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INTRODUCTION

The Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society (ARCSHS) is located at La Trobe University, Melbourne and is a centre for social research into sexuality, health, and the social dimensions of sex and human relationships.

It works collaboratively and in partnership with academic research institutions, communities and community-based organisations, governments, international aid agencies, and professionals in relevant fields to produce research that promotes positive change in policy, practice and people's lives.

ARCSHS Strategic and Scientific Advisory Committee

The role of the ARCSHS Strategic and Scientific Advisory Committee (SSAC) is to provide strategic direction and high-level advice to the ARCSHS Director and the Centre. The SSAC considers:

- Strategic directions and progress against the mission, aims and priority areas outlined in the ARCSHS Strategic Plan.
- Specific contextual and scientific developments in priority areas of the Centre's research programs.
- Important issues for the sustainability and management of the Centre.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

It is with great pleasure that I write this report as the new Director of ARCSHS. I am incredibly honoured to be stepping into the formidable shoes of two remarkable previous Directors – Professor Doreen Rosenthal (our Inaugural Director who led the establishment of the Centre for the Study of STDs which evolved into ARCSHS) who served from 1992 to 1999, and Professor Marian Pitts who served from 2000 to 2012.



Professor Jayne Lucke
Director of ARCSHS, La Trobe University

I am also extremely grateful to Professor Sandy Leggat who was Acting Director of ARCSHS during 2013 while carrying out her considerable duties as Head of the School of Public Health and Human Biosciences at La Trobe University, and to Professor Gary Dowsett, ARCSHS Deputy Director, who was Acting Director for much of 2012 following Marian's retirement. On behalf of all the staff and students of ARCSHS I would like to thank Sandy for her leadership of ARCSHS until I arrived in February 2014, and Gary for his ongoing exemplary service to ARCSHS. It is thanks to the dedication of Sandy and Gary and all the wonderful people that work and study at ARCSHS that the Centre continues to perform so well as a national research centre producing outstanding academic, policy and community outcomes to make positive change in people's lives. 2014 has been an amazing year for ARCSHS as we celebrated our 21st year, reengineered our social media platforms and attracted almost \$5 million in funding for research and research translation.

One of the highlights of the year was the 20th International AIDS Conference, which was held in Melbourne from the 20th to 25th of July. Over 13,000 delegates from 200 countries attended to enjoy a range of activities focusing on the global HIV response. Our own Professor Marian Pitts was the local Co-Chair of the Scientific Committee and ARCSHS staff and students presented posters, ran workshops and satellite sessions, attended numerous networking events, acted as official conference volunteers and staffed the bustling ARCSHS booth in the Exhibition Hall. The conference also provided the ideal platform from which to launch our new Facebook page to complement our Twitter feed from which we live tweeted conference happenings.

Research highlights of the year included the release of findings from the 5th National Survey of Australian Secondary Students

and Sexual Health which examines the sexual behaviour of Australian adolescents. The fifth report from this landmark study attracted widespread media attention and provided a resource to inform sex education and health promotion as well as a number of academic publications. In collaboration with researchers from Monash and Yale Universities, Professor Marian Pitts and Emily Bariola released the report of **Women, Work and the Menopause: Releasing the Potential of Older Professional Women**. This research led by Professor Gavin Jack from La Trobe University was the first academic study in Australia to explore the experiences of menopause for professional women as part of a broader appreciation of workplace health and well-being in later life.

The HIV and Mobility: Roadmap for Action report was launched as part of AIDS Awareness week in collaboration with the Western Australian Sexual Health and Blood-borne Virus Applied Research and Evaluation Network (SIREN) and the Collaboration for Evidence, Research and Impact in Public Health (CERIPH). The report called for a coordinated approach to better support our mobile and migrant communities and the challenges faced when responding to HIV.

ARCSHS and the University of New England released **From Blues to Rainbows**, which examined the mental health and well-being of gender diverse and transgender young people in Australia. We were also involved with the second **Australian Study of Health and Relationships** (ASHR, originally led and inspired by the late Professor Anthony Smith from ARCSHS), the findings of which were launched by the University of NSW with researchers from the University of Sydney and the University of Sussex. The study of 20,000 men and women aged between 16 and 69 provides a unique snapshot of the sexual health and well-being of Australian adults.



ARCSHS continues to innovate with projects that change people's lives for the better. 2014 saw the launch of Safe Schools Coalition Australia at the 2014 National Safe Schools Symposium. This federally funded initiative is dedicated to making schools safer and more inclusive environments for same sex-attracted, intersex and gender-diverse young people. The Safe Schools Coalition Australia builds on the highly successful Safe Schools Coalition Victoria program funded by the Victorian Government. This program will be delivered by Gay and Lesbian Health Victoria (GLHV), within ARCSHS.

ARCSHS staff were incredibly productive in 2014 producing 71 peer reviewed academic papers (plus 20 advanced publications), 15 non-refereed articles, 10 book sections, 3 books, 10 chapters in text books/ encyclopaedias, and involved in 83 national and international conference presentations.

We are fortunate at ARCSHS to enjoy a diverse and rich student culture, supporting 20 PhD students during 2014, all of whom were admirably supported by our postgraduate coordinator, Associate Professor Sue Dyson. I would like to congratulate students who graduated in 2014: Dr Samuel Muchoki, Dr Bern Chua, and Dr Jan Willem de Lind van Wijngaarden. Joni Meenagh and Huong Bui submitted their theses for examination late in 2014. ARCSHS welcomed a new student, Emily Bariola. Congratulations to Jayne Russell who was awarded the Anthony Smith Conference Attendance Award and Joe Latham who was awarded the Harold Mitchell Postgraduate Travelling Fellowship, as well as the Best Graduate Student Paper Prize at the Sexuality Studies Association conference in Canada.

I would like to acknowledge a number of our staff whose hard work has been recognised by academic promotions during 2014:

congratulations to Dr Duane Duncan, Dr Anthony Lyons, Dr Catherine Barrett and Associate Professor Sue Dyson. We have also farewelled some staff who have moved on to new challenges – including Jyoti Sarna, Leevani Raman, Dr Duane Duncan, Dr Gillian Fletcher and Associate Professor Jeffrey Grierson – and welcomed new and returning colleagues – including David Mejia-Canales, Emily Lenton, Dr Roslyn Le, and Dr Jennifer Power. In addition, we were delighted to announce the appointment of new adjunct staff to ARCSHS, including Professor Peter Aggleton from University of New South Wales, Associate Professor Gail Hawkes and Dr Tiffany Jones from the University of New England, Dr Deborah Bateson from Family Planning NSW, and Dr Paul Badcock from the University of Melbourne.

During 2014 we marked the official retirement of Professor Anne Mitchell who has been an active and inspiring member of staff for over 20 years and continues to be involved in many activities at ARCSHS. Anne's enormous contribution was officially recognised this year with the award of the Order of Australia (AO) for distinguished service to community health, particularly through sexual health research, policy development and program delivery to marginalised communities. This award is richly deserved and celebrated with joy by all her co-workers and collaborators. Anne has been involved in four national studies of the sexual health of school students, two national studies of same-sex attracted young people, and two studies of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people in Australia.

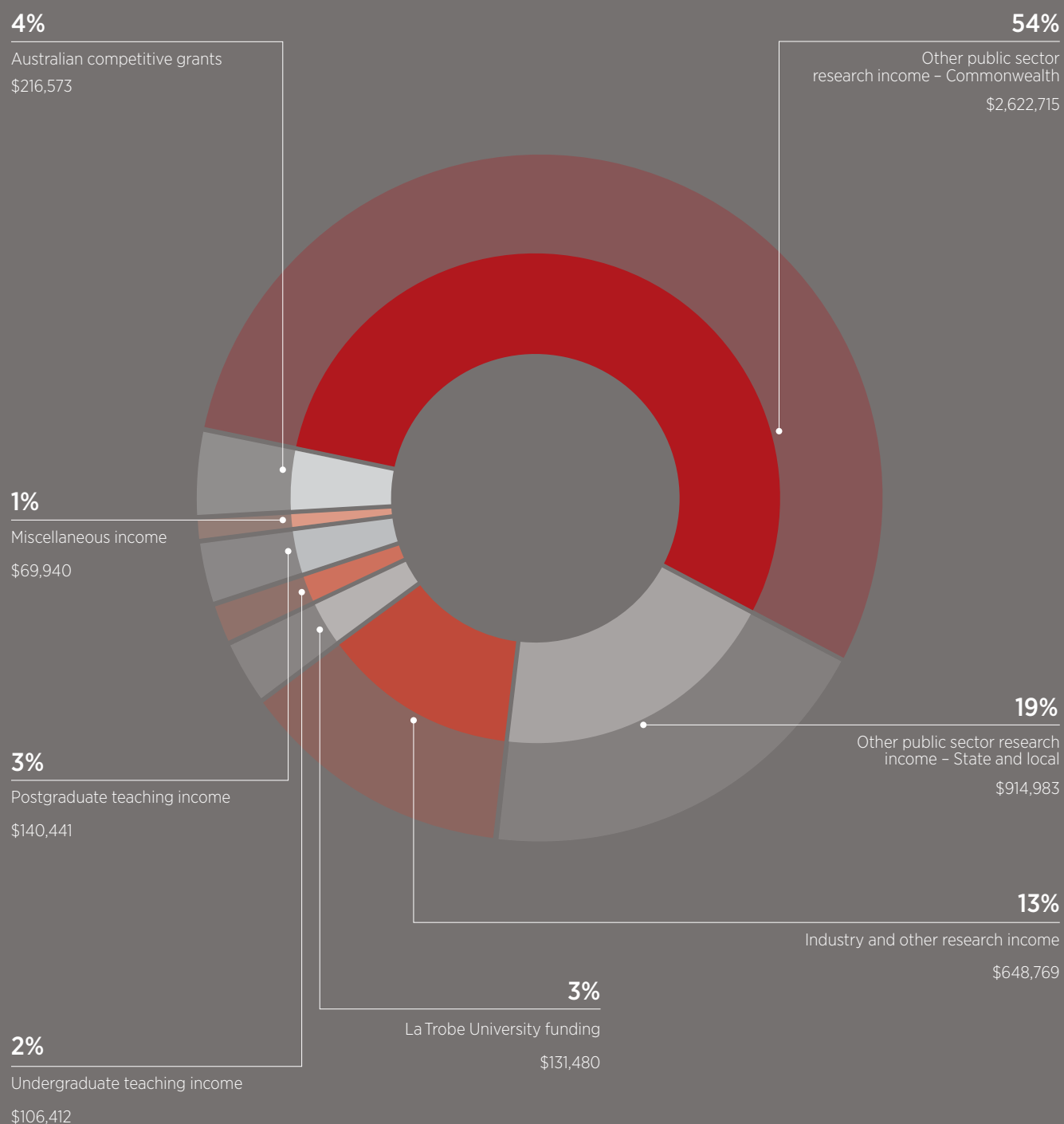
As founding Director of Gay and Lesbian Health Victoria, Anne oversaw the development a government-funded LGBTI health and well-being policy and resource unit that provides training, health resources and an information clearinghouse.

She has championed the health and well-being of the Australian population as a whole and of members of minority and marginal groups, particularly people living with HIV, women, young people, and LGBTI people. Congratulations on your AO and best wishes for your 'retirement', Anne!

My sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed to the outstanding achievements made by ARCSHS this year and for making my first year such an exciting and enjoyable experience. I look forward with anticipation to sharing the challenges and opportunities of 2015 with you all.

Professor Jayne Lucke
Director

SUMMARY OF FUNDING SOURCES



STRATEGIC PLAN

In 2012, ARCSHS adopted a strategic plan for 2012–2015. Preparation of the plan involved intensive internal discussions, as well as consultation with key stakeholders in government at state/territory and federal levels, community-based organisations, other researchers, and research institutions including at La Trobe University.

The plan outlines five key aims for the Centre:

- Increase the quantity, quality and impact of multidisciplinary social research into sexuality, health and the social dimensions of human relationships
- Build and promote an evidence base to influence policy, research and professional practice to support Victorian, interstate, national and international strategic responses to health issues
- Maintain and expand capacity building for social researchers through teaching, training and mentoring
- Increase research collaboration in Australia and internationally, and maintain partnerships to support strategic research
- Improve workplace well-being and sustainability for the future.

For each of these aims, the Centre adopted goals, strategies and performance indicators to set directions and allow progress to be measured. Staff have been working to improve data collection processes to inform reporting on these key aims.

The plan also outlines four key priority areas for the ARCSHS research program over the three years:

- Sex, gender and sexuality
- Blood-borne viruses and sexually transmissible infections
- International social research
- Research into policy and practice.

These are intended to guide the Centre in consolidating its existing profile and work as the leading institution in Australia conducting social research into sexuality, health and the social dimensions of human relationships.

