW Health Clinic to deliver a full day of hepatitis B focused education, activities and screening at UNSW Randwick campus. Sixty three FibroScan assessments were performed by Clinical Nurse Consultants from HARP and St Vincent's Hospital and 65 students underwent screening for hepatitis B and hepatitis C. While final outcomes are still to be assessed, 35 students were recalled for hepatitis A and hepatitis B vaccinations, boosters or abnormal liver function tests.

This event provides an opportunity for students to consider liver health and is likely to feature as an annual health promotion events at UNSW. Thanks to our partners, UNSW Health Service, Arc-UNSW Student Life and the Wellness Warriors, Hepatitis NSW and MHAHS.



CHINESE COMMUNITY GROUP HBV EDUCATION & SCREENING PROGRAM

The Education and Screening community Program seeks to reduce the barriers to hepatitis care among culturally and linguistically diverse populations residing in SESLHD by delivering in-language education and screening sessions in community settings.

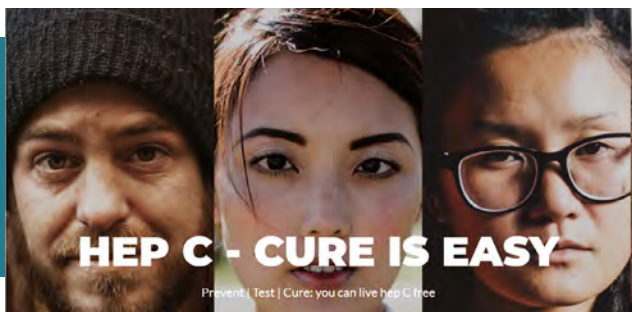
In 2019 HARP partnered with Advance Diversity Services and MHAHS to coordinate two workshops with Chinese speaking community groups. The workshops ran over 3 weeks consisting of education, testing and results, brought to the community integrated into their existing schedule of activities, and in language thanks to the support of MHAHS co-worker Tim Chen and CNC Ling Zhang from the Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology.

This engaged group were very keen to learn more about hepatitis B, and having increased their knowledge were keen to be tested. 25 participated in testing which

consisted of FibroScan and blood testing for HBV and HCV.

Knowledge, convenience and community were highlighted as the main reason why the participants chose to test. Two thirds stated that they tested because the session was held at their community group, with one third of participants choosing to test after learning more about hepatitis B, the health implications of Chronic HBV and it's prevalence in the community.





AN UPDATE FROM iCHAT

BUILDING THE CAPACITY OF PRIMARY CARE TO TREAT HEPATITIS C – ASHM TRAINING AND THE PHU PROJECT

On the 16th of July, the HARP Unit partnered with ASHM to deliver the “Curing Hepatitis C in Primary Care” training for GPs. The training delivered by Dr David Baker from East Sydney Doctors, focused on case finding, testing, patient assessment and treatment of hepatitis C infection in primary care settings. It also provided an opportunity to promote local referral pathways, iCHAT and the Public Health Unit (PHU) Project.

Clinical Nurse Consultants (CNC) from HARP and the St George Liver Clinic actively follow up with the GPs following a PHU notification to confirm diagnosis, establish treatment status or support them to prescribe treatments for patients themselves.

We were thrilled to hear from a GP at the ASHM training that they attended after contact from the HARP CNC via the PHU project. The GP is now very keen to prescribe and manage the treatment for two people they had recently diagnosed with hep C. A great outcome!



iCHAT CNC Di How Chow

iCHAT IS NOW A DRIED BLOOD SPOT (DBS) TESTING PILOT SITE

The Integrated Community Hepatitis Assessment and Treatment (iCHAT) program was recently approved as a Phase 2 site for the NSW Dried Blood Spot (DBS) testing pilot program.

The primary objective of the pilot program is to reach priority populations who are testing infrequently for HIV and hepatitis C (HCV).

In just 3 months the iCHAT has performed 25 DBS tests at The Langton Centre, Foster House and Kobi Clinic with 9 people requiring follow-up for detectable HCV PCR.

Through iCHAT, DBS testing provides an exciting opportunity for screening in community alcohol and drug services, homeless health services and opiate treatment programs across SESLHD where conventional blood tests are not available or where people decline conventional testing.



KOOLOORA FAMILY FUN DAY FOR ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES AROUND MALABAR



Hepatitis NSW, along with South East Sydney Local Health District (SESLHD) and other partners, held a hugely successful community event - The Family Fun Day - in May. The event, which was attended by over 100 people, was made possible with funding from Central and Eastern Sydney PHN to deliver a hepatitis C Aboriginal focused event within SESLHD.

The event was held at Kooloora Community Centre in Malabar, situated within a large public housing estate, with many Aboriginal residents.

Hepatitis NSW partnered with local Aboriginal Sexual Health Workers, and the Kooloora Community Centre Coordinator to organise and plan the event, with invitations extended to local services and the Aboriginal Land Council.

Event partners included: Go4Fun, Randwick Council, Hearing Australia, NDIS St Vincent's De Paul and Woodturners.

The event commenced with a Welcome to Country, delivered by local Aboriginal woman Maxine Ryan, followed by Hepatitis NSW's Aboriginal Project Officer Kerry Walker highlighting the over-representation of Aboriginal people with hepatitis C and hepatitis B.

