

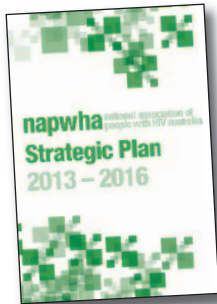
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**The National Association of People with HIV Australia (NAPWHA) is Australia's peak non-government organisation representing community-based groups of people living with HIV (PLHIV).**

NAPWHA provides advocacy, policy, effective representation, health promotion and outreach on a national level.



We strive to minimise the adverse personal and social effects of HIV by championing the participation of PLHIV at all levels of the organisation's activity.

Our work is funded by:

- specific program funding from the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing and other government agencies;

- unrestricted educational grants from the HIV pharmaceutical industry; and
- charitable donations and bequests.

The secretariat carries out a range of advocacy, policy, health promotion and outreach work in accordance with the NAPWHA Strategic Plan and also the needs of PLHIV, including:

- Health, treatments and research
- Producing *Positive Living* (PL) magazine
- Treataware Project
- National Network of Women Living with HIV (Femfatales)
- Positive Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Network (PAT SIN)



## **POZ ACTION**

Poz Action is a national movement led by NAPWHA to reinvigorate the Australian HIV-positive community-led response to the current and future needs of all PLHIV. Poz Action reflects the recommendations of a number of international and local documents.

The Poz Action red stamp is now being used by our member organisations and also by other PLHIV organisations throughout Australia to brand a range of HIV advocacy work they do on behalf of PLHIV.

## **TREATAWARE**

NAPWHA's Treataware Project is dedicated to enhancing the HIV treatment and health literacy



of PLHIV. Treataware delivers information and education outreach initiatives including Treataware Outreach Network (TON) meetings, community HIV treatments forums and short courses in HIV medicine, our famous 'Chin Wag' roadshows, as well as the development of resources including fact sheets and other printed resources and web-based initiatives.

## CHIN WAG

These community forums for PLHIV, their friends, family and carers deliver HIV information in an entertaining chat-show format. Chin Wag shows are hosted by Academic Nurse Nancy (Dr Kath Albury) and Australian superstar Vanessa Wagner (Tobin Saunders).



## TREATAWARE OUTREACH NETWORK (TON)

TON is a NAPWHA hosted and supported collective of HIV community workers from all states and territories in Australia as well as New Zealand. TON members provide HIV treatment and health-related information and a range of other vital supports to PLHIV.



Members bring many years of professional and personal experience to their work. This passionate group represents diverse professional backgrounds.

NAPWHA facilitates regular communication including two face-to-face meetings a year where the group hears about developments in HIV treatment and care delivered by Australia's leading experts. Members disseminate and

share this information to their clients, local communities and also through a range of other communication strategies. TON continues to play an integral and unique role in the continued response to the HIV epidemic in Australia.

### **NATIONAL HIV DIETETIC CLINICS**

NAPWHA funds an HIV specialist dietitian to travel to various state and regional locations throughout Australia where PLHIV do not have access to nutritional support services. Clinics are conducted by Jenny McDonald (at right) in Darwin, Alice Springs, Tasmania and the ACT on an annual basis and in collaboration with local service providers.





## NAPWHA WEBSITE

The website ([napwha.org.au](http://napwha.org.au)) is the most comprehensive Australian site displaying both images, as well as client-friendly information that aligns with the needs of PLHIV and their significant others.

## HIV TREATMENTS DATABASE

The Treatments Database provides comprehensive information online of all HIV treatments available in Australia. The database is designed for PLHIV, their supports and clinicians and includes references to related information and resources.



## HIV CLINICAL TRIALS DATABASE

The Clinical Trials Database is designed to help PLHIV understand important information relating to clinical research undertaken in Australia.

The database hosts information that is accessible to PLHIV who are considering participating in a clinical trial, including a list of healthcare professionals, contacts and referral information.



## SHORT COURSES IN HIV MEDICINE

The NAPWHA Treataware Project facilitates the Short Course in HIV Medicine for HIV community sector employees and volunteers, as well as pharmaceutical company team members.

These highly sought after courses offer a comprehensive introduction to HIV medicine. The format, design, content and calibre of presenters offers participants a unique opportunity to explore a range of HIV-related information in the current Australian context.