ARCSHS recognises that there are important intersections between, and interactions across, these areas. The Centre seeks to build and draw upon expertise, approaches and activities within and between these priority areas to ensure the quality of its research and maximise its impact in the real world. The 2012–2015 Strategic Plan is a key document stating ARCSHS' mission, aims and plans. It informs internal planning at the Centre and is reviewed annually. A new plan will be prepared during 2015, involving both internal discussions and external consultations with key stakeholders.

2014 HIGHLIGHTS

Journal articles



71 Refereed plus 20 advanced publications

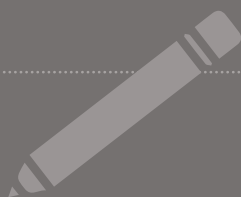
15 Non-refereed

11 Monographs and reports

Journals

88 Journal reviews

19 Editorial roles in journal



Books

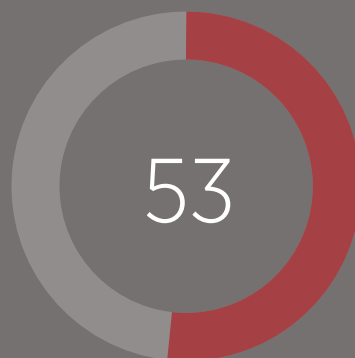


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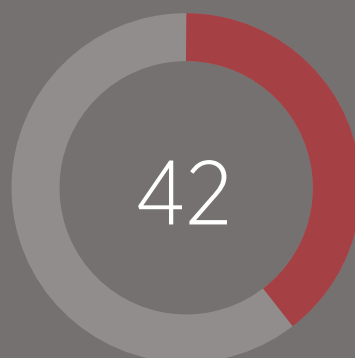
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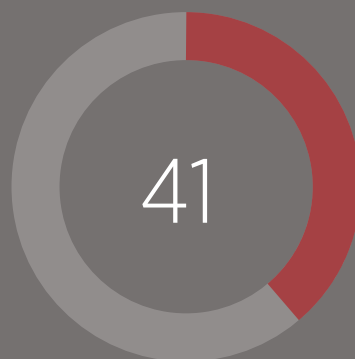
Presentations



at meetings



international conferences



national conferences

Advisory groups



12 Commonwealth government advisory groups

10 State government advisory groups

60 Boards/steering groups of community organisations

Social media



33

Newspaper, magazine
and electronic articles



31

Media appearances



10,000

hits and downloads
a month across
associated websites



700

Twitter followers



205

Facebook followers



700

newsletter subscribers

Staff and students



30

Equivalent Full Time (EFT) Staff



20

PhD students (4 completions)



4,500

people received training

Budget



Almost
\$5 million in funding

RESEARCH PROGRAMS

SEX, GENDER AND SEXUALITY

The ARCSHS research priority area Sex, Gender and Sexuality aims to provide evidence to influence policy and program development as well as practice in a wide range of social settings such as schools and youth clubs, workplaces, sport, and other education settings. We are positioned as a major player in framing the agenda and delivering the evidence to understand sex and sexuality in contemporary Australia. Through national surveys of the general population, our research tracks patterns and practices over the life course and across time. Our qualitative research contributes to a deeper understanding about the lived experience of gender and sexuality, focusing on the mainstream and on marginalised and diverse communities, including same-sex attracted and gender-questioning young people. We also focus on the intersections of sexuality with gender, ageing, disability, race, culture and mental health. Further research examines the conditions that normalise violence and abuse, and the ways that these cultures can be changed to promote respect and non-violence.

The Second Australian Study of Health and Relationships

Anthony Smith, Juliet Richters (University of New South Wales), Chris Rissel (University of Sydney), Richard de Visser (University of Sussex, UK), Judy Simpson (University of Sydney), Andrew Grulich (Kirby Institute), Paul Badcock

The Australian Study of Health and Relationships is our most important study of sexual and reproductive health. Conducted once a decade, it provides a snapshot of the sexual health and well-being of the Australian population and provides information essential for the development of policy and the delivery of sexual and reproductive health programs across Australia. The survey is anonymous, and people aged 16-69 from randomly selected households are personally invited to take part. The survey is designed to reflect the experiences of all Australians regardless of their relationship status or whether they are sexually active. In order to achieve this, the interview is specifically tailored to the history the participant reports and does not ask questions that, given the history of the participant, are not relevant. The types of questions that might be asked include a sexual history, partnership status, health status, recent sexual activity, sexual difficulties, reproductive history, sexual coercion and intimate partner violence, information about sexually transmissible infections, and knowledge and attitudes related to sexuality and sexual health. This NHMRC-funded project involved collaborations with researchers from three other universities and two external research agencies. Twelve peer-reviewed articles based on this research were released in a special issue of Sexual Health in November 2014.

Contraceptive Use, Pregnancy Intention & Decisions of Australian Women (CUPID): A Longitudinal Study of Patterns of Contraception Use and Access to Contraceptive Information, Advice and Services for Young Australian Women

Investigators: Jayne Lucke, Deborah Loxton (University of Newcastle), Christina Lee (University of Queensland), Annette Dobson (University of Queensland), Ian Fraser (University of Sydney), Edith Weisberg (Family Planning NSW). Project team: Danielle Herbert (Queensland University of Technology), Melissa Harris (University of Newcastle), Britta Wigginton (University of Queensland), Catriona Fraser, Anna Graves (University of Newcastle), Ryan Tuckerman (University of Newcastle), Clare Thomson (University of Newcastle), Jacqui Coombe (University of Newcastle). Industry Partners: Family Planning NSW, Bayer Australia

The extent of unintended pregnancy in Australia is not well understood, but the ability to plan pregnancy is essential to women's personal, social and economic well-being. Anecdotal reports suggest that rural women have less access to family planning and related services, but there is no strong evidence on the needs of rural women. This longitudinal project involves an online survey of 3795 young women from across Australia on three occasions, with the aim of providing empirical evidence to support policy and practices to assist women to manage contraception as they wish and to plan more effective and appropriate services. The study aims to (i) examine patterns of contraceptive use and non-use and determine factors that influence contraceptive use, including age, other demographics, knowledge, attitudes, sexual and reproductive histories, health service use, and area of residence; (ii) track women over time to establish patterns of change in contraceptive use and factors associated with changes in use; (iii) identify sources of contraceptive and pregnancy



information and services accessed by young women, and differences between rural and urban women; and (iv) examine urban and rural differences in the prevalence of unplanned and planned pregnancies, and the outcomes from these pregnancies (live birth or pregnancy loss). Data collection will be completed in 2015. Preliminary findings have been presented at several national sexual and reproductive health conferences. Funded by Australian Research Council Linkage Project Grant with cash and in-kind support from Family Planning NSW and Bayer Australia.

Evaluation of AFL Victoria's Fair Game Respect Matters Project

| Sue Dyson, Jo Grzelinska

Fair Game Respect Matters was a six-year program (2008–2014) run by AFL Victoria in one regional and two metro community football leagues. The program, which ended in June 2014, aimed to change cultures in community clubs to make them safer and more inclusive for women and girls. This primary prevention of violence against women approach worked to change social norms in community football clubs, and to influence individuals and the wider community. The evaluation used a constructivist approach and in 2013–14 focused on the impact of the program, unexpected changes, and the transferability of the program to other sports and settings. Knowledge exchange activities originally planned for 2014 are on the agenda in 2015, following discussions with VicHealth.

Evaluation of the AFL Club Champions Community Education Program

| Jo Grzelinska, Sue Dyson

The evaluation of the AFL's Club Champions community education program was completed in 2014. The program aimed to change attitudes and behaviours concerning alcohol, illicit drugs and respectful behaviours in social settings, with a focus on relationships with women. The evaluation reported on the process, outcomes and impact of the program up to twelve months after the training was delivered. The reports, which affirmed the importance of this kind of one-off community education program as an adjunct to comprehensive sexuality and relationships education, have informed the development of future education programs in AFL community clubs and have implications for respectful relationships education to prevent violence against women and girls.

Women's Health West 'United – Preventing Violence Together' Project Evaluation

| Sue Dyson, Elizabeth Smith

This project is evaluating a prevention of violence against women project in workplaces in the west of Melbourne (2013–2015). The intervention is being co-ordinated by Women's Health West in fourteen participating local government and non-government organisations. The intervention, known as United, uses an equity approach to address gender inequalities within workplaces. Building on the establishment of baseline data in 2013, in 2014 the evaluators conducted reflection workshops and interviews with stakeholders from the project. The evaluation uses a constructivist approach, providing ongoing feedback on findings to assist in continuous improvement and addressing problems that arise early.

Creating Healthy Workplaces: 'Y Respect Gender'

| Sue Dyson, Elizabeth Smith, Daniel Reeders

ARCSHS has been evaluating Y Respect Gender, a workplace intervention in the YMCA designed to promote gender equity and respectful relationships at work. This three-year project is part of the VicHealth 'Creating Healthy Workplaces' program, which has funded five projects to study different aspects of workplace health between 2011 and 2014. In this third year of evaluation, qualitative data collection has continued, and a second staff survey was conducted to compare change over time against the baseline data collected in year one. Regular meetings have also been held throughout the year with the project management team, which consists of the YMCA, ARCSHS and VicHealth representatives. As part of this project, ARCSHS also participates in a VicHealth 'researcher community of practice' to share learning as the different projects develop. 2014 was the final year of the evaluation, although knowledge transfer activities will continue in 2015.

'Fair Go, Sport!' Phase Two

| Gillian Fletcher, Lottie Turner

2014 saw the completion of the collaborative evaluation of Phase Two of the 'Fair go, sport!' project. Implemented by the Victorian Equal Opportunities and Human Rights Commission, the project aims to increase awareness of sexual and gender diversity and to promote safe and inclusive environments. Phase Two saw 'Fair go, sport!', originally implemented within Hockey Victoria, extended into a school (Reservoir High School) and into additional sporting codes.

Does Talking About Sexuality Change the Game?

| Gillian Fletcher

Funded by a VicHealth Innovations Grant, this research is examining the experiences and opinions of sports people within Victoria in relation to sexuality, participation and inclusion. A total of 26 in-depth interviews were carried out with people who, between them, played competitive sports ranging from Australian Rules football to Ultimate Frisbee. The project was overseen by a Reference Group that brought together members of key sports-related organisations, and a focus group discussion with leaders of sports-related Victorian organisations was also held. The research found that, while gay, lesbian and bisexual (GLB) people do join mainstream sports clubs in Victoria (as opposed to gay, lesbian or bisexual-identified clubs), the space available to them in these clubs is constrained and controlled.

2015 will see the finalisation of a set of principles of inclusion and participation, developed in collaboration with VicHealth and VicSport.

Canon Law and Clerical Child Sexual Abuse in Australia since 1917

| Timothy Jones, Kate Davison

Child Sexual Abuse has been a crime in Roman Catholic Canon Law from the earliest records of Church governance and has been periodically restated throughout the history of the Church. It is clearly characterised as a crime for which a priest can be deposed from the clerical state in both codes of Canon Law in operation in the twentieth century. Yet, prior to 2001, it appears that no priest had ever been tried in a canonical court for sexual offences against a minor. This report, commissioned by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, provided a history of the Code of Canon Law as it applies in Australia to the disciplining of a member of the clergy for sexually abusing a child and reporting such abuse to the relevant civil authorities from 1917 until the present day.

Whose Family Values? The New Christian Right and Sexual Politics in Postsecular Australia

| Timothy Jones, Keir Wotherspoon

This ARC DECRA project is investigating how the resurgence of the Christian Right in Australia since the 1960s has influenced understandings of religion, love and sex. Using transnational and postsecular analytical perspectives, it is explaining religious changes in Australian sexual politics, showing how particular models of sexuality and affection became 'thinkable' and others 'unthinkable'. In doing so, it will contribute significant new knowledge of contemporary cultural and sexual politics in Australia, illuminate the usually neglected place of religion in contemporary Australian history and show the historically contingent nature of the relationship between religious and sexual discrimination.

The Rainbow Tick Accreditation Program

| William Leonard, Sunil Patel, Philomena Horsley

The Rainbow Tick Accreditation Program is a national LGBTI-inclusive accreditation program. *The Rainbow Tick* consists of six standards against which organisations can be accredited to demonstrate that all their practices, procedures and protocols are LGBTI-inclusive. The Rainbow Tick standards were developed by Gay and Lesbian Health Victoria (GLHV) in collaboration with Quality Innovation Performance (QIP), a not-for-profit accreditation organisation dedicated to delivering accreditation and support services to a diverse range of organisations. As part of the Rainbow Tick program, organisations can undertake LGBTI inclusivity training provided by GLHV, including professional development modules and GLHV's HOW2 program. The HOW2 consists of four workshops run over six months and takes organisational representatives through each of the six Rainbow Tick standards and what is involved in making their agency LGBTI-inclusive. In order to demonstrate compliance with the Rainbow Tick standards, organisations undertake an internal audit (developed by GLHV), followed by an independent on-site assessment conducted by a QIP assessment team. Organisations that gain Rainbow Tick accreditation will be listed on a national registry of LGBTI-inclusive, rainbow-ticked agencies. In 2014, GLHV (/La Trobe University) finalised a licensing agreement with QIP for use of the Rainbow Tick standards.