A jumping castle and face painters were on hand to entertain the children, whilst adults networked with service providers, and tried their luck on the SESLHD Hep C Chocolate Wheel to win a prize.

Everyone enjoyed the day, which included music and a barbecue lunch.

LANGTON HEPATITIS C BLITZ

Over 4 days in May, The Langton Centre D&A service ran a Hepatitis C Blitz. In partnership with HARP, clients were offered a \$10 Coles voucher to get tested, and another to pick up their results. Clients who had poor venous access were offered DBS testing, which made a significant difference to the numbers of clients getting tested.

The day was hugely successful with 41 clients receiving Fibroscans and Hep C tests via DBS (19) and conventional testing (22). Almost **27%** of these clients tested positive, and all bar one are keen to be treated. Langton will facilitate their treatment by prescribing medication, and dosing them daily if needed.

Our multidisciplinary team put in a Herculean effort! Special thanks to Sara Grummett RN, Ed Hall RN, Jessica Petrie RN, Lachlan Simms SW, Consuelo Rivas wRN, Di How Chow RN, and Shardae Ewart RN.



HARP IN THE SOUTH

It's been 8 years since the Illawarra Shoalhaven health promotion team first started the Red Ribbon surfboard competition. Let's take a look back at one of the most iconic projects run by the Southern team, which tours from July to the 1st December when a winner is drawn for World Aids Day.

THE IDEA OF CREATING A SURFBOARD WITH A MESSAGE CAME FROM FORMER HARP TEAM MEMBER DAMIAN CASTLES.

A keen surfer himself, Damian noticed that world famous champion surfer Kelly Slater had used his surfboard as a platform to send a powerful message about the Iraq war.

Observing how popular this proved to be, Damian had local company SKIPP Surfboards create a surfboard in 2010 with the powerful and dramatic message **'AIDS has killed more people than all of the 20th century wars combined'**. Because the Illawarra and Shoalhaven local health district stretches along the south coast of NSW from Helensburgh in the north to Ulladulla in the south, the influence of the coast is strong in the lives of residents and is reflected in the large surfing population, making a surfboard a desirable item.



Board winner Brad & his daughters collect their prize (centre) from Damian Castles (left) & Naomi Cox (right) from HARP

HARP CREATED A COMPETITION WHEREBY THE BOARD WENT ON TOUR WITH HOST ORGANISATIONS FOR A TWO WEEK PERIOD OVER A SIX MONTHS.

To enter the competition people texted 'Stay safe' and their postcode to win the board. They would receive a reply text message saying: 'You have entered the competition to win the Red Ribbon surfboard. Remember to share affection, not infection' and included the phone number for the Sexual Health Info Link.

Consecutive years saw HARP adapt the classic Red Ribbon, created in 1991 by a group of 12 artists in New York. This simple idea has become one of the most recognised symbols globally - the red ribbon, worn to signify support for people with HIV/AIDS.

In 2011 SKIPP created a Big Mal and a Fish retro surfboard, which required a little more coordination with both hosts and in displaying the board due to its size.

To date all the boards combined have had over 1200 competition entries and it is estimated that over 8000 people have seen the board and the associated messages about HIV on the accompanying posters.



← Board winners Ainslie (L) and Jake (R)

HARP IN THE SOUTH



IN 2017 HARP BRANCHED AWAY FROM THE RED RIBBON, ASKING LOCAL ARTISTS TO INTERPRET WORLD AIDS DAY.

The extremely popular Freddie surfboard in 2017 by local vector artist AyJay.

The interesting anime, gender neutral person with an octopus surfboard by local artist Richard Lee in 2018.



THE 2019 SURFBOARD FEATURING HIV POSITIVE PRESENTER KARL SCHMID BY KIAMA ARTIST KAROLINE VENTNER.

The intention of the surfboard tour is to align the project with World AIDS Day the purpose of which is to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS as a global pandemic and an unprecedented issue for all of humanity.

The Red Ribbon surfboard has become an iconic and highly requested item in the community sector.

NEWS FROM SESLHD HARP SERVICES



ALBION GREENIE GROUP

Our Waste Management Committee or **"Greenie group"** began in August 2017. Since then we have reduced the amount of general waste ending up in landfill by waste segregation and collecting organics for composting in the Ankali garden next door.

We have also transitioned to paper cups in waiting rooms, recycled outdated/unused items through "Reverse garbage" and "The Bower" and collected used battery and mobile collection for recycling.

Colleagues have reported increased awareness and practice of recycling since we began and continue to be interested in our new ideas and initiatives, such as trying foods made with insect protein instead of meat! "GAIA" (Green Action in Albion) quarterly newsletter and monthly "Greenie Bites" have also been very popular amongst staff and visitors alike, due to the inclusion of pertinent articles, resources and free community based events.



The improvements in waste management awareness and practice at Albion has only been possible through the tenacity, hard work and support of the "Greenie group".

ANKALI PROJECT DELIVERS 106TH VOLUNTEER TRAINING COURSE



The **Ankali Project** service is part of the Albion Centre, established in 1985 to support people living with HIV. What is unique about the Ankali Project is that the service partners with volunteers, who provide social and emotional support to socially isolated people living with HIV.

Volunteers are trained to provide confidential, paraprofessional companionship to clients, in a monitored and supported relationship. The Social Work team in the Ankali Project train, recruit and manage volunteers, manage clients, and support the relationships. The Ankali Project currently supports 123 clients, and 115 volunteers. This community includes very long term relationships, with 5 volunteers having served for 20 years or more, and the longest Ankali client/ volunteer relationship currently continuing in its 25th year.

