

**napwa** national association of  
people living with HIV/AIDS

**Celebrating two decades of  
Partnerships, Policy and  
Positive Empowerment**

**1989 - 2009**

# “Telegrams from Friends”

*The organisation has grown from strength to strength and I think a strong consumer organisation has been essential to the development of the sector and the Australian response to HIV. We all take the opportunity at an event like this to reflect on our friends, peers, loved ones and also those people we may not have seen eye to eye with, who have lived with HIV but who are not with us today. It is because of the committed people who work or volunteer for NAPWA that we have such a robust sector and such a strong community response.*

**Levinia Crooks, Chief Executive Officer, ASHM**

*I'm proud to have been part of the journey of positive empowerment which NAPWA and its members symbolize so well. It's also given me the opportunity to work with so many remarkable people – positive and negative – who are part of NAPWA'S success story.*

**Bill Whittaker, HIV Activist**

*I believe HIV is alive and has a dreaming and part of that dreaming story is the journey of NAPWA. It is an old dreaming with a new beginning in the land of Australia – there were crossroads, and confrontations, yet through them all there have been monumental achievements that to many of us living with HIV seemed like a dream. Dreamings give guidance on how to live with other living beings and entities. Thank you for sharing our journey, our way to a meaningful life with HIV. All the best on your twentieth anniversary NAPWA.*

**Wilo Muwadda, Convenor Positive Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Network**

*No real response to the epidemic is possible without the full participation of those infected. NAPWA, and its member organisations, has pioneered good policy and empowerment in ways that go far beyond HIV and AIDS. Heartiest congrats to you all.*

**Dennis Altman, Prof. of Politics, Director, Institute for Human Security La Trobe University**

*Please extend to all my grateful thanks for all that NAPWA has done and accomplished over 20 years and my best wishes for a successful commemoration of this wonderful organisation.*

**Bill Bowtell, Director of HIV/AIDS Projects, Lowy Institute and Director, Pacific Friends of the Global Fund**

*I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate NAPWA on reaching the significant milestone of twenty years of activism in the struggle against HIV/AIDS. Over this period NAPWA has been a leader in public health policy and advocacy in improving access to treatment, care and support for people living with HIV/AIDS and defending the human rights of people with HIV/AIDS.*

**Clover Moore MP, Lord Mayor of Sydney**

*Happy birthday NAPWA... it's been a life's work for a lot of people, and it's been great work. Congratulations all, it's been fun to be involved.*

**Rob Lake, Executive Officer, Positive Life NSW**

*Best wishes for the future and a successful and enjoyable anniversary.*

**Alex Wodak, Alcohol & Drug Services, St. Vincent's Hospital**

*Twenty indeed! What a feat. And such a healthy and vibrant 20. My sincere congratulations to you and all your predecessors and fellow travellers.*

**Elizabeth Reid, Visiting Fellow, ANU**

*Thank you for the invitation (and for remembering)... but I am going to South Africa tomorrow for the South African AIDS Conference. Have a good party!*

**Sue Kippax, Professorial Research Fellow, UNSW**

*I hope the event is very successful for you and congratulations on 20 years. Best wishes for the next 20!*

**Carla Treloar, Assoc. Prof. Deputy Director National Centre in HIV Social Research, University of New South Wales**

*Congratulations to NAPWA on such an important achievement, and the critical role NAPWA has played in the HIV response over the past 20 years. It is a great opportunity for all involved to reflect and feel proud and reinvigorated.*

**Graham Brown, President AFAO**

*Wishing NAPWA all the best for the coming years – and looking forward to the time when there will be no need for a NAPWA.*

**David Buchanan SC Barrister, Sydney**