Safe Schools Coalition Victoria

| Roz Ward, Joel Radcliffe

Safe Schools Coalition Victoria (SSCV) aims to reduce homophobia and transphobia in schools and provide safe and inclusive educational environments for same-sex attracted, intersex, and gender diverse students, teachers and families. In 2014, SSCV delivered professional development sessions to over 2500 school staff in schools in Victoria. In addition, over 3500 print resources and guides for students and teachers were distributed. SSCV also provided advice and guidance to 18 schools that were supporting a transgender student to affirm their gender identity at school. SSCV is funded by the Victorian Department of Education and through the HEY Project (Victorian Department of Health). In October 2014, additional funding was received from the Commonwealth Department of Education in partnership with the Foundation for Young Australians. In 2015, the program will run with this additional capacity and 3.9 staff members.

Rainbow Network

| Lottie Turner

Rainbow Network (RN) is a Victorian, state-wide support and capacity-building network for anyone working with same-sex attracted, intersex, transgender and gender diverse (SSAITGD) young people. RN provides training, resources, a monthly e-bulletin, secondary consultations and professional supervision to individuals and organisations that work with and on behalf of SSAITGD young people. In 2014, RN continued to support the growth of new regional working groups ('Q' groups) in Melbourne's north, east, southeast and west. These smaller working groups will facilitate the development of stronger, local care pathways for SSAITGD young people. In 2014, RN's membership grew to 640 youth representatives in Victoria, and the network provided professional development and secondary consultations to more than 850 workers. RN distributed over 1500 copies of resources to agencies and workers, and its website averaged 37,000 views per month. RN is delivered in partnership with the Department of Health funded HEY Project.

Delivery of National LGBTI Aged Care Training in Victoria, 2014-2016

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GLHV is currently delivering lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) aged care training to the aged and community care sectors in Victoria. The training is part of a national project managed by the National LGBTI Health Alliance and funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health. The training, called *LGBTI Diversity in Aged Care*, aims to support the development of culturally appropriate services for older LGBTI people. The one-day training promotes greater awareness of the range of issues facing older LGBTI people, provides information about relevant policy and legal issues, and includes a focus on good practice and inclusive care for LGBTI clients/residents. In 2014, GLHV delivered 25 training sessions, to 436 staff from more than 100 organisations, in rural, regional, and metropolitan Victoria.

From Blues to Rainbows: The Mental Health and Well-Being of Gender Diverse and Transgender Young People in Australia

Lynne Hillier, Anne Mitchell, Elizabeth Smith, Tiffany Jones (University of New England), Jennifer Dixon, Roz Ward

This project explored the well-being and mental health of gender diverse and transgender young people in Australia (aged 14-25 years). Funded by *beyondblue* and the first of its kind in Australia, it highlighted alarming rates of mental health concerns, self-harm and suicidality among this population. However, it also showed the ways in which the young people were caring for themselves and others through advocacy and peer support. Support from schools and families was found to be a protective factor for young people with rates of depression and suicidality reducing when young people experienced acceptance in the forms of general support and affirmative approaches such as using correct pronouns and names.

One important finding from this study was that one third of the 189 young people who completed the online survey identified with genders that do not fit within the binary man/woman, choosing gender identities such as genderqueer, or agender/non-gender instead. A community advisory group comprising transgender and gender diverse individuals (including young people) oversaw this project, and the collaborative engagement by all parties illuminated the effectiveness of such research approaches. The results from this research have already been used by community educators and policy makers, and have been presented to health professionals and schools.

A Closer Look at Private Lives 2: Addressing the Mental Health and Well-Being of LGBT Australians [previously, From Private Lives to Public Policy: Improving the Mental Health and Well-Being of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Australians]

William Leonard, Anthony Lyons, Emily Bariola

This project is a second phase of *Private Lives 2: The Second National Survey of the Health and Well-being of LGBT Australians*. It is funded by *beyondblue* and the Movember Foundation. It involves a targeted analysis of the mental health of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Australians, with particular focus on psychological distress and resilience in relation to sexual identity, gender identity, age, discrimination, harassment, substance use, community engagement, and health service use. A national report has been drafted, which will be launched early in 2015 and will serve as a companion volume to the original *Private Lives 2* report. In addition, four peer-reviewed journal articles have been written to present in-depth findings on mental health, and these are expected to be published in 2015. Findings were also presented in two panels at the *LGBTI Mental Health Conference* in Sydney in June 2014.

Improving Online Therapy for Mood Disorders among Lesbians and Gay Men

Anthony Lyons, Tomas Rozbroj, Marian Pitts, Anne Mitchell, Marina Carman, Helen Christensen (Black Dog Institute)

This project is funded by *beyondblue* and aims to improve self-help web and mobile phone-based therapies for depression and anxiety by identifying ways to make them more inclusive and relevant for lesbians and gay men.

Beginning in June 2013, the project involves two main phases. The first phase comprises an audit of online therapies, such as MoodGYM and other popular programs, to assess how effectively these meet the needs of lesbians and gay men. The second phase comprises focus groups with lesbians and gay men to explore strategies for making online therapy gay-friendlier.

The first phase was completed in 2013 and the second phase was completed in 2014. Findings from the first phase are presented in a peer-reviewed journal article that was published in 2014 in the *Journal of Medical Internet Research*. A second journal article, which reports on findings from the second phase, is under review. A toolkit is currently being developed to provide researchers, clinicians and organisations with guidelines and recommendations for developing or improving online therapies for lesbians and gay men, and is scheduled for release in 2015.

Testing and Developing a Community Resilience Tool in Rural Communities

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This project is funded by the La Trobe University Research Focus Area 'Building Healthy Communities'. The project pilots a Collective Resilience Assessment (CRA) tool, developed by ARCSHS staff, and assesses associations between collective resilience, community engagement, and health and well-being in Warracknabeal in western Victoria. The CRA tool is an innovative approach to understanding resilience, which has strong policy and practice implications.

Current tools focus on individual-level resilience, while government policy emphasises collective resilience for overcoming community problems. Data collected from this project are expected to provide new information for understanding collective resilience in rural communities. Two phases of data collection were carried out in 2014. The first phase involved surveys sent to every household in and around Warracknabeal. The second phase built on the survey and aimed to develop further understanding of community engagement and collective resilience within the town, by conducting a series of face-to-face interviews and a focus group with town residents, plus key informant interviews. Data analysis is underway and a peer-reviewed journal article is under review.

The Healthy Equal Youth (HEY) Project: A Victorian Same-Sex Attracted and Sex and Gender Diverse (SSASGD) Youth Suicide Prevention Initiative

| William Leonard

The HEY Project aims to reduce self-harm and suicide among SSASGD young people and improve their mental health and well-being. The project provides funding for seven agencies, each of which has particular expertise and experience in working with and on behalf of SSASGD young people. The project aims to build the capacity of each organisation while enabling the seven organisations to work collaboratively with each other and the youth and mental health sectors to create an SSASGD youth platform within the mainstream youth sector. The HEY Project also includes an annual funding round that provides small one-off grants for SSASGD youth projects at the local level. In 2014, GLHV delivered training to nearly all *headspace* offices across Victoria as part of the HEY Project. GLHV also developed a separate HEY Project website to profile each of the funded agencies, the work being done by HEY grant recipients and the collaborative work being undertaken in the emerging SSASGD youth platform. The HEY Project also provides funding for two of GLHV's programs, Safe Schools Coalition Victoria and Rainbow Network. The HEY Project is funded by the Victorian Government for four years at a total cost of \$4 million with funding due to end 30 June 2015. It is jointly managed by GLHV and the Youth Affairs Council of Victoria.

Something for Them: Meeting the Support Needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) Young People who are Newly Arrived, Refugees or Asylum Seekers

| David Mejia-Canales, William Leonard

The project builds on the recommendations of an earlier pilot project, *Nothing for Them*, completed in January 2014. Stage two of the project aims to develop and trial resources, information and training that address current service gaps and provide increased professional and organisational support to LGBT young people who are refugees, newly arrived or asylum seekers. These will be developed and trialled in partnership with relevant agencies and individuals across the government, NGO and academic sectors. The project will involve a small number of interviews with LGBT young people who have been refugees, newly arrived or asylum seekers in the past 10 years to ensure that their voices and experiences are included in resources and training. The project's key findings and recommendations will be published as a community report. The project is funded through the Asia Altman Sub-fund from the Australian Communities Foundation.

The ALICE Study: Alcohol and Lesbian/Bisexual Women - Insights into Culture and Emotions [previously, Exploring the Relationship between Hazardous Drinking, Depression and Anxiety in Lesbian, Bisexual and Same-Sex Attracted Women]

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The study looked at the complex relationships between hazardous drinking and depression and anxiety in same-sex attracted women (SSAW). The study aimed to: investigate how these relationships are shaped by the intersection of cultural norms and systemic sexual orientation discrimination; identify the predominant socio-cultural influences on mental health help-seeking among SSAW who are hazardous drinkers and/or have depression/anxiety; and review and enhance professional

development training on substance use and mental health in sexual minority populations with a focus on SSAW. The research findings have been presented at four national and one international conference and two papers submitted to peer-reviewed journals for publication. A final report was submitted to *beyondblue* in June 2014 detailing the study's key findings and included the successful trialing of a new LGBT alcohol and drug and mental health module to a range of relevant health professionals and community workers. The module built on training developed by GLHV and included new frameworks and information on SSAW. The training was delivered in partnership with Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Centre. In March 2015, the module will be presented at International Medicine Addiction Conference held in Melbourne and jointly hosted by the RANZCP, the RACGP and the RACP.

Work, Love and Play: Understanding Resilience in Same-Sex Parent Families

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The *Work, Love, Play* study is a research project focusing on the health and well-being of same-sex attracted and transgender parents living in Australia and New Zealand, which was conducted between 2008 and 2014. The study was funded by the Australian Research Council, in partnership with VicHealth, Relationships Australia National, Relationships Australia Victoria, ACON, Gay and Lesbian Health Victoria and the Queensland AIDS Council (formerly the Queensland Association for Healthy Communities). The study involved a three-wave longitudinal survey of parents (2008, 2010, 2012). The survey explored parents' health, wellbeing, relationships, experiences of discrimination, social connectedness and parenting. The first wave of the survey in 2008 attracted over 450 participants, making it one of the largest studies of this population group. Alongside this, a major outcome of the study was the development of a set of practice guidelines for healthcare workers in working with same-sex attracted parents and their families and an accompanying short training course. Over 5000 copies of these guidelines were distributed nationally and over 150 services participated in a training session.



Support for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex People

| Catherine Barrett

This project supports ageing and aged care services to deliver inclusive services that are specific to the needs of older lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people. Aligning with the principles of the National Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex Ageing and Aged Care Strategy, the objectives are to promote relevant departmental strategies to the community and aged care service providers; develop the capacity of aged care service providers to deliver LGBTI inclusive services; raise awareness of the needs of older LGBTI people; assist aged care services to develop inclusive care policies; and develop innovative projects to link older LGBTI people to appropriate aged care services. It is funded by the Commonwealth Department of Social Services as part of the Commonwealth's Aged Care Service Improvement and Healthy Ageing Grants Fund.