The Social Work team recently graduated 13 new volunteers from the 106th Volunteer Training Course. Volunteers were trained in communication, psychosocial issues, boundaries, managing ethical dilemmas, and grief and loss, amongst other subjects. The new volunteers will be matched in the coming weeks to clients awaiting a volunteer match.

The Ankali Project is always in need of more volunteers and looks forward to applications for the next Volunteer Training Course in October 2019. Please contact the team on 93329742 if you have any enquiries or would like to make a referral.



AGEING AND HIV: RESPONSE TO THE ROYAL COMMISSION INTO AGEING AND SAFETY



The **HIV Outreach team** has an active consumer involvement in the form of a Consumer Advisory Committee. Recently the Australian Royal commission has engaged in seeking responses into Aging and Safety.

We as a Committee see this as an opportunity to weigh in on this discussion and inform the Royal Commission in recommendations when it relates to Ageing with HIV.

We are so encouraged that we are the first generation of people living with HIV to live into older age as HIV is now a manageable chronic health condition.

Sadly we are not equipped with the special needs of those especially our elders in our community who have been long term survivors and many who went through final stage HIV formerly known as AIDS. Many of our community elders are people who actively were part of the 78ers and worked in the grassroots of our community

structures that supported the epidemic in the 80's and 90's.

These feel a sense of invisibility as the new messages of early detection and anti-retroviral treatment that afford a more normal lifespan and health outcomes for those who treat early often adds to the invisibility of those who were diagnosed with AIDS.

While we celebrate the changes of Undetectable = Untransmittable and a new found freedom to love and feel safe in our relationships with others, many are silently as shell shocked as any who have survived a war zone that was the early AIDS epidemic.

We feel it is imperative we bring our voice to the table and honour and acknowledge the needs facing people living with HIV as they age often earlier than the main population.



NURSE-LED COMORBIDITIES CLINIC LAUNCHED

In the era of highly effective and well tolerated antiretroviral therapy, people living with HIV (PLHIV) are now living longer and healthier lives.

Despite effective antiretroviral therapy however, PLHIV can have an increased risk of developing comorbidities such as cardiovascular disease, kidney and liver disease, certain types of cancer and mental health concerns.

Screening and early detection of these conditions and supporting people to access primary health care with their GP's can facilitate early intervention and preventative options to reduce the long term impact on their health.

Sydney Sexual Health Centre have just launched a new Nurse-led annual comorbidities screening clinic for PLHIV age 40 and over who are considered stable on treatment. The clinical nurse specialists will be conducting a brief holistic health and wellbeing review as well as providing routine HIV care. The screening interventions will include supporting healthy lifestyles, provision of vaccinations and lifestyle risk factor assessments.

The model is collaborative approach with the interdisciplinary team at SSHC including physicians and allied health professionals and aims to encourage greater partnerships with community health teams and primary care services

ADAHPS IN THE OUTBACK

Adahps has expanded its work in rural, regional and remote NSW as part of their increased rural access case management trial. The team have now travelled to the four prioritised local health districts, where case management resources are limited; Southern NSW, Murrumbidgee, Western NSW and Far West. The team have formed positive working relationships with local staff and devised unique collaborative approaches to engage and support local clients' according to their location specific needs.

Adahps staff recently travelled to Australia's oldest mining city, Broken Hill, home to Priscilla Queen of the Desert and the annual 'Broken Heel' festival.

They coordinated the trip with Broken Hill Sexual Health Service's quarterly HIV clinic, provided by Sydney Sexual Health Centre's medical team and were warmly welcomed by all. Adahps had the opportunity to meet and assess eligible clients and will provide tailored case management to suit their needs.



One client was visited at home, due to mobility difficulties. This consisted of a three hour drive past emus, eagles, kangaroos and goats in a four wheel drive with 'roo bars'. Without such flexible support clients living with HIV in rural NSW would have limited options for maintaining their health and well-being.

SESLHD HARP IN THE NEWS

MEDIA

STI INFECTIONS ARE ON THE RISE WHILE HIV INFECTION RATES ARE DOWN

Dr Vincent Cornellise, sexual health physician, **Kirketon Road Centre**, shares his expert opinion about the reduction in HIV infection rates in Australia being one of the success stories in combating infectious diseases. However Vincent says despite this success, infection rates for other STIs are on the increase.

[See ABC Radio National story](#)

SESLHD CALLS ON RESIDENTS TO TEST FOR HIV

SESLHD is encouraging people who have never been tested for HIV or haven't had a test for more than a year, to get tested. **Josephine Lusk**, Director of **Short Street Sexual Health Clinic**, says the results of a report that show NSW has the lowest number of HIV notifications on record in 2018 are encouraging but she reminds individuals of the importance of testing.

[See St George and Sutherland Shire Leader story](#)

A REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF HIV DIAGNOSES IN AUSTRALIA

Australia has seen a massive reduction in the number of HIV diagnoses per year thanks to better preventative medication and increased awareness. **Dr Vincent Cornelisse**, Sexual Health Specialist, **Kirketon Road Centre**, says while Australia has the lowest rate of HIV in the past 18 years it is still prevalent in heterosexual and Aboriginal communities.

