



MELBOURNE 2001
APRIL 19th-20th

8TH NAPWA CONFERENCE

POSITIVE VOICES STRENGTHENING THE RESPONSE TO HIV & AIDS
UNION HOUSE, UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE, SWANSTON STREET, MELBOURNE

Day 1 - Thursday 19 April

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| 09:30 - 11:00 | Opening Plenary |
| 09:30 - 09:40 | Welcome from Traditional Owners |
| 09:40 - 09:55 | Peter Canavan - NAPWA President Amelia McLoughlin - NAPWA Executive and Women's Portfolio |
| 09:55 - 10:15 | Hon. Dr Michael Wooldridge - Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care |
| 10:15 - 10:30 | Chris Puplick - Chair, Australian National Council on AIDS, Hepatitis C and Related Diseases |
| 10:30 - 11:00 | Keynote Speaker - Prof Rob Moodie, CEO, Victorian Health Promotion Foundation |
| 11:00 - 11:30 | Break |
| 11:30 - 13:00 | Plenary Session - Current Environment |
| | Chair: Peter Canavan An overview of the frameworks in which positive people are living their lives. Epidemiology - Dr Andrew Grulich, National Centre in HIV Epidemiology and Clinical Research Political - Mike Kennedy, Executive Director, Victorian AIDS Council/Gay Men's Health Centre Socio-cultural - Jon Willis, Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society and NAPWA Committee Rep Advocacy - Geoff Honnor, NAPWA Policy Analyst |
| 13:00 - 14:00 | Informal Lunchtime Session: Chew and Listen |
| | Ozpoz chatline moderator Paul Kidd leaves the House of Love to lead a discussion on AIDS and information - is there a cure? |
| 14:00 - 14:40 | Plenary Session - HIV Health (Treatments/Health Promotion) |
| | Treatments - where do we go from here? Co-Chairs: Peter Canavan (NAPWA President) Dr Jenny Hoy (Head of Clinical Research, The Alfred Hospital) Current Overview - by Bill Whittaker, ATPA Steering Group, and President, Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations |
| 14:40 - 15:30 | Interactive Treatments Workshops |
| Room 1 | Vaccines - Bridget Haire (AFAO Vaccines Working Group), Dr Paul McQueen (NAPWA Rep - NCHECR Vaccines Working Group) |
| Room 2 | Treatment Breaks & Interruptions to Therapy - Jo Watson (Executive Officer NAPWA/ATPA), Dr Mark Kelly (Convenor ATPA Steering Group, Albion Street Centre) |
| Room 3 | Lipodystrophy and Wasting - David Menadue (NAPWA Executive & Associate Editor, Positive Living), Dr Nick Medland (ATPA Steering Group, VAC/GMHC Clinic) |
| Room 4 | Long-term Treatments Toxicities - Kirsty Machon (NAPWA Policy Analyst), Dr Virginia Furner (ATPA Steering Group, Albion Street Centre) |
| 15:30 - 16:00 | Break |
| 16:00 - 17:00 | Plenary Session - Forum/Hypothetical |
| | <i>Moderator:</i> Colin Batrouney (AFAO Educator) - <i>Participants:</i> Vikki King, Dean Murphy, Geoff Honnor, Dr Nick Medland, Paul Kidd, Dr Darren Russell, Peter Canavan, Trish Bullen Maximising your relationship with your GP - without a gun! A funny, pointed examination of the one point of service delivery contact that all pozzies have - their GP. |
| 18:30-20:00 | Cocktail Party/Launch |
| | Surviving our Side Effects is a new treatments resource developed by PLWHA (Vic) in collaboration with VAC/GMHC, Straight Arrows & Positive Women (Vic). It will be launched by the Hon. John Thwaites (Deputy Premier of Victoria, and Minister for Health and Planning) with John Daye (President PLWHA Vic). |

Day 2 - Friday 20 April

09:30 - 11:00

Plenary Session

Emotional Wellbeing

An interactive panel discussion on mental health/psychological challenges, featuring four panelists:

Jen Hamer - Building Bridges Project, Centre of Personal Education (SA)

John Daye - NAPWA Executive and Treatments Portfolio (Vic)

Alison Cunningham - Director of Services, ACON (NSW)

Dr Nick Medland - GP and Director, the Centre Clinic, VAC/GMHC (Vic)

Co-Chairs: Michael Hurley, Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society (Vic)

Dr Anne Mijch, Head, HIV Clinical Services, The Alfred Hospital

11:00 - 11:30

Break

11:30 - 13:00

Positive Voices

In this "open mike" session, the heart of the conference, positive people will have around 5 minutes each to express thoughts, feelings and opinions. The session will be facilitated, and NAPWA President, Peter Canavan, will chair. At the closing plenary "Positive Voices" will form one of the three streams to report back to the whole conference.

Facilitators:- John Rule (NAPWA Policy Analyst)

Amelia McLoughlin (NAPWA Executive + Women's Portfolio)

13:00 - 14:00

Informal Lunchtime Session:

A Fun Hypothetical covering issues of Stigma and Discrimination with; Bridget Haire (AFAO), David Puls (Principal Solicitor - HIV/AIDS Legal Centre, Sydney), Gary Meyerhoff (Northern Territory), Gregroy Horn - Secretary PLWHA Victoria, Miranda Stewart, (Co-ordinator VGLRL), Shane Dinnison (President - ACSA)

14:00 - 15:30

HIV Living

Chair: David Menadue (NAPWA Executive + Care + Support Portfolio)

14:00-14:45

Plenary Session

Welfare Reform - Fiona Tito (ACOSS)

Gay, Poz Men - Brent Allan (NAPWA Rep National Centre in HIV Social Research)

HIV Health Maintenance - Jenny McDonald (HIV Dietician)

14:45 -15:30

Concurrent Workshops

1 Living on the DSP

2 Living Gay, Living Poz

3 Living Beyond the Pills

15:30 - 16:00

Break

16:00 - 17:00

Closing Plenary

Reportbacks: Session Rapporteurs, Satellite Sessions, Positive Voices.

Closing remarks from Peter Canavan, NAPWA President.

18:00 - 20:00

PLWHA End of Conference Soiree

Positive Voices

Pre-Conference Satellites - Wednesday 18 April

09:30 - 16:30

Full Day Satellites

Positive communities will meet in all day sessions to consider the President's vision in respect of NAPWA as an alliance of separate communities within which serostatus has specific resonance. Each community group will be invited to consider what this means for them in terms of an ongoing relationship with, and support from, NAPWA.

The communities will be:

Positive Women

Indigenous

Positive Heterosexuals

In addition, the President will invite up to 10 gay men who are HIV positive to similarly assemble. Given the potential numbers it will be necessary to restrict attendance. There will be opportunity on the second day of the conference for all gay positive male attendees to meet and consider the outcomes of this session.

Volunteer Coordinator Session

A meeting of sector volunteer coordinators working with positive people will also take place on this day.

14:00

NAPWA Executive & Committee

General Meeting

17:00

"Don't Just Take It"

Launch of the "**Don't Just Take It**" resource - Positive Women (Victoria)

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