Val's Café

| Carolyn Whyte, Catherine Barrett

Val's Café is a network of health professionals, government and older LGBTI people that facilitates information sharing and dissemination of up-to-date research results about LGBTI ageing and older LGBTI people. The aim of Val's Café is to promote understanding of healthy ageing and the health and wellbeing of older LGBTI people, and to inform improvements to policy, services and older LGBTI people's lives. Central to this aim is creating safe and inclusive services that recognise and value older LGBTI people. This is achieved by working directly with service providers to foster an understanding of the unique histories and experiences of their older LGBTI clients. The name Val's Café is inspired by the pioneering work of Val Eastwood who ran Val's Coffee Lounge, a meeting place for the 'camp' community in early 1950s Melbourne. Many LGBTI people of Val's generation are currently receiving aged care services, and Val's Café works to ensure that they receive the welcome that many found in Val's Coffee Lounge. Val's Café supports service providers in a number of ways to promote inclusive services for older LGBTI people. These include education, networking, resource development, capacity building, advocacy, policy and strategy, and workforce support and development. Currently, Val's Café has membership from over 450 aged care service

providers. In 2013, Val's received a GALFA grant to establish a website (see www.valscafe.org.au). The website has around 5000 visitors per month and is constantly updated with new resources and news. Val's Café also has over 200 followers on Twitter. Some of our major projects for the year included:

- 1. Then & Now:** In collaboration with Minus18, The Matrix Guild of Victoria, Vintage Men and TransGender Victoria, we produced three films documenting the lives and experiences of older lesbian, trans* and gay Australians. Set for release in March 2015 the films are expected to increase the visibility of older LGBTI people in the broader community and will also be packaged with an education kit for use by aged care services.
- 2. National Conference:** In October 2014 we hosted the National LGBTI Ageing and Aged Care Conference. The two-day conference attracted more than 250 delegates and brought together researchers, service providers, community groups, policy makers and older LGBTI people from around the country. Supported by the City of Melbourne, the conference took place at the Melbourne Town Hall. Key discussions on the approaches and challenges in improving the health and well-being of older LGBTI people took place. Conference evaluations were overwhelmingly positive and the Conference will be repeated in 2015.
- 3. Creating an LGBTI-inclusive aged care service:** This 12-month program involved five workshops coaching aged care services through the practical steps involved in becoming LGBTI inclusive. The program attracted 26 participants from 10 rural and metropolitan organisations providing community aged care, community health, advocacy and residential aged care services. This aged care specific program provided participants the opportunity to network and learn from each other as well as enabling the facilitators to provide aged care specific information and resources.

A Resource Kit Targeting Depression and Anxiety among Older Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex Australians

Briony Dow (National Ageing Research Institute), Catherine Barrett, Phil Maude (RMIT), Jean Tinney (National Ageing Research Institute), Carolyn Whyte

This project was funded by *beyondblue* and is a collaboration between the National Ageing Research Institute, Val's Café and RMIT. Forty older LGBTI Australians have participated in interviews to draw on their strategies for managing discrimination and preventing depression and anxiety. This information will form the basis of educational resources that will be piloted and evaluated in workshops for service providers, lectures for undergraduate students, and a community forum for LGBTI communities. The project provides the opportunity to learn from older LGBTI people about strategies for getting through challenging times and to share these lessons with service providers who can build on the strengths older LGBTI people have.

LGBTI Inclusive Aged Care Assessment Services (ACAS)

Pauline Crameri, Catherine Barrett, Tim Firth (Western Health)

This project was funded by the Department of Health, Victoria, to support Aged Care Assessment Services (ACAS) in Victoria to develop LGBTI-inclusive assessment practices and services. To guide the project, a survey asked ACAS Assessors to identify perceived barriers to LGBTI-inclusive assessment. The survey clarified the importance of shifting focus from 'asking the right question' to ensuring an understanding of historical experiences of older LGBTI people and providing culturally safe services.



A series of workshops were facilitated for ACAS assessment clinicians and a set of Guide Sheets have been developed to support LGBTI-inclusive assessment. The partnership with an ACAS service has assisted in ensuring the project's activities address the needs of assessors, as well as fostering recognition for a state-wide expert within the field. The project outputs are expected to generate interest nationally, given the focus on LGBTI-inclusive assessment with the development of a National LGBTI Ageing and Aged Care Strategy and the development of a *Gateway* for aged care and the *My Aged Care* website.

Preventing the Sexual Assault of Older Women

Catherine Barrett, Rose Mann (McCaughey Centre, University of Melbourne), Philomena Horsley (ARCSHS and Centre for Women's Health, Gender and Society, University of Melbourne), Jean Tinney (National Ageing Research Institute)

The project was funded by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, and is now funded by the Department of Social Services. It involved collaboration with the National Ageing Research Institute, the McCaughey Centre (University of Melbourne), the Centre for Women's Health, Gender and Society (University of Melbourne), Alzheimer's Australia, and the Council on the Ageing, Victoria. The project aims to strengthen the community's ability to prevent the sexual assault of older women in aged care services and the broader community. The project involved interviews and a survey to gather evidence from older women, their families, service providers and the broader community on the contexts of sexual assault. Over 90 people participated and 65 stories were shared of older women who were sexually assaulted in their own home, in health services, in residential aged care, in retirement villages or in public places. A media launch of the report was successful in gaining national and international interest. Funding is now being sought to address the issues identified in the report.

Combating the Rapid Rise of Sexually Transmitted Infections among Older Australians - Improving Safe-Sex Practice and Health, Social and Economic Outcomes

Anthony Lyons, Victor Minichiello, Catherine Barrett, Graham Brown, Sharron Hinchliff (University of Sheffield, UK), Jo Root (Council on the Ageing), Briony Dow (National Ageing Research Institute), Bianca Fileborn, Wendy Heywood, Pauline Crameri

Increased life-expectancy, improved general health and the social acceptance of divorce have significantly shifted the sexual and relationship landscape, and people are increasingly entering into new sexual relationships later in life. Accompanying this sexual and social progress is a dramatic rise in the rates of sexually transmissible infections (STIs) amongst older people. This project investigates the knowledge and practices of older Australians in relation to STI prevention and will produce education, resources and policy to reduce the national health, economic and social burdens of STIs. This project is funded by an ARC Discovery grant.

Developing Evidence Based Guidelines on Services for Older Trans Women, Trans Men and Intersex People

Joe Latham, Catherine Barrett

This project is being conducted in partnership with the Gender Centre (New South Wales), TransGender Victoria, FTM Shed and Organisation Intersex International Australia to research the experiences and needs of older intersex and trans people accessing health and aged care services across Australia. In 2014, eleven trans women, two intersex people and three service providers were interviewed about their experiences and needs. Interim findings indicate that trans women can experience significant distress caused by family members who do not support their gender, and service providers who do not understand how to treat trans people appropriately. For trans men in particular, service providers know little-to-nothing about the realities of trans lives. Intersex people are often mistaken for trans people and their specific needs misunderstood. Virtually no research has been undertaken into the realities of ageing for trans or intersex people. This project seeks to address the particular needs of trans women, trans men

and intersex people as specific groups. The research will be utilised to produce resources for educating service providers about meeting the needs of older intersex people, trans men and trans women. The project is funded by the Commonwealth Department of Social Services.

Improving the Support Offered to the Carers of Older LGBTI People and Older LGBTI People who are Carers

| Carolyn Whyte, Catherine Barrett

This project was funded by the Commonwealth Department of Social Services and is a partnership with Carers Australia. The aim of the project is to improve the support provided to the carers of older LGBTI people and older LGBTI people who are carers. An LGBTI Carers Advisory Group has been established to guide the project and in 2015 a national survey and interviews with carers will be undertaken to identify their needs. This project responds to research indicating that older LGBTI people are more likely to be carers and are less likely to access support services because of the fear of discrimination. The research will inform a guide to LGBTI inclusive services for carers and an information booklet and workshop for older LGBTI carers and the carers of older LGBTI people will be developed by Carers Victoria.

Understanding and Addressing the Needs of LGBTI People Living with Dementia

| Pauline Cramer, Catherine Barrett, Sally Lambourne (Alzheimer's Australia, New South Wales)

The project is a partnership with Alzheimer's Australia to document the experiences and needs of LGBTI people living with dementia. The research team has interviewed five same-sex couples in which one partner has dementia. The research has challenged the commonly held myth that lesbian and gay people with dementia 'become straight' and has identified a reduced capacity to express sexuality for lesbian and gay people living with dementia. To date, the research team has yet to interview bisexual or intersex people living with dementia. The inclusion of a researcher from Alzheimer's Australia on the research team has enabled reciprocal learning within the research team and will lead to the first evidence based guide about LGBTI inclusive services for people living with dementia. The project was funded by the Commonwealth Department of Social Services.

Sexuality after Stroke

| Catherine Barrett, Marian Pitts, Carolyn Whyte

This research and interdisciplinary practice change project began in 2013 and is a collaboration with the Victorian Stroke Network. The project aims to build the capacity of stroke clinicians to provide clients and their partners with information on sexuality after stroke. Nineteen clinicians from eight stroke services around Victoria participated in the project as co-researchers and change facilitators. The clinicians were supported to conduct a needs analysis in their service including an organisational audit, staff survey and patient interviews. Data from this needs analysis were then utilised to educate their colleagues and inform service improvements. Outputs from the project to date include: a guide to interdisciplinary practice and sexuality after stroke; a staff survey tool; and an organisational audit tool. In 2015, participants from the project will present their work at a Seminar on Sexuality after Stroke and the project will be repeated.

Sexual Well-Being and Ageing: A Study of Older Australian Women

| Marian Pitts, Victor Minichiello, Gail Hawkes (University of New England), Rachel Thorpe, Bianca Fileborn, Catherine MacPhail (University of New England)

This study of the sexuality of older women is the first to examine a significant cohort of women now entering old age—the women who demanded freedom of sexual expression in the swinging 60s. They present a unique and historic opportunity to explore the subjective world of the first generation of post sexual-liberation women growing old sexually. We have interviewed 60 women born between 1930 and 1950, living in New South Wales and Victoria, to identify and challenge the complex relationships between ageism, sexism and sexual subjectivity. In addition, 100 older women were invited to participate in an online discussion of their understandings and experiences of sex and sexuality. Journal articles and policy briefings have been developed from these findings.

Work, Women and the Menopause: A Pilot Study

| Gavin Jack (La Trobe University), Marian Pitts, Jan Schapper (La Trobe University), Kat Riach (Monash University), Emily Bariola, Phil Sarrel (Yale University)

This project is funded by a La Trobe University Research Focus Area 'Building Healthy Communities' grant and is the first research program in Australia dedicated to advancing theoretical and practical knowledge about the significant issue of work, women and the menopause. The project specifically aims to establish whether and how symptoms of the menopause affect working women and to identify strategies at both the individual and the organisational level for successful transition and management of the menopause within the workplace. The project utilised a mixed methods research design. Data were collected from female employees in three universities in Victoria. The qualitative component of the study involved 48 face-to-face interviews to capture women's perceptions and lived experiences of the menopause at work. The quantitative component of the study involved an online survey of over 800 women examining the relationship between certain work and organisational variables, women's health and well-being, and menopausal symptoms. Data collection was completed in March 2014 and a report of the findings was released in September. Findings have also been presented at several national and international conferences. The writing of journal articles is in progress.

Mental Health, Resilience and Sexual Recovery among Gay Men with Prostate Cancer

Gary Dowsett, Garrett Prestage, Duane Duncan, Daniel du Plooy

This study investigates the experiences of Australian gay men, and their partners, following a diagnosis of, and treatment for, prostate cancer. A review of the medical and health literature revealed that little is known about gay men's experiences or those of their partners. This study focuses on gay men's mental and sexual health, particularly on experiences of depression, and sexuality side-effects following prostate cancer treatment. The study employs a qualitative methodology, using in-depth individual interviews and electronic diary-keeping to provide new evidence to strengthen both mainstream and gay-community health service responses to the needs of these men. During 2014, the research team completed the field work and analysis is ongoing. The study is funded by a grant from *beyondblue* through its National Priority Driven Research Program – Men's Stream (funded by The Movember Foundation), from 2013–2015.

Talking Sexual (and Reproductive) Health – Part 2

Anne Mitchell, Jenny Walsh

Over the past two years, a team from ARCSHS has worked with a national reference group to develop a new set of materials to replace the decade-old *Talking Sexual Health* resource for teaching sexuality education in Australian schools. This work is being developed to support the new Australian Curriculum in Health and Physical Education currently being implemented around Australia. The focus of this work in 2014 was the development of teaching materials for year 7 and 8 classes and a set of video resources to train teachers to use the new materials.

Ansell Sex-Ed.

Pam Blackman

Ansell Sex-Ed. is the product of a partnership between Ansell and ARCSHS. This online resource is sponsored by Ansell. Ansell Sex Ed. is a moderated online community library designed to support sex education teachers of Australia. It gathers in the one place information and resources to keep teachers up to date on all things in sex education.

There are currently 2625 subscribers to the site and in excess of 2500 free Ansell Education Kits have been sent to schools and educational organisations. The most visited webpages are:

- Free Ansell Education Kit - Australian teachers who register online can receive a free Ansell Sex Ed. Kit, which assists in teaching young people about safe sex.
- Resources - The extra materials teachers use to enhance classroom teaching in the area of relationships and sexuality education.
- Classroom Activities - Teaching and learning activities for teachers working with students from lower primary to upper secondary in the area of sexuality education.

At the start of the 2015 school year, Sexuality Educators will be able to order the DVD & Teacher's Pack, *Ask Grandad*. The *Ask Grandad* program has been created to support teachers delivering health and sexual wellness and comprises:

- The short film *Ask Grandad*
- Four vignettes which promote class discussion
- Teacher's Pack of seven interactive classroom activities.