[See Triple J Hack story](#)

AWARDS

Professor Steven Anthony Krilis of **Waratah Clinic**, **St George Hospital** was acknowledged in the 2019 Queen's Birthday Honours List. Professor Krilis received a Member (AM) in the General Division: for significant service to medical research in the areas of inflammation, thrombosis and allergic disease.

INTERNATIONAL SEX WORKERS DAY FORUM

In 1975, hundreds of French Sex Workers went on strike and occupied Catholic churches across the country, protesting police abuse and government closure of their work places. Supported by a handful of Catholic priests, the aggrieved Sex Workers became the centre of a global media storm. Forty years on, the strike is credited as the spark for present day Sex Workers rights movements.



Forum participants

To demonstrate our continuing interest and support of the sex industry community, the Kirketon Road Centre's Health Promotion and Partnership Group, in partnership with SWOP, hosted a forum to celebrate International Sex Workers day.

The forum aimed to provide a greater understanding of the issues affecting people working in the sex industry; explain how the industry is regulated in our local area; and, discuss what are the key issues that the sex worker community is telling us they need addressed.



Sam Donni, Kings Cross Area Command, Felicity P, Lived Experience, Bek Martin, City of Sydney Council, Cameron Cox, SWOP, Chantell Martin, SWOP

We were so fortunate to have speakers from SWOP, City of Sydney, NSW Police and with lived experience on our panel, who covered so much, including how an engaged local council can support brothels & promote safety; the importance of being able to access police to enforce your rights the same as any business; and, the ongoing stigma and discrimination that sex workers face.

Thank you to our speakers for sharing your knowledge and experience.

For more information on International Sex Workers day have a listen to this [podcast](#).

“HALF A MILLION STEPS” POINT TOWARD SENSIBLE DRUG REFORM



Rev Simon Hansford hands the baton to Shayne Mallard (Lib), Jo Haylen (ALP), Cate Faehrmann (Greens) & Alex Greenwich (Ind)

A poignant new documentary urges compassionate drug law and policy reform to build treatment options and save lives. “Half a Million Steps” follows the “Long Walk to Treatment” by 100 people who relayed a baton almost 400km from Dubbo to Sydney in 2018.

Inside the baton was a message from Uniting Church Moderator Rev Simon Hansford, asking the NSW

government to deal with personal drug use as a health and social issue, not a criminal one, and to improve treatment access for people struggling with problematic drug use.

Uniting is one of more than 60 not-for-profit partners seeking these reforms, including HIV-related and other health and medical organisations, legal, enforcement, user and family groups. They have all united in the Fair Treatment campaign www.fairtreatment.org. A cross-party MPs' group has backed the call.

The film features walkers personally affected and expert professionals speaking powerfully of the impact of dependency on individuals and families and the critical need for accessible treatment.

26 countries have adopted decriminalisation and treatment-based reforms, slashing drug death rates and problematic use.

Half a Million Steps has screened in Sydney and Dubbo. To host a community screening, view a trailer or see the full list of partners, go to www.fairtreatment.org/walk/

More information: Stafford Sanders at ssanders@uniting.org.

COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS UPDATE



PHOENIX INK BOOK LAUNCH

On Thursday 27th June, Bobby Goldsmith Foundation (BGF) launched 'Phoenix Ink'; an anthology of creative writing, produced from BGF's Creative Writing program, at the Stonewall Hotel. The evening combined selected readings from the book by TV actress Cecily Polson and International Radio Arts Producer Jon Panther and an inspiring speech by our very special guest and BGF Honorary Life Member, Ita Buttrose AC, OBE to officially launch the book.

The crowd of over 80 guests were enthralled by Ita's speech and were thrilled to be given the opportunity to purchase a copy of 'Phoenix Ink' and have it signed by Ita and some of the authors present at the launch.

Copies of 'Phoenix Ink' can be purchased directly from BGF for \$22.50 – contact bgf@bgf.org.au if you're interested in finding out more information.

UPCOMING FREE WORKSHOPS

BGF's next **CREATIVE WRITING PROGRAM** run by Sydney based writer and artist Gavin Austin will focus on Japanese Genre Poetry. This 8 week course starts on Thursday 22 August, 2019 at The Surry Hills Neighbourhood Centre in Sydney. The course will provide an opportunity for people living with HIV to not only think and express their illness in a different way, but also improve their quality of life.

ART PHOENIX 8 week workshop will commence on Wednesday 7th August from 10am at the Harry Burland Activity Centre in Darlington, Sydney. Art Phoenix is a contemporary art program that aims to support people living with HIV to creatively express themselves through the medium of art.

MONEY MINDED 2 day Workshop will commence on Tuesday 20th August from 12pm in the BGF office at 111-117 Devonshire Street, Surry Hills program will focus on building confidence and exploring new ideas around money. This workshop is aimed at people living with HIV or other chronic conditions who are on limited incomes and teaches skills to better manage their finances, which in turn reduces stress and improves health outcomes.

For further information on any of these free workshops, please call reception at BGF (02) 2983 8666 or email reception@bgf.org.au

JAPANESE GENRE POETRY
FREE 8-WEEK COURSE
STARTS THURSDAY 22 AUGUST 2019

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU WROTE SOMETHING?
If you have always wanted to write a poem, then this course can get you started on your writing journey to better health.