# RESOURCES

## iPLAN

iPlan is designed to help PLHIV become active partners in their healthcare. It is the first Australian resource to comprehensively capture the major health issues experienced by PLHIV.

NAPWHA also hosts the iPlan online in a flipbook format that contains live links to references and other resources mentioned in the iPlan.



## COMMUNICATION AND SOCIAL MEDIA

NAPWHA has developed a comprehensive and targeted communication strategy about HIV treatment, research, policy news, legal information and other subject matter relevant to our partners, member organisations and PLHIV.



## SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH

NAPWHA's *Positive Living* Facebook page has more than 1,700 followers. Twitter has almost 1,400 followers and NAPWHA also has a LinkedIn group page.

## MEDIA DIGEST

The NAPWHA Media Digest is an electronic newsletter that provides a summary of HIV and health-related news items from Australian and selected international media three times a week.



## POSITIVE LIVING (PL)

The highly-regarded magazine is the only publication of its kind in Australia and contains HIV-related treatment updates and a number of living well with HIV sections. *PL* currently has a circulation of 25,000 hard copies and is also hosted online where it is accessed by many internationally. The online flipbook version of *PL* has its own Facebook page where people can discuss issues.



# NATIONAL CAMPAIGNS

## START THE CONVERSATION

NAPWHA developed the Stage 1 of the National Treatments Campaign called Start the Conversation Today. NAPWHA developed the campaign in response to new scientific understandings of the benefits of HIV treatments for PLHIV and their partners.



The Campaign was launched in 2012 by Australian-of-the-Year award recipient Ita Buttrose and the President of The Australasian Society of HIV Medicine (ASHM), Professor Edwina Wright.

## THE WAIT IS OVER

NAPWHA and others successfully campaigned for the removal of certain restrictions that were preventing some people from starting HIV treatment. In response to the removal of this restriction NAPWHA launched a campaign: The Wait is Over.



This barrier has now been removed, and today anyone in Australia with HIV who has a Medicare card can receive subsidised treatment through the PBS.

# NATIONAL NETWORKS

**PATSIN**  
POSITIVE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER NETWORK



## **THE POSITIVE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER NETWORK (PATSIN)**

PATSIN provides a forum for exchanging experiences and knowledge about HIV, and to advocate for change at the community level. PATSIN is committed to increasing education and addressing the high level of HIV stigma within Indigenous communities. PATSIN recognises the diversity of the lived experience of Indigenous people and undertakes to provide culturally appropriate peer support.





## FEMFATALES

Femfatales is a national network of women living with HIV (WLHIV). The women provide NAPWHA with

- an ongoing forum to advocate for issues related to WLHIV; and
- collaboration in policy work related to WLHIV.

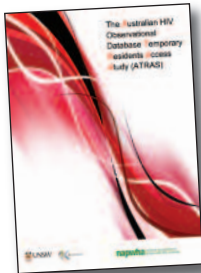
Femfatales encourages meaningful and productive collaboration between key individuals and organisations involved in policy development related to WLHIV.

The 'Give your vagina a choice' campaign aims to raise awareness of the female condom and make them more affordable and available to WLHIV in Australia.



## REGIONAL INITIATIVES IN OTHER COUNTRIES

NAPWHA is a member of the Asian Pacific Network of Positive People and continues to support the work of Igat Hope, the national organisation for PLHIV in Papua New Guinea. NAPWHA partners with and funds Dr John Rule to conduct research in this and other areas of HIV social research.



## RESEARCH

NAPWHA has a strong involvement in clinical research and has a close relationship with the The Kirby Institute. It also actively engages in social research and works closely with the Centre for Social Research in Health (CSRH) and the Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society (ARCSHS). NAPWHA aims to influence the national HIV research agenda and to foster community-based research.

## NATIONAL FORUMS

In partnership with its member organisations, NAPWHA convenes regular forums, which provide a unique opportunity for people living in regional areas to engage with specialists and community leaders when important issues arise. For instance, a number of forums have been held to report on the latest research looking for a cure, as well as other issues, including ageing, HIV and hepatitis and women's health.



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