BLOOD-BORNE VIRUSES AND SEXUALLY TRANSMISSIBLE INFECTIONS

ARCSHS delivers high-quality and strategic research that improves understanding of the experiences and needs of communities at risk of, and affected by, blood-borne viruses (BBVs) and sexually transmissible infections (STIs), and contributes to the evidence base for national and state/territory strategies. This includes projects that link to national indicators for the health and well-being of people living with HIV, hepatitis C (HCV), and hepatitis B, and the sexual health, knowledge and practice among young people. Our research into health promotion practice involves understanding and promoting health at community and social, rather than simply individual, level.

Funded as a national research centre in HIV and BBVs since 1995, ARCSHS has a strong history of collaboration and integration of its research program into Australia's national response across BBVs and STIs. ARCSHS receives funding for BBV and STI research and policy work from a range of state, national and international sources.

BBV and STI Strategic Directions Committee

The BBV and STI Strategic Directions Committee, whose membership includes a cross-section of stakeholders, provides a forum for discussing long-term strategic directions and priorities for BBV and STI-related research at ARCSHS.

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HIV Futures

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This national project is a self-completed, cross-sectional survey of Australian people living with HIV (PLHIV). The first HIV Futures Survey was undertaken in 1997. The most recent, HIV Futures 7, was launched in 2013. The HIV Futures survey aims to: establish and maintain baseline data on social, economic, cultural and clinically-related aspects of the experience of living with HIV; and examine changes in, and newly emerging aspects of, the experience of living with HIV. Information collected through the HIV Futures Survey is used in the development and provision of education and support services for PLHIV. This survey has provided valuable insights into the use of new therapies among PLHIV as well as the social and personal impact of HIV on their lives. This study has added significantly to the discourse on living with HIV both nationally and internationally at academic and community levels. Data collection for HIV Futures 8 will begin in 2015. The survey is currently being revised via extensive consultation with community, the HIV sector and government. The earlier, separate project, Women living with HIV, has become part of HIV Futures, meaning HIV Futures 8 will include a renewed focus on women.

The questionnaire will include a separate section for women, recruitment will specifically target women and a report will be produced specifically focusing on women living with HIV in Australia. HIV Futures is funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health.

Healthy Minds: The HIV and Mental Health Study

Anthony Lyons, Tomas Rozbroj

This project examines the impact of living with HIV on mental health. Findings from the LifeTimes survey (see below) revealed that HIV-positive gay men have poorer mental health outcomes than HIV-negative gay men. In addition to being a significant problem in its own right, poorer mental health has been linked to poorer physical health, lower HIV treatment adherence, and riskier sexual behaviour. Mental health is, therefore, a major area of concern with numerous implications for the treatment and prevention of HIV; yet, little is known about factors related to mental health problems among people living with HIV (PLHIV). This project provides new understanding of the mental health of PLHIV. A national online survey was launched in August 2014 and was completed in December 2014. More than 400 HIV-positive men and women completed the survey from around the country. These participants will be invited to complete a 12-month follow-up survey in 2015. The project aims to deliver detailed information on current and previous mental health, including treatment experiences and use of mental health services. Mapping of 12-month trajectories of mental health will also be carried out to identify successful treatment paths plus a range of risk and protective factors specific to the mental health of PLHIV. Both waves of the survey contain a suite of standardised instruments for measuring depression, anxiety, resilience and other important components of psychological coping, and will provide much-needed knowledge for understanding and improving the mental health and well-being of PLHIV. This project is funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health.

LifeTimes: A National Cohort Study of HIV and Ageing

Anthony Lyons

LifeTimes is a national project developed in response to the rapid ageing of Australia's HIV population. It seeks to identify and understand the many challenges and experiences of ageing with HIV, particularly among gay men. In November 2010, a national online longitudinal survey was launched. The survey specifically targets HIV-positive and HIV-negative gay men aged 40 years and over, taking a detailed look at their health and well-being, sex and relationships, living arrangements, and the many things that bring happiness and challenges to their lives. Over 1200 men from all states and territories participated in wave 1, completed in April 2011. Waves 2, 3, and 4 were subsequently completed in April 2012, April 2013 and April 2014 respectively. During 2014, findings from LifeTimes were published in two peer-reviewed journal articles and a summary of key findings is available on the ARCSHS website. Wave 5 of LifeTimes began in November 2014 and will continue until April 2015. Findings from LifeTimes are expected to continue informing treatment and support strategies for older HIV-positive and HIV-negative gay men, as well as approaches to HIV prevention, and are of interest to clinicians, policymakers, support organisations and health service providers, particularly those in the aged care sector. This project is funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health.

Health Map: A Cluster Randomised Trial of Interactive Self-Care Plans to Prevent and Manage Chronic Conditions by People Living with HIV

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Australians living with HIV are exposed to an increased incidence and earlier onset of several chronic conditions of ageing. The expansion of the primary health model of HIV care in Australia now requires robust systems to prevent and manage this complex set of chronic co-morbidities. The purpose of this project is to improve the health status of people living with HIV in Australia. The overall goal is to evaluate the impact of interactive self-care plans and self-management support on chronic condition outcomes in Australians living with HIV. The hypothesis is that the use of interactive self-care plans and self-management support will result in improved health outcomes for people with HIV, as measured by estimated coronary heart disease risk, and will be acceptable and cost-effective. Funded by a NHMRC Partnership Grant, 2011–2015.

HIV and Mobility

Graham Brown, Roanna Lobo (STI and BBV Research and Evaluation Network), Gemma Crawford (WA Centre for Health Promotion Research), Trish Langdon (WA Centre for Health Promotion Research)

In the last decade there has been an increase in HIV diagnoses among people and their partners travelling to and from regions of high HIV prevalence; a trend seen globally. In response, the HIV and Mobility Project investigated the social, structural and community contexts of this experience in Australia, consulted across the sector, and released the report *HIV and Mobility in Australia: Road Map for Action* in December 2014. Designed to support the strategic direction of the Seventh National HIV Strategy (2014–2017), the report focuses on the links between HIV and people on the move, the characteristics of HIV epidemiology related to mobility, and an overview of the HIV policies, frameworks, strategies and programs in Australia and in countries with

similar epidemics. To encourage an integrated and effective Australian response to HIV and mobility, the report proposes ten key principles and presents a detailed policy and action roadmap across international governance, national and state/territory leadership, community mobilisation, service reorientation, and strategic research and evaluation. This project was a collaboration with the WA Centre for Health Promotion Research (WACHPR) and the STI and BBV Research and Evaluation Network (SiREN) at Curtin University, and funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health.

PRONTO! Trial

Mark Stoové (Burnet Institute), Graham Brown, Simon Powell (Victorian AIDS Council), David Leitinger (Burnet Institute and Victorian AIDS Council), Alissa Pedrana (Burnet Institute), Anna Wilkinson (Burnet Institute)

PRONTO! is a joint venture of the Victorian AIDS Council and the Burnet Institute to conduct a trial of a new peer-led, community-based, rapid HIV testing service for gay and other men who have sex with men in Melbourne. ARCSHS is collaborating in the trial, supporting the describing and evaluating of the innovative peer-led model being developed within the project. The testing service provides rapid HIV testing in a community-based setting using a peer-led model, meaning clients are seen by a trained test facilitator who identifies as gay and is, therefore, as a peer, responsible for providing pre- and post-test counselling, testing and referral to other health services. The evaluation of the model uses a mixed methods approach to explore, understand and define the core qualities, functions and benefits of peer-led rapid HIV testing. The two-year trial is funded by the Victorian Department of Health.

HIV Seroconversion Study

Garrett Prestage (ARCSHS and Kirby Institute), Ian Down (Kirby Institute), Jeanne Ellard (ARCSHS and Kirby Institute), Kathy Triffitt (Kirby Institute), Graham Brown

This study identifies demographic, behavioural, social, situational and other characteristics in individuals recently diagnosed with HIV infection. An understanding of those factors associated with HIV infection and individuals' experiences of diagnosis and the period after diagnosis

will lead to improved education in both individual counselling and community-wide strategies. The study aims to recruit at least 100 recently-diagnosed individuals in Australia each year, who complete a self-administered questionnaire online. In addition, 20 in-depth interviews with individuals who have recently been diagnosed with HIV are conducted. Participants are recruited through community organisation programs servicing those who have recently been diagnosed, and through clinic sites with a high caseload of recent HIV diagnoses, as well as through more broad-based publicity. By the end of December 2014, 665 individuals who had recently been diagnosed with HIV had participated in the survey and 114 had been interviewed. Several community reports have been published. Data collection and analysis is ongoing.

HookUp Study

Garrett Prestage (ARCSHS and Kirby Institute)

This study investigates HIV risk behaviour and information and service needs among gay and bisexual men (GBM) who engage in sex work, either as sex workers or as clients. 139 GBM who had recently engaged in male-to-male sex work and 138 recent male clients of male sex workers in Australia completed a self-administered online questionnaire between 2013 and 2014.

Participants were recruited through broad-based publicity across gay community sites, and through targeted promotion on male sex work websites. Data analysis is ongoing.

Following Lives Undergoing Change (Flux Study)

Garrett Prestage (ARCSHS and Kirby Institute), Louisa Degenhardt (National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre), Fengyi Jin (Kirby Institute), Jeffrey Grierson, Toby Lea (Centre for Social Research in Health)

This study identifies contextual and individual factors associated with uptake and recreational use of drugs, particularly those identified as being associated with HIV risk behaviour and HIV infection, among gay and bisexual men (GBM), and associations with risk behaviours over time. It will describe the role of particular gay community subcultures, and sexual and social networks in influencing attitudes and beliefs about drug use and in affecting drug-using behaviours. An understanding of the relationship between

social and community norms, and the shared understandings of risk and pleasure, and drug use behaviours and beliefs among GBM with differing social connections to other GBM will lead to improved education in both individual counselling and community-wide strategies. The study aims to recruit at least 2000 GBM in Australia, who will each complete a self-administered questionnaire at baseline, and 6-monthly follow-up questionnaires throughout 2015-2016. Participants are recruited through broad-based publicity across gay community sites. By the end of November 2014, over 1500 GBM had completed the baseline survey of whom about 1000 had consented to follow-up. Data collection and analysis is ongoing.

Monopoly Study

Garrett Prestage (ARCSHS and Kirby Institute), Duane Duncan, Jeffrey Grierson

This study explores relationship patterns among gay and bisexual men (GBM), and how GBM negotiate agreements about the types of relationships they establish and to manage HIV risk within those relationships. Over 4000 GBM in Australia completed a self-administered online questionnaire in late 2013 and early 2014. Participants were recruited through broad-based publicity in gay community sites. Data analysis is ongoing.

W3 What Works and Why Project: Understanding What Works and Why in Peer Based Health Promotion Approaches in HIV and Hepatitis C

Graham Brown, Daniel Reeders, Kylie Johnston

Traditional evaluation methods struggle to capture what matters to practitioners and policy-makers about peer approaches. The W3 Project is collaborating with peer-based programs in community organisations to trial the application of systems thinking and quality improvement approaches to understand and demonstrate the role and impact of peer based programs. Our partners include peer and community based organisations working with people who use drugs, sex workers, people living with HIV, and gay men in the Australian response to HIV and hepatitis C. We hope to show how peer programs engage with cultures, communities and policy, and to identify quality indicators and evaluation strategies that enable community organisations to generate credible, shareable evidence of what works. In 2014 the W3 Project conducted a series of systems

mapping research workshops with all four case study partners to:

- Map peer-based programs within a broader system
- Articulate the role and program theory for each peer-based program within its system
- Identify priorities for monitoring, evaluation and learning
- Contribute to the refinement of an overall monitoring and evaluation framework.

The resulting framework and draft indicators will be field tested and refined during 2015. The project has presented interim results at a series of state, national and international workshops, as well as on the project's blog at <http://w3project.org.au>. This project is funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health.

Strengthening Community Responses to Hepatitis B

Marian Pitts, Jack Wallace, Alex Thompson (University of Melbourne), Jacqui Richmond

The increasing number of chronic hepatitis B-related deaths in Australia is directly related to the number of people living in Australia who were born in countries where hepatitis B is endemic. Mortality resulting from chronic viral hepatitis in the World Health Organization's South-East Asia and Western Pacific Regions outnumber that of HIV, malaria and dengue fever combined. Australia has developed a National Hepatitis B Strategy, but there are significant gaps in its implementation, particularly within at-risk communities. While the early detection, follow-up and monitoring of chronic hepatitis B can reduce the development of primary liver cancer, only one-third of people with the infection have been diagnosed, and only three per cent of people with chronic hepatitis B access clinical management for their infection. Chronic hepatitis B disproportionately affects Australians born in countries of high prevalence such as China, Vietnam and the Sudan. This project identifies how people with hepatitis B from key affected communities understand and respond to the infection. It will provide evidence for government, clinical services and non-government organisations to understand and respond better to their needs. This three-year project, funded by the Australian Research Council, is being conducted in partnership with Hepatitis Australia, the Australasian Society for HIV Medicine, Hepatitis Victoria, Hepatitis SA, Relationships Australia SA, the Centre for Culture, Ethnicity and Health, and the Cancer Council Victoria.