New research suggests that writing about emotions and stress can boost immune functioning for people living with HIV (PLHIV).

Creative writing can help PLHIV not only think about their illness in a different way, but also improve their quality of life.

DATE: THURSDAY 22ND AUGUST 2019 - THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2019
TIME: 12.00PM - 2.00PM
LOCATION: THE SURRY HILLS NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE, 405 CROWN ST. SURRY HILLS 2010

For more information please call reception at BGF (02) 2983 8666 or email reception@bgf.org.au

FREE WORKSHOPS

ART PHOENIX

BGF'S FREE 8 WEEK ART PROGRAM

The Art Phoenix workshop is motivational and inclusive for all attendees. Art Phoenix is a contemporary art program that is fully committed to raising awareness by producing visual art topics, while assisting artists living with HIV.

DATE: WEDNESDAY 7th AUGUST - WEDNESDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 2019
TIME: 10.00am - 12.00 noon
ADDRESS: HARRY BURLAND ACTIVITY CENTRE, 112 - 134 SHEPHERD STREET DARLINGTON

BGF's Art Phoenix program aims to support HIV+ artists to creatively express themselves and preserve an artistic legacy.

For more information please call us at BGF (02) 2983 8666 or email reception@bgf.org.au

FREE WORKSHOPS

UNTIL DEBT TEAR US APART

MONEY MINDED

BGF's Money Minded Workshop focuses on building confidence and exploring new ideas around money.

DATE: TUESDAY 20th and TUESDAY 27th AUGUST 2019
TIME: 12 noon - 2.30pm
ADDRESS: BGF, 111 DEVONSHIRE STREET, SURRY HILLS 2010

TWO WEEK WORKSHOP

Many people living with HIV or other chronic conditions are on limited incomes and this workshop teaches skills to better manage finances which in turn reduces stress and improves health outcomes.

Money Minded is run by trained BGF casework staff and all BGF clients are welcome to attend.

For more information please call us at BGF (02) 2983 8666 or email reception@bgf.org.au

PEER-LED PARTNER NOTIFICATION

Peer Led Partner Notification is the first step in peers taking ownership of a critical diagnosis moment. This initiative developed in partnership with [NSW Health](#) and [Sexual Health Infolink](#) (SHIL), offers support from trained peers who have been through the process of notifying our sexual and injecting partners that they have potentially been put at risk of a sexually transmitted infection (STI) including HIV or blood-borne virus (BBV).

People newly diagnosed with an STI or BBV, as well as their diagnosing health service providers are supported through a range of resources. These include a campaign website <http://rypl.positivelife.org.au/>, a mobile app (RYPL), a partner notification tool-kit and the Peer Led Partner Notification service itself which is staffed by people living with HIV and others who have direct personal experience of notifying sexual and injecting partners.

For support, more information or posters and resources for your clients, please call one of the Treatments Officers at Positive Life on (02) 9206 2177, 1800 245 677 (freecall) or email contact@positivelife.org.au

RYPL: PARTNER NOTIFICATION APP

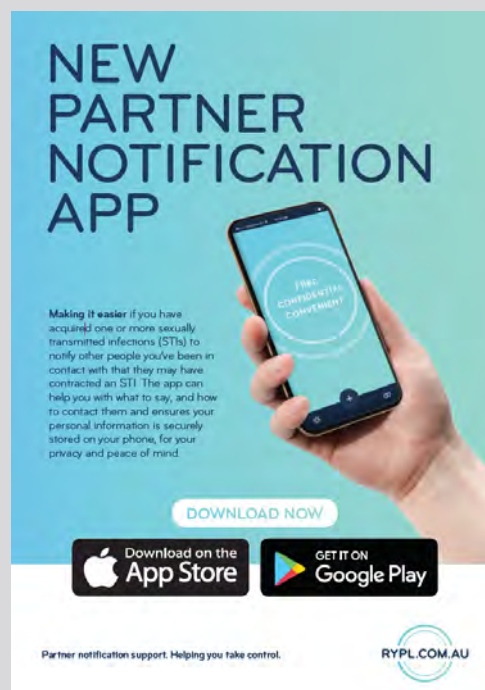
Making it easier for anyone diagnosed with one or more sexually transmitted infections (STIs) to notify others at risk of contracting an STI. The app offers scripts, suggestions on how to make contact, a library of resources, while ensuring all personal information is securely stored on the phone, for privacy and peace of mind.

For more information or to download the app visit rypl.positivelife.org.au/the-app.html

POSITIVE LIFE TREATMENTS OFFICERS

Positive Life has two Treatments Officers able to respond to queries about HIV and health, treatments advice, HIV disclosure, partner notification and access to health services.

Both David and Maxine can offer support as peers living with HIV (PLHIV) in a safe and supportive approach to improve the health and wellbeing of people living with HIV in NSW. Contact them on (02) 9206-2177, 1800 245 677 (freecall) or contact@positivelife.org.au



POSITIVE SPEAKERS BUREAU (PSB)



Speakers from the NSW Positive Speakers' Bureau (PSB) are living with HIV, Hep C or other co-morbidities and can complement health sector training in mental health and AOD units, sexual health units, and A and E units including allied health and aged care settings.

PSB speakers address HIV stigma and ignorance, dispel myths about HIV, and communicate a deeper understanding of what it is like to live with HIV today.

Our speakers came from a range of cultural backgrounds, ages, genders, time diagnosed with HIV, and life

experiences and are remunerated for their time including travel costs. They undergo regular training to ensure they keep pace with the ever-changing landscape of HIV information, treatment, and prevention.

To discuss your requirements or to book a speaker, please call the Training Coordinator on (02) 9206-2177, 1800 245 677 or email psb@positivelife.org.au

For more information please visit the Positive Speakers Bureau website at psb.positivelife.org.au

HIV WORK READY

HIV Work Ready is a Positive Life NSW project that supports and mentors people living with HIV (PLHIV) to gain confidence to engage or reconnect through study, training, paid (casual, part-time or full-time) or voluntary work. PLHIV can self-register by calling Positive Life on (02) 9206 2177 or email workready@positivelife.org.au

POSITIVE LIFE TALKABOUT

In 2019, a printed version of Talkabout returns as an annual A5 magazine containing the most popular articles of the year from Talkabout Online. Talkabout is a popular publication, focused on the personal stories and the lived experience of people living with HIV (PLHIV). It has a history of carrying writing that combines the 'personal and political' by PLHIV about our physical and personal experiences that also analyse our social conditions.

For copies, please call Positive Life on (02) 9206-2179, 1800 245 677 (freecall) or email communications@positivelife.org.au



HARP HEALTH PROMOTION UPDATE

YOUTH WEEK 2019 – CONNECT, SHARE, SPEAK OUT, AND CELEBRATE

Organised by young people for young people, NSW annual Youth Week is a time to act on issues, express views, share ideas, and have fun within the community. This year's Youth Week (10-18 April) theme was "Coming together to Connect, Share, Speak out, and Celebrate"; and the Play Safe Summer (PSS) Peer Educators did exactly that!

Attending over 10 Youth Week events organised by Local Councils across SESLHD, the PSS Peer Educators from the HARP Unit, Project Youth, and A WAYS Safe Summer, raised sexual health awareness among young people from Bondi Beach to Cronulla Beach. Conversations, interactive games, and giveaways allowed the PSS Peer Educators to inform their peers on where they can get condoms and how to use them correctly, as well as addressing the perceived confidentiality and cost issues when visiting a GP.

Pee in a cup Chlamydia testing was offered at 3 Youth Week events by our partners, Kirketon Road Centre and Short Street Sexual Health Clinic. Over 35 tests were received, showing participating young people the ease of STI testing and reducing the associated stigma.

It doesn't have to be complicated or embarrassing. Brief, fun games, like stuffing oranges in a condom, are a positive and respectful approach for young people to learn about sexuality and sexual relationships throughout the entire calendar year.

STICKIER STUFF

Sticky Stuff is a workshop designed to increase the confidence, knowledge and skill of youth workers around the topic of sexual health.

Sticky Stuff this year received a revamp, thanks to the hard work of the HARP Unit's Sarah Smith and Kirketon Road Centre's Jess Santos who have spent four years reviewing and refining the package with Ben from Yfoundations, resulting in the new and improved Stickier Stuff. This workshop stays true to the essence of Sticky Stuff, but is packed with even more games and tools for youth workers to support their young people around sexual health.

32 youth workers from 14 organisations across SESLHD attended the 2019 sessions of sticky stuff, and with the help of the tools in this workshop and a little help from PlaySafe Pro, will hopefully find it a lot less sticky when it comes to talking about sexual health with young people.



HIV TESTING WEEK: 1-7 JUNE 2019



Throughout HIV Testing Week SESLHD encouraged men who have sex with men, men born overseas and heterosexual men who have sex with men to get tested; as well as urging clinicians to consider offering HIV testing within their healthcare settings.

The HARP Unit's HIV Testing Week Campaign included an Ending HIV Workshop for healthcare staff from mental health, maternity, emergency, Aboriginal Health, and Drug & Alcohol. Over 35 LHD staff attended and were updated on PrEP, PEP, TaSP, alternate testing settings, along with new opportunities for HIV testing, and psychosocial issues when living with HIV.



The HARP Unit also partnered with UNSW Global and UNSW Student Health and Wellbeing, coordinating an HIV Testing Week event for International Students.

Onsite rapid HIV testing was offered, along with fun, interactive engagement activities, including the spinning wheel, badge making, and a Positive Speaker who shared their story about HIV testing, diagnosis, and current treatment.

These activities allowed over 400 International Students the opportunity to gain knowledge and information on how easy it is to test for HIV.

DRIED BLOOD SPOT TESTING

Nigel Carrington has been appointed as the new DBS Coordinator working from Sydney Sexual Health Centre and the Ministry of Health. Nigel comes to this role with experience working in HIV/AIDS sector back in the late 80s/early 90s as the Coordinator of the Sydney AIDS Hotline (Albion Street Centre) and Rural Project Co-Coordinator (AIDS Council of NSW). Nigel has extensive experience in Community Health working in both in Western Australia and NSW and most recently as Manager of the Youth Health Service, Sydney LHD where he worked closely with the RPA Sexual Health Service and HARP Unit. Nigel advises that all enquiries related to the DBS website, implementation of DBS at sites, test kit orders, results queries and establishment of new sites can go to him. He is happy to field any DBS queries and follow up through relevant channels at the Ministry of Health, SHIL or St Vincent's Reference Laboratory.