Hepatitis B Patient and Clinical Practice Survey

Behzad Hajarizadeh, Jack Wallace, Jacqui Richmond, Naomi Ngo

More than half of the estimated 200,000 people in Australia with chronic hepatitis B were born in the Asia-Pacific region. The number of deaths among people with chronic hepatitis B and the number of cases of hepatitis B-related liver cancer are rising, despite improvements in antiviral therapy. The effective clinical management of people with chronic hepatitis B can slow the progression of hepatitis B-related liver disease and requires lifelong monitoring and, for many people, pharmaceutical treatment. This project identified how people with chronic hepatitis B understand and respond to clinical management, and identifies barriers to the successful clinical management of chronic hepatitis B. Ninety-three people with hepatitis B participated in the study, which identified knowledge gaps about the infection among people with hepatitis, health care workers and specialists. Interventions required to improve hepatitis B knowledge among patients focused on addressing misconceptions about transmission, the asymptomatic nature of hepatitis B, clinical management and available treatments. Educational programs need to address the needs of older people, and people with a low level of academic education and English proficiency. The project was funded through the Coalition to Eradicate Viral Hepatitis in Asia Pacific (CEVHAP).

Hepatitis B: Trajectories of Care

Jack Wallace, Elizabeth Smith, Duane Duncan, Behzad Hajarizadeh, Jacqui Richmond

This project looks at hepatitis B through the experience of people infected with the virus from the point of diagnosis through to clinical management of the infection, and investigates how people with hepatitis B navigate these systems. The activity has three inter-related components, each of which involves in-depth interviews with three key populations: people with hepatitis, health care workers, and specialists. The sample size will be around 30 for each component. The first component focuses on identifying the elements of a successful hepatitis B diagnosis process from the perspective of a person with hepatitis B. While a National Hepatitis B Testing Policy was developed in 2012, and is being passively implemented, most people with hepatitis B do not consent to being tested or are not provided with any information when

diagnosed. This project investigates how people with hepatitis B experience being diagnosed, and seeks to document what constitutes a good diagnostic process from their perspective.

The second component of the study looks at how people with hepatitis B assist with contact tracing. It is already known that people with hepatitis B play an essential public health role by notifying their families of their infection and of their risk of exposure to chronic hepatitis B, thereby reducing further transmission and reducing the burden related to the infection. Identifying how this contact tracing occurs in reality and the challenges in conducting this will strengthen the public health notifications response. Most people with hepatitis B come from culturally diverse communities, and the third component investigates how specialists communicate with people from culturally diverse backgrounds. This project will document the challenges and enablers to successful communication between specialists and patients and involves interviews with specialists. This project is funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health.

Reducing the Impact of Hepatitis B in Smaller Jurisdictions: Tasmania

Naomi Ngo, Jack Wallace, Ben Cowie, (Victorian Infectious Diseases Reference Laboratory) Gary Dowsett, Fay Johnston (Tasmanian Department of Health and Human Services)

Limited funding was available for the comprehensive implementation of the *National Hepatitis B Strategy 2010-2013*, particularly in the smaller Australian jurisdictions where there are limited resources. These issues are exacerbated by the lack of specific and comprehensive data available to guide responses to hepatitis B, particularly in comparison with other blood-borne viruses. The project developed a rapid assessment tool to determine gaps, barriers and needs in relation to the comprehensive implementation of the *National Hepatitis B Strategy 2010-2013*. A report of the project was completed in 2014. The project was funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health.

Constituting an Enabling Environment in Chronic Hepatitis B

Jack Wallace, Jacqui Richmond, Behzad Hajarizadeh

Indigenous Australians make up ten percent of the total number of people in Australia infected with chronic hepatitis B. At an individual level, chronic hepatitis B in Indigenous people occurs within a complex clinical context with a lack of clarity in the priority of responses. An enabling environment for responding to hepatitis B requires a supportive and coordinated policy environment, and engaged and resourced health services. This activity will investigate how Indigenous health services respond to people with chronic hepatitis B, with a situational analysis being conducted in both an urban and rural setting. This research will investigate health service delivery to Indigenous people with hepatitis B and aims to identify systemic gaps in the health service response. This project is funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health.

The Liver Health Project

Jeanne Ellard, Jack Wallace, Jacqui Richmond, Behzad Hajarizadeh, Gary Dowsett

This national project is a qualitative longitudinal study investigating the experiences of living with hepatitis C. The study involves a series of three interviews conducted over an 18-month period with people living with hepatitis C. The interviews explore a range of themes including diagnosis, disclosure, clinical management, treatment and well-being. The qualitative longitudinal approach allows the collection of rich and detailed empirical data on a broad range of issues and themes, provides snapshot data, monitors change over time, and addresses emergent issues. The prospective approach of this study is particularly timely in the context of the rapidly changing hepatitis C treatment environment. The first-round interviews were conducted in 2014 and focused primarily on diagnosis experiences and knowledge and understandings of treatment. The findings from this research will be used to understand the health issues and service and policy needs of people living with hepatitis C. The project will identify priorities for an effective public health response to hepatitis C, and contribute new knowledge to improve treatment uptake, inform models of clinical care, address health and well-being of people affected by hepatitis C, and reduce the disease burden related to chronic hepatitis C. This project is funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health.

Improving Access to Optimal Clinical Care for People with Chronic Hepatitis B through the Implementation of a Nurse-Led Model of Care

Jacqui Richmond (NHMRC Translation of Research into Practice (TRIP) Fellowship 2015-16)

Best practice guidelines demonstrate that if chronic hepatitis B is diagnosed early, and managed and treated appropriately, including correct cancer screening, the risk of death related to liver cancer and chronic liver disease is significantly reduced. Evidence suggests that best practice guidelines are not being followed because 44% of Australians with chronic hepatitis B have not been diagnosed, uptake of both specialist clinical management and antiviral treatment amongst people diagnosed with chronic hepatitis B is low, adherence to monitoring protocols is poor, and late diagnosis of liver cancer is common. There are multiple factors that prevent adherence to best practice, including patient, physician, organisational and disease factors. This is a two-year project that will commence in February 2015 and will aim to address the gap between optimal and current management of chronic hepatitis B through development and implementation of a nurse-led model of care in a community health organisation in a high hepatitis B prevalence area of Melbourne, Victoria. This service will complement existing services, build capacity in the sector, and specifically target the need for improved screening and diagnosis, follow up and management of this vulnerable group of patients.

Strengthening Victoria's Response to Chronic Hepatitis B

Jack Wallace, Daniel Reeders, on behalf of the Victorian Hepatitis B Alliance

The Victorian Department of Health provided funding to ARCSHS to undertake a consultation on behalf of the Victorian Hepatitis B Alliance to identify opportunities to strengthen Victoria's response to hepatitis B. The Victorian Hepatitis B Alliance is an independent, multidisciplinary group (whose establishment was initiated by ARCSHS in 2008) that aims to build momentum in the Victorian response to hepatitis B. This project conducted a systematic consultation with a multidisciplinary range of key individuals and organisations seeking to reduce the impact of chronic hepatitis B. The report of the project details the findings of the consultation

and provides an analysis of the interviews, and of strategic frameworks affecting the development and implementation of activity to reduce the burden of hepatitis B. As a result of the interviews and analysis, four priorities for action were developed: mobilising and involving affected communities at every level of the response; investing in solid foundations (coordination, relationships, knowledge and capacity); sustaining people living with chronic hepatitis B in long-term care; and engaging affected communities in cultures of care with people living with hepatitis B.

Fifth National Survey of Secondary Students and Sexual Health

Anne Mitchell, Marian Pitts, Kent Patrick, Wendy Heywood, Pam Blackman

A national survey of the sexual health of Australian secondary students has been carried out approximately every five years since 1992, each of them funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health. The fifth study, which was completed in 2014, recruited over 2000 students from state, independent and Catholic schools in every state and territory of Australia. A report of the findings targeting, teachers, health care workers and policy makers was released in March and attracted wide media attention. *The Sunday Age* featured the survey outcomes in a front page special article and hundreds of copies of the report were downloaded or requested in the following weeks. A key finding of the report was the degree to which 'sexting' has become a common part of courtship among young people. This and other findings from the study will form the basis of curriculum materials and inform youth health policy over the next five years.

Men's Own: Health Behaviours of Young Australian Gay Men

Anthony Lyons, Warwick Hosking (ARCSHS and Victoria University)

This project involves a national online longitudinal survey. It focuses on young gay men and undertakes a detailed investigation of HIV-related health behaviours, including patterns of HIV and STI testing, risky sexual behaviour and condom use. It examines social and psychological predictors of health behaviours, including issues of stigma, discrimination, body image, self-esteem and social support. This project provides new understanding of the health behaviours of

gay men who have recently become sexually active, and offers guidance to the HIV and health sectors for devising strategies that predict and address risky sexual behaviour. Data collection for the first wave was completed in early 2013, with a national sample of 1177 gay men aged 18-39 years, followed by a second wave to monitor changes in health behaviours approximately twelve months later. Data analysis was carried out during 2014. Findings from the project were presented at the *Collaborative Research Network's Mental Health and Well-being Conference*, 'Minds matter: Promoting and researching rural, regional, and remote mental health and well-being' in Coffs Harbour in April 2014. Findings were also published in peer-reviewed journal articles in *Archives of Sexual Behavior* and the *Journal of Rural Health*. This project was funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Victoria University.

Sexual Health and Young Adults (The Friends, Sex and Benefits Project)

Graham Brown, Natalie Hendry, Kylie Johnston, Gary Dowsett

Research and policy on young people's sexual practices and attitudes has typically focused on school-aged youth or young people in their transition from secondary school to employment or further education. This contrasts to significant chlamydia notifications and increased risk of other STI for young adults aged 18 to 30 years who are often excluded from youth-focused sexual health programs and interventions. This study focuses on the social and cultural contexts that shape young adults' friendships and relationships, and how these influence their attitudes and practices towards STIs and sexual health. The findings of this study will be used to enhance the effectiveness of STI prevention programs and increase utilisation of sexual health testing. It will extend the current focus on young people in the *National Sexually Transmissible Infections Strategy 2014-2017* to offer effective recommendations to improve the sexual health of young adults to 30 years. This study started in 2014 and is recruiting participants aged 21-30 years who attend mainstream, busy nightlife precincts in Melbourne to participate in a short, mobile-accessible, online survey. This survey focuses on social and sexual contexts of STI testing. Survey recruitment will continue in 2015.

The findings will guide future research to explore young adults' attitudes, experiences and practices related to risk, relationship contexts, and the influence of social media on social and sexual relationships. This project is funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health.

Sexual Health and Relationships in Young Indigenous People

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (Aboriginal) people are identified as a priority population in sexually transmissible infections (STI) and blood-borne virus (BBV) strategies, with a particular focus on young people. Yet there is little behavioural evidence to inform the strategies. This ARC Linkage grant aimed to address this gap and was supported by peak partner organisations from all states and territories. We undertook a national cross-sectional survey of Aboriginal people aged 16-29 years in all Australian jurisdictions between 2011 and 2013. The questionnaires were administered by young Aboriginal people and were completed by participants on personal digital assistants. Questionnaires comprised demographic information, knowledge, risk behaviour and health service access questions and were completed at Aboriginal community events. A total of 2877 young people completed the survey at 21 unique community events. Of all participants, 59% were female, median age was 21 years and over 60% were single at the time of the survey. Just over half of participants were resident in an urban area (53%), and 38% from a regional area. This survey has recruited a large sample of young Aboriginal people using a methodology that is feasible, acceptable and repeatable. The methodology provides a model for ongoing monitoring of this population as programs and policies are implemented to address young Aboriginal peoples' STI and BBV risks.