"I am excited by the new role and pleased to be coming into the project when the changes to the website are being implemented. I am keen to get out to sites over the coming months to help teams work through how to best implement DBS in their area and help new sites to come on board" says Nigel.

As of June 2019 the DBS program completed over 2600 tests for HIV, and over 1400 for hepatitis C. In Q2 2019 98 tests were carried out in SES (classified by client postcode), bringing the total to 454 tests since November 2016.

Contact details for Nigel are: Nigel.Carrington@health.nsw.gov.au or 0409 382 966



ASHM NEWS

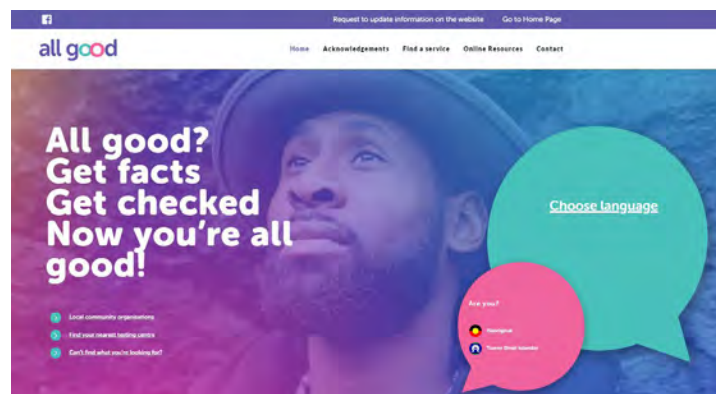
AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR HIV, VIRAL HEPATITIS AND SEXUAL
HEALTH MEDICINE

ALL GOOD

“All Good” is a quintessentially Australian phrase; as recognizably Australian as Vegemite – it means “Everything is fine; no worries.”

When ASHM needed a name for their website designed to provide sexual health information to people from a broad range of culturally and linguistically diverse and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities – something acceptable to all groups - ALL GOOD was the obvious choice.

The ALL GOOD website project was created by ASHM in consultation with a wide range of representations from across our multicultural society – and provides key information on HIV, blood-borne viruses and sexually transmitted viruses, as well as tools and referral pathways to testing and treatment in 22 languages.



Vital resources in languages from China to Laos are freely available online, including five language spoken across Sub-Saharan Africa. Together, these languages provide pathways to treatment for some of the most marginalised and at-risk communities in our wider society today.

Check out <http://allgood.org.au> for yourself, and let your community and networks know – treatment is available, and it's ALL GOOD.

REMOVING BARRIERS



Whether we are conscious of them or not, every human being has internalized bias and prejudice. Even the most fair-minded and allied to the plurality of society will have deep-seating, often unconscious biases which can lead to us unintentionally stigmatizing others in the community. Medical professionals and primary care workers are not immune to these biases, despite best intentions.

Rates of new HIV and blood-borne infection are falling across Australia – except in certain - often marginalised -communities. Some groups, including recent migrants, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island, and culturally and linguistically diverse communities are slipping through the gaps of treatment and healthcare. These extra cultural and linguistic barriers provide additional challenges to those seeking health care services, which can be confounded by treatment they receive in the clinic

– from specialist clinicians through to general practitioners and nurses, reception and other administrative staff.

ASHM recently launched Removing Barriers, a new, free-to-use, online learning tool for addressing stigma and discrimination in healthcare settings against people affected by HIV, hepatitis B or hepatitis C.

Simple, easily accessible online learning tools help you to identify ways in which your day-to-day interactions could better accommodate these populations, and help you provide better and more culturally appropriate communications.

Check out <http://removingbarriers.ashm.org.au/> for yourself.

LAUNCH OF THE NEW ARV GUIDELINES COMMENTARY AND WEBSITE



Since 2005, the Australian Health Minister's Advisory Committee on HIV and STI has endorsed the US Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Guidelines for the use of Antiretroviral Agents in HIV Infected Adults and Adolescents and requested that ASHM provide a regularly updated commentary on those Guidelines relevant to Australia. The US DHHS has agreed to this adoption and adaptation process, resulting in the ASHM Sub-Committee for Guidance on HIV Management in Australia being formed to provide Australian commentary.

We are pleased to announce the launch this month of the new ARV guidelines website, providing an accessible location to house the latest Australian commentary on the use of antiretroviral agents. Please click through here <http://arv.ashm.org.au/>



HIV AND SEXUAL HEALTH JOINT CONFERENCES



The joint Australasian Sexual Health and HIV & AIDS Conferences are fast approaching, taking place on the 16th - 18th of September in Perth.

Together, these conferences underscore the central role of partnerships across sexual health and HIV, and facilitating dialogue between researchers, clinicians, government and community members working across the fields of sexually transmissible infections and HIV in our region.

This year's Sexual Health conference features the latest research on Gonorrhoea antimicrobial resistance and resistance testing in practice, Young People's Sexual Health: Findings from the 6th National Survey of Secondary Students and Adolescent Sexual Health (2018), Syphilis: An outbreak in Aboriginal and Torres

Strait Islander communities and Access, Equity and Integration: Meeting the Reproductive Health Needs of Women In Australia and New Zealand.

The HIV&AIDS conference likewise offers a varied program. Presentations include new challenges of PrEP and gaps in care, HIV criminalisation and the auxiliary criminalisation of MSM, sex workers and drug use (which directly impact access to health services), HTLV-1 feedback, and exciting new trans and gender diverse (TGD) research led by TGD community members, as well new findings from Indigenous-led healthcare.

Full details can be found on the conference website [here](#)

Save the Date

2019 HARP FORUM THE MILLENNIAL EDITION

Wednesday 16 October 2019
Thursday 17 October 2019
8:30 – 5:00

Kerry Packer Education Centre
Building 72 John Hopkins Drive
(off Missenden Avenue)
Royal Prince Alfred Hospital Camperdown NSW



2019 HARP FORUM: CALL FOR POSTER ABSTRACTS

You are invited to submit an EOI for poster submissions for the HARP Forum 2019: *The Millennial Edition*

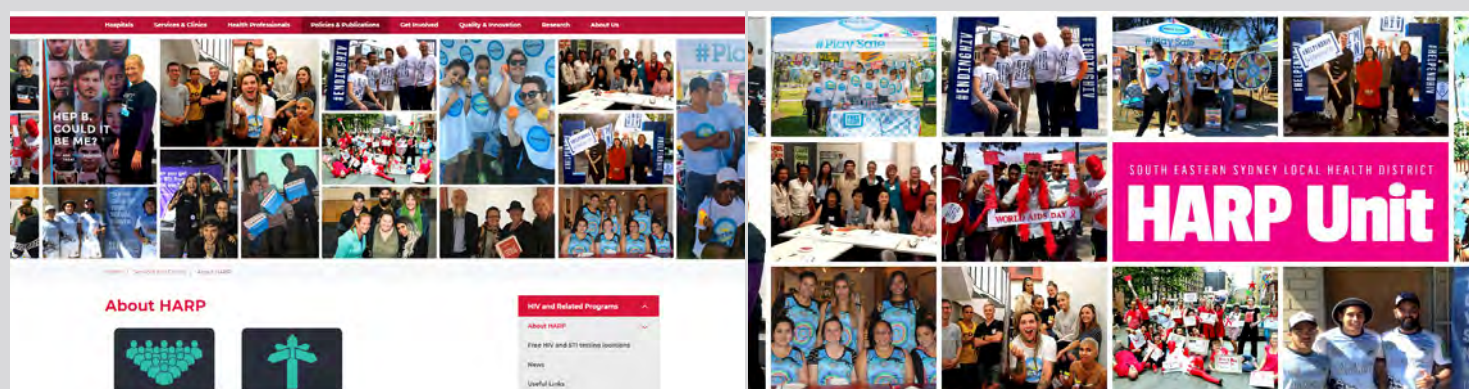
Poster submissions will be accepted electronically as posters will be displayed on an electronic poster boards and collated into an USB stick, which will be given to each forum participant.

This year the HARP Forum Working Group will choose four submissions to be delivered by their authors as showcase oral presentations at the forum.

Please contact: jodielee.little@health.nsw.gov.au or julia.purchas@health.nsw.gov.au to obtain the Guidelines For Poster Submission document. Full poster presentation guidelines or template will be sent on successful application.

The poster submission EOI deadline is August 15 2019

HARP ONLINE



VISIT THE HARP WEBSITE

Part of South Eastern Sydney Local Health District's redeveloped website. Visit the HARP page to find information about the work that we do and what we can offer.

<https://www.seslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/services-clinics/directory/hiv-related-programs>

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK



We encourage you to follow us, like, share and engage with our content. Together we can ensure important messages about HIV, sexual health, viral hepatitis and other related issues reach our communities.

Check us out: [@harpseslhd](https://www.facebook.com/harpseslhd)

TRAINING AND EDUCATION



The Albion Centre courses are designed to meet the needs of those working in clinical care, health, education, non-government and community organisations, business and industry.

Upcoming courses

26 August to 22 September

The ABCs of ARVs: HIV Treatment for Health Care Workers

[More information](#)

16 September to 27 October

Management of Exposures to Blood Borne Pathogens

[More information](#)

16 September to 13 October

Hepatitis C: An update

[More information](#)

21 October to 17 November

HIV and Ageing

[More information](#)

The full calendar can be viewed



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ASHM Training is available for a broad range of health professionals, including general practitioners. On offer are a range of training courses for clinicians and nurses at all levels who are seeking to up-skill in HIV, hepatitis C and hepatitis B management. Nurses may wish to learn about courses available in the ASHM Nursing Program. ASHM courses are accredited by relevant professional bodies, and participants are eligible for CPD points.

The full training calendar can be viewed

ASHM/SSHC Clinical Education Sessions

The Clinical Education Sessions are run in collaboration by ASHM and Sydney Sexual Health Centre and consist of weekly Journal Clubs and Clinical Education Seminars.

<https://www.ashm.org.au/training/SSHC-sessions/>

Kirby Institute Seminar Series

ASHM offer webinar access to selected education seminars from the Kirby Institute Seminar Series

<https://www.ashm.org.au/training/kirby-seminar->

<https://kirby.unsw.edu.au/events>

USEFUL LINKS

NSW HIV Surveillance Data Reports

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/endinghiv/Pages/tools-and-data.aspx>

NSW STI Surveillance Data Reports

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/reports/Pages/STI-reports.aspx>

NSW Hepatitis Data Reports

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/hepatitis/Pages/resources.aspx>

SESLHD HARP Webpage

<https://www.seslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/services-clinics/directory/hiv-related-programs>



Play Safe Pro