The Blood Borne Virus Program: Supporting the HIV and Hepatitis Workforce

| Emily Lenton, Jennifer Dixon, Jen Johnson

The Blood Borne Virus (BBV) Program focuses on building the capacity of the Victorian community health and health promotion workforce to respond effectively to HIV, hepatitis B and hepatitis C. This is conducted through partnerships to disseminate research directly into workforce practice as well as training to build skills, capacity and to support the translation of research into policy and practice. This year, the program facilitated two BBV workforce network meetings for over 60 representatives from health and community services that showcased new research, project outcomes and emerging issues of importance to the HIV and viral hepatitis sector. This included presenting a selection of papers that were presented at AIDS 2014 and the Viral Hepatitis Conference, updates on new testing models and experiences of people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. The BBV Program participated and contributed to a range of other workforce activities. In collaboration with the Victorian Hepatitis B Alliance, the annual Hepatitis B Spotlight seminar was held bringing together a range of medical and community health practitioners. The BBV eNews continues to send out the latest research, training, policy information and developments relating to HIV and viral hepatitis to over 800 workers across Victoria and Australia. The HIV and hepatitis C pre- and post-test discussion course was delivered four times, accrediting a total of 47 people. ARCSHS has been facilitating this course for over 15 years to skill people in a range of professions such as midwifery, nursing, community health and researchers, to enable them to deliver HIV positive test results in accordance with Victorian legislation and the National Testing Policies. The Victorian Department of Health funds the BBV Program.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL RESEARCH

In 2014 our International Social Research Program continued its commitment to Asia and the Pacific, with a particular focus on examining issues affecting people living with hepatitis B and C in China and Taiwan, respectively. Staff members also participated in international organisations and networks that raise issues related to gender, sexuality and the field of international development. ARCSHS is represented on the Boards of the Association for the Social Sciences and Humanities in HIV, the International Association for the Study of Sexuality, Culture and Society, and the Social Research Working Group of the Asia Pacific Coalition on Male Sexual Health (APCOM).

National Viral Hepatitis Needs Assessment: China

Jack Wallace, Marian Pitts, Lai Wei (Peking University People's Hospital), Vivien Lin (La Trobe School of Public Health and Human Biosciences), George Liu (La Trobe China Health Program, School of Public Health and Human Biosciences), Jacqui Richmond, Behzad Hajarizadeh

It is estimated that up to 150 million people in China are infected with chronic viral hepatitis, with 93 million people living with chronic hepatitis B and between 30 and 60 million people living with hepatitis C. Deaths among people with chronic hepatitis B and the number of cases of hepatitis B-related liver cancer are rising despite improvements in antiviral therapy. A significant gap in research supporting the development and implementation of effective interventions to reduce the burden of chronic viral hepatitis in China is the systematic documentation of how people with chronic viral hepatitis respond to their infection. The qualitative study used semi-structured interviews with 48 people with chronic viral hepatitis in four Chinese cities during April 2014 and found that, while clinical services were accessible, essential barriers to these services included: inadequate reimbursement of pharmaceutical treatments; poor understanding of the impact of the infection; the social impact of the infection including stigma and discrimination; inconsistent screening and diagnostic

processes that are conducted by non-health related services; and the lack of understanding about viral hepatitis within the broader community. This project is being funded by the Coalition to Eradicate Viral Hepatitis in Asia Pacific (CEVHAP), with the final report of the project available in March 2015.

Asia-Pacific Viral Hepatitis Policy Survey and Assessment: Taiwan

Jack Wallace, Marian Pitts, Stephen Locarnini (Victorian Infectious Diseases Reference Laboratory)

Over 500 million people globally are estimated to be infected with chronic viral hepatitis with most (75%) living in the Asia-Pacific region. Hepatitis B and hepatitis C cause significant global mortality and morbidity with 1,285,000 deaths each year attributable to them and their sequelae of cirrhosis, liver failure, and hepatocellular cancer. The burden of viral hepatitis and liver cancer is significant for Taiwan, with the Taiwan Centers for Disease Control reporting a population prevalence of 10-15% for hepatitis B and 2-5% for hepatitis C. Recognising the need for effective public policy to address the burden related to these infections, the World Health Assembly in its 2010 and 2014 resolutions acknowledged the impact of chronic viral hepatitis and identified a series of interventions to reduce its impact, including the development of 'guidelines, time-bound goals, strategies and tools for the prevention and control of viral hepatitis'. Taiwan developed the first of a series of five-year plans in 1982 to reduce its already high burden of viral hepatitis. This study sought to identify the components of the policy response to chronic viral hepatitis in Taiwan, which could then inform best practice for other national governments, through semi-structured interviews conducted with key participants in the national response to viral hepatitis in Taiwan. Critical factors in responding to hepatitis in Taiwan include the development of health policy, effective health service infrastructure, the prioritisation of disease prevention, government funding of science and technology, and sustained advocacy informed by a rigorous evidence base. While there has been significant policy, structural and financial commitment to reduce the burden related to viral hepatitis, challenges remain. The project report was completed in December 2013 and funded by the Coalition to Eradicate Viral Hepatitis in Asia Pacific (CEVHAP).

Men's Own: Health and Well-Being of Young Gay Men Living in Mainland China

Warwick Hosking (ARCSHS and Victoria University), Anthony Lyons, Dorothy Bruck (Victoria University), Lin Xiong (Victoria University), Li Yinhe (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, China)

This project is funded by the Centre for Cultural Diversity and Well-being at Victoria University. It extends the Men's Own project with a new online survey to examine the lives of young gay men who live in Mainland China. As with the Australian version of Men's Own, this project focuses on HIV-related health behaviours, including patterns of HIV and STI testing, risky sexual behaviour and condom use. It also examines social and psychological predictors of health behaviours and health outcomes, including issues of stigma, discrimination, body image, mental health and social support, as well as a range of experiences and challenges of living as a young gay man in China. The project will provide a detailed set of findings on the health and well-being of young Chinese gay men. Data from the survey will also be compared with the Australian data to make cross-cultural comparisons. In 2014, the survey content was finalised. It was then translated into Mandarin and launched online in November. Data collection is currently underway and is due for completion in 2015.

Asia Pacific Coalition on Male Sexual Health

Gary Dowsett, Jan Willem de Lind van Wijngaarden

The Asia Pacific Coalition on Male Sexual Health (APCOM) was formed as a coalition of community, government and donors, along with UN partner agencies and UNAIDS. It advocates for increased investment to scale up men-who-have-sex-with-men (MSM) intervention programming and increased program coverage, research to address gaps in knowledge, and the promotion of individual rights for MSM and transgender persons across the region.

ARCSHS has been supporting APCOM through participation in a number of activities, including its Social Research Working Group (co-chaired by Gary Dowsett, and including ARCSHS postgraduate student Jan Willem de Lind van Wijngaarden) and on a project to develop a knowledge hub on MSM and transgender prevention and care. Reports commissioned in 2013 were received in 2014, examining gaps in research evidence on MSM in the region, and examining key assumptions underlying programming for HIV prevention. The Group was renamed the Social Research Advisory Group and re-formed in 2014 and is now focusing on implementing the recommendations of these reports.

Intersections of Disadvantage? Gender and Sexuality within Asia-Pacific Community Organisations

Gary Dowsett, Gillian Fletcher, Nicola Henry (Legal Studies, La Trobe University), Stephen Wood (Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, UK)

This project aims to generate new knowledge on the intersections of gender, sexuality, other structural and social forces and disadvantage, with major implications for work that seeks to address injustice and inequality in the Asia-Pacific region. The project was awarded a grant from the La Trobe University Research Focus Area 'Transforming Human Societies' to develop a new international research and practice partnership that will enable the testing and refinement of ideas, and contribute to research capacity strengthening in the Asia-Pacific region. The project commenced its field work in the Philippines in late 2014 working with its partner agencies: the Family Planning Organization of the Philippines; and GALANG, a lesbian-initiated, lesbian-run, feminist, human rights organisation working in urban poor communities. The project's international collaborator is the Institute for Development Studies at the University of Sussex in the UK. The project will continue in 2015.

Association for the Social Sciences and Humanities in HIV

| Gary Dowsett

The Association for the Social Sciences and Humanities in HIV (ASSHH) was formed in 2011 to promote greater inclusion of the social sciences and humanities in HIV and AIDS globally. It held its first international conference in Durban, South Africa, in 2011. During 2012, the Association was formally incorporated as a not-for-profit organisation in New South Wales, with a Board of Directors managing its activities. ASSHH has a two-tier membership structure (Academy Members and Standard Members) designed to develop the Association over the next few years into a fully-fledged international academic organisation. Gary Dowsett is a founding member of ASSHH, an Academy Member, and a Director of its Board. ASSHH's second international conference was held in Paris in 2013. The third biennial conference will be held in Stellenbosch in Western Cape, South Africa, in July 2015 and planning is well under way. Gary Dowsett is one of the international ASSHH 2015 conference co-chairs.

International Association for the Study of Sexuality, Culture and Society

| Gillian Fletcher, Gary Dowsett

The International Association for the Study of Sexuality, Culture and Society (IASSCS) is a non-profit academic association concerned with the social and cultural study of sexuality. IASSCS was founded in 1997 in Amsterdam, with the commitment to build equity in research capacity worldwide and to develop a broad range of multidisciplinary research activities in the social and cultural study of sexuality. Its headquarters are in Lima, Peru. The Association has held nine biennial conferences in various cities around the world since 1997. The next conference will be in Dublin in 2015. IASSCS also supports research development and training through its post-conference training program, the IASSCS Advancing Sexuality Studies Course (ASSC), and via scholarship support to select conference participants. IASSCS also has a small grants program for young scholars. Gary Dowsett is the chair of IASSCS's Research and Training Committee. Gillian Fletcher is a member of the committee and in 2013 was elected to the Board of IASSCS. She became Chair of the Board in January 2014.

GAY AND LESBIAN HEALTH VICTORIA (GLHV)

Gay and Lesbian Health Victoria (GLHV) is an independent, Victorian Government funded unit charged with 'enhancing and promoting the health and well-being of LGBTI Victorians and improving the quality of health care they receive', which sits within ARCSHS.

A focus of GLHV's work in 2014 has been assisting mainstream organisations in the health, aged and community care, and education sectors deliver programs and services that are LGBTI-inclusive. Its training and resources continue to be informed by research conducted in partnership with ARCSHS and a growing number of other academic institutions and LGBTI professional organisations. GLHV also manages a health information and research clearinghouse which, in 2014, averaged 1036 website hits per month. Many of GLHV's programs listed below are outlined in more detail in this report under the Sex, Gender and Sexuality research program documented earlier.

Research

In 2014, GLHV has been involved in the following research:

A closer look at Private Lives 2: Addressing the mental health and well-being of LGBT Australians, funded by *beyondblue* and the Movember Foundation

Something for them: Meeting the support needs of LGBT young people who are newly arrived, refugees or asylum seekers, funded by the Asia Altman Sub-fund, the Australian Communities Foundation

The ALICE study: Alcohol and lesbian/bisexual women - Insights into culture and emotions, funded by *beyondblue* and led by Ruth McNair, the University of Melbourne; and

From blues to rainbows: The mental health and well-being of gender diverse and transgender young people in Australia, funded by *beyondblue* and led by ARCSHS in partnership with the University of New England.

The research has been used to update GLHV's existing resources and training. It has also highlighted sectors and services where there is little or no acknowledgement of LGBTI people and where there is a pressing need for the development and delivery of LGBTI resources and training.

Resources and Training

Young People

GLHV and the Youth Affairs Council of Victoria co-manage the *Healthy Equal Youth* (HEY) Project. The HEY project involves the coordination of seven same sex attracted and gender diverse (SSASGD) youth-focused organisations working in partnership with mainstream youth and youth mental health services to improve the mental health of SSASGD young people. In 2014, GLHV provided training to over 200 *headspace* staff from 15 of *headspace*'s offices across the state and developed the HEY Project website to profile the individual and collective work of the HEY Project partners and recipients of the HEY Grants (www.heyproject.org.au).

In 2014, *Safe Schools Coalition Victoria* (SSCV) became part of *Safe Schools Coalition Australia*, a national program modelled on the success of SSCV, which will be rolled out in all states and territories over the coming year. In 2014, SSCV, in partnership with YGender and Minus18, produced the world's first trans* and gender diverse resource for schools, 'Gender is Not Uniform'. SSCV distributed over 3500 hard copies of guides and resources to students and teachers and provided professional development to over 2500 school staff.



Rainbow Network (RN) provides a wide range of supports and resources for those who work with and on behalf of SSASGD young people in Victoria. In 2014, RN's membership doubled to 640. RN produced a guide on how to establish safe and inclusive same sex attracted, trans* and gender diverse youth groups, provided professional development and secondary consultation to more than 850 workers and distributed over 1500 copies of resources to agencies and workers.

LGBTI Ageing

In 2014, GLHV delivered the all-day training package, LGBTI Diversity in Aged Care, to 436 staff from over 100 aged and community care organisations across Victoria. The training is part of a national LGBTI aged care training project managed by the National LGBTI Health Alliance. GLHV also presented papers on LGBTI ageing and the Rainbow Tick at: the international Aging and Society Conference, Manchester (7 November); The Future of LGBT Ageing: Rethinking Research Directions, University of Manchester (22 October) and the National LGBTI Ageing and Aged Care Conference, Melbourne (29 October).

Health and Human Services

In 2014, GLHV delivered its half-day generic LGBTI training package to over 700 people from a wide range of health and human services including youth and aged care services, mental health agencies, local councils, housing and hospitals.

Quality Improvement and Organisational Change

In 2014, Quality Innovation Performance (QIP) signed a licensing agreement with La Trobe University for use of GLHV's six standards of LGBTI-inclusive practice, The Rainbow Tick. QIP is a not-for-profit national accreditation organisation. Services that undergo and receive Rainbow Tick accreditation will have demonstrated that all their procedures, practices and protocols are LGBTI-inclusive (www.qip.com.au/standards/rainbow-tick-standards/).

GLHV provides a HOW2 course to assist services implement wholesale, LGBTI-inclusive organisational reform. The HOW2 consists of four workshops run over six months and takes organisational champions through each of the six Rainbow Tick standards and what is involved in making their organisations LGBTI-inclusive. In 2014, GLHV ran two HOW2 programs with a total of 50 participants from a wide range of services, including Aged Care, Disability and Community Health, Medicare Local and Hospital-based services.

The National LGBTI Mental Health Conference

GLHV and ARCSHS were well represented at the National LGBTI Health Alliance's LGBTI mental health conference, 'Courageous Voices: Seeds of Hope and Transformation', held in Sydney on 26 and 27 July. GLHV presented two papers on the 'Private Lives 2' data, one on trans* and gender diverse young people's experiences of mental health professionals and a workshop on LGBTI-inclusive youth services.

At the conference, the Alliance released 'Going Upstream: A Framework for Promoting the Mental Health of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex (LGBTI) People', produced by William Leonard (GLHV) and Atari Metcalf on behalf of the Alliance's specialist LGBTI Mental Health Promotion Task Group (<http://mindoutconference.net/2014/06/30/>).

Partners in Crime

In 2013/14, GLHV was part of a consortium led by the Human Rights Law Centre that produced 'Righting Historical Wrongs: Background Paper for a Legislative Scheme to Expunge Convictions for Historical Consensual Gay Sex Offences in Victoria' in January 2014 (www.hrlc.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Gay_Sex_Convictions_Paper_January2014.pdf). In November 2014, the Victorian Parliament acted on the paper's key recommendations passing historic legislation that will enable gay men who have prior convictions for what today would be lawful sexual activity to apply to have those convictions expunged from their records.

TEACHING PROGRAM

Higher Degree Research Program

The ARCSHS Higher Degree by Research postgraduate program continued to go from strength to strength in 2014, with students presenting their research at conferences, winning awards, publishing papers and continuing to work on their projects. At the start of the year we had 24 students. During the year, Jan Willem de Lind van Wijngaarden, Bern Chua and Samuel Muchoki graduated, and we welcomed two new students, William Mude and Emily Bariola. Emily is a former staff member who was awarded a La Trobe University postgraduate scholarship in September 2014. At the end of the year, we had eight students who are at various stages of writing their thesis. Frances Bird submitted her research proposal and has commenced the ethics process and data collection, and William Mude is planning on submitting his research proposal in February 2015. Huong Bui and Joni Meenagh submitted their theses for examination at the end of 2014. Two students terminated their candidature in 2014, Geoffrey Smith and Mariette Welter, and Kirk Peterson transferred his candidature to the Bendigo campus. We were pleased to hear that Kirk had submitted and passed his PhD.

2014 continued to be a year when the work of ARCSHS students was recognised with awards. Joe Latham was awarded the Best Graduate Student Paper Prize at the Sexuality Studies Association Conference in Canada and the Harold Mitchell Postgraduate Travelling Fellowship. Joe's work was also featured in the media several times. Joni Meenagh was awarded a Postgraduate Writing-Up Award, and Jayne Russell was awarded the Professor Anthony Smith Conference Attendance Award for travel to the Sunbelt Social Networking Conference in the UK in 2015. Karyn Fulcher was awarded a La Trobe University Post Graduate Scholarship for the final year of her candidature.

Postgraduate supervisors contribute their time and expertise to work with students on their studies. Supervisors work in teams, with one principal supervisor and one co-supervisor for each student, as well as a panels of two or three other supervisors who meet twice a year to monitor students' progress. ARCSHS principal supervisors in 2014 were Graham Brown, Sue Dyson, Gary Dowsett, Jeffrey Grierson, Lynne Hillier, Steven Angelides, Anne Mitchell, Marian Pitts, Garrett Prestage and Anthony Lyons. Co-supervisors included Steven Angelides, Paul Badcock, Catherine Barrett, Duane Duncan, Gillian Fletcher, Patsie Frawley, Timothy Jones, Pranee Liamputtong, Anthony Lyons, Karalyn McDonald, Kent Patrick, Jacqui Richmond, Elizabeth Smith and Jack Wallace.

Student Projects in 2014

Emily BARIOLA
Examining the Determinants of Positive and Negative Mental Health among Lesbians and Gay Men.

Supervisors: Anthony Lyons, Kent Patrick

Frances BIRD
LGBTQI Choral Community: Identity, Action and Meaning

Supervisors: Sue Dyson, Timothy Jones

Huong Thu BUI
Locating Pleasure: Narratives of Women's Intimate Experiences in the Quest for Sexual Well-Being in Contemporary Vietnam
Supervisors: Jeffrey Grierson, Graham Brown, Pranee Liamputtong

Emerich DAROYA
HIV Fetishism: Exploring the Practices of Barebacking
Supervisors: Gary Dowsett, Duane Duncan, Steven Angelides

Alissar EL'MURR
Kicking Off Cultural Change: Primary Prevention of Violence against Women in the AFL
Supervisors: Graham Brown, Gillian Fletcher

Karyn FULCHER
The Language of Policing Gender and Sexuality among Young People
Supervisors: Sue Dyson, Anthony Lyons

Martin de GRAAF
The Bisexual "Identity" Debate and How It Affects Melbourne Men Who Have Sex Bisexually
Supervisors: Sue Dyson, Elizabeth Smith



Jo GRZELINSKA

The Blind Spot in Bangladeshi Sexuality: Bisexually Active Men Telling Their Own Stories

Supervisors: Gary Dowsett, Duane Duncan

Wendy HEYWOOD

Age at Sexual Debut and Subsequent Sexual Activity and Functioning Among Australian Men and Women: A Population Based Panel Study

Supervisors: Marian Pitts, Kent Patrick

Joe LATHAM

FTM Bodies and Pleasure, Trans-Sexuality and Power

Supervisors: Gary Dowsett, Steven Angelides, Catherine Barrett

Joni Lynn MEENAGH

Practising Ethics of The Self: Young People's Negotiation of Love/Sex Relationships and New Media Environments

Supervisors: Lynne Hillier, Sue Dyson

Marisa MONAGLE

Face(book)ing Homophobia on the Net: Same-Sex Attracted Young People and Online Community

Supervisors: Lynne Hillier, Anne Mitchell

William MUDE

Community Understanding and Responses to Chronic Hepatitis B: A Case of the South Sudanese in Australia

Supervisors: Sue Dyson, Jacqui Richmond, Jack Wallace

My Linh NGUYEN

Masculinities of Vietnamese Men Who Experience Erectile Dysfunction - The Gaze of 'The Clinic'

Supervisors: Jeffrey Grierson, Pranee Liamputtong

Amie Louise O'SHEA

Sexuality and Young Women with an Intellectual Disability

Supervisors: Sue Dyson, Lynne Hillier, Patsie Frawley

Jayne Marie RUSSELL

Social Support and the Experience of Living with HIV for Women in Australia

Supervisors: Jeffrey Grierson, Paul Badcock (subsequently Marian Pitts)

Rachel THORPE

Sexual Well-Being and Ageing: A Study of Older Women

Supervisors: Marian Pitts, Catherine Barrett

Andrew WESTLE

To Be Dancing "Like a Man"

Supervisors: Gary Dowsett, Duane Duncan, Steven Angelides

Damian WILSON

Pink Belts: Exploring the Experiences of Same-Sex Attracted Men Who Practise Martial Arts

Supervisors: Gary Dowsett, Duane Duncan

Undergraduate Teaching Program: Contemporary Issues in Sex and Sexuality

Gary Dowsett, Duane Duncan, Lilian Austin, La Trobe University

Semester 2, 2014 saw ARCSHS deliver its path-breaking, online, undergraduate, elective unit called 'Contemporary Issues in Sexuality Studies' for the fourth time. The unit is notable for its subject matter, its mode of teaching—which includes the use of both synchronous and asynchronous sessions designed specifically to promote active learning—its cross-faculty and cross-campus availability, and its status as Faculty of Health Sciences 'Signature Unit'. 'Contemporary Issues in Sex and Sexuality' (unit code HLTICSS) cuts across disciplinary boundaries to offer a valuable and interesting learning experience for students from all backgrounds. The unit is offered entirely online, using advanced web teaching and learning technologies. It draws on a wide range of sources including media, web-based material and theory from the social sciences to help students examine and re-assess the range of meanings, values, assumptions and expectations embedded in social understandings of sex and sexuality. This fourth offering of the unit was completed by a total of 49 students from various La Trobe campuses.

FELLOWSHIPS

Harold Mitchell Fellowships

The Harold Mitchell Foundation has been generous over recent years in funding a program of travel fellowships for young scholars in medical and health research. ARCSHS has been part of that program for a number of years and we are very grateful to the Foundation for its support. The Fellowships offered in 2014 included:

- The Harold Mitchell Postdoctoral Travelling Fellowship, which provides \$5000 for a junior postdoctoral fellow to present his/her work at a major overseas meeting and to visit cognate laboratories/research workers.
- The Harold Mitchell Postgraduate Travelling Fellowship, which provides \$5000 for a senior PhD student to do similarly.

Recipients of the 2014 Harold Mitchell fellowships were:

- Research Officer, Bianca Fileborn
- Postgraduate student, Joe Latham

Bianca Fileborn used the fellowship to travel to the UK to present and attend conferences in the UK. Her presentations were all based upon the findings of the ARC-funded project 'Sexual well-being and ageing: A study of older Australian women'. She co-presented a colloquium titled 'Re-writing the script?

Australian women negotiating sexuality, relationships, and appearance in later life' at the international Aging and Society Conference held in Manchester. Bianca also co-presented an invited seminar at the University of Sheffield on sex and the body in older age. She also attended and presented at the British Sociological Association Aging, Body and Society Study Group Conference 2014, 'Researching Bodies'. This presentation explored the ways in which dominant discourses on ageing shaped women's experiences of their bodies in later lives. Attendance at these conferences provided invaluable networking opportunities.

Joe Latham is researching transmen's sexualities through autobiography. Joe received the Harold Mitchell Postgraduate Travelling Fellowship to present a paper at the Sexuality Studies Association (SSA) conference in St Catharines (Canada) and to attend the Philadelphia Trans Health conference (USA) in June 2014. The SSA conference is part of the annual Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences – the largest interdisciplinary conference in Canada. Joe's paper 'How to Have Trans Sex: Narrativizing Sexuality, Materializing Maleness' was awarded the Best Paper by a Graduate Student prize. Upon returning to Australia, Joe submitted an extended version of this paper to the journal *Sexualities*, which was accepted for publication and is forthcoming in 2015.

Professor Anthony Smith Travel Award

The Professor Anthony Smith Travel Award was established to honour the memory of Anthony Smith, who passed away in 2012. Anthony was a foundation member of ARCSHS, and during his twenty years at the Centre, he published or delivered more than 300 articles and presentations, directed major research projects and became a scholar of international repute. He is best known as the creator and chief investigator of Australia's first major study into health and relationships: *The Australian Study of Health and Relationships*. The award is made annually to a full-time PhD student at La Trobe University of outstanding merit carrying out sexuality-related research in order to support attendance at an international conference.

Jayne Russell is researching Australian women's experience of living with HIV through the framework of their social support networks. Jayne received the award for 2014 to attend the 2015 Sunbelt Social Networking Conference in Brighton (UK). This conference is the leading international conference for social network analysts and is held annually in either Europe or the USA by the International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA). Anthony Smith was Jayne's supervisor and particularly involved in the methodological design of her study, which uses personal network analysis and multilevel modelling. She is looking forward to engaging with social network researchers and to hearing about the latest research in social network analysis.

ARCSHS AT AIDS2014

The 20th International AIDS Conference was held in Melbourne from 20-25th July 2014. The following pages outline some of the conference-related activities of staff and students from the Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society (ARCSHS).

MEDIA AND PROMOTION

ARCSHS Booth

A booth in the Exhibition Hall provided an engagement and networking hub to profile ARCSHS work and hold informal discussions and meetings with new and current national and international colleagues. An informal celebration was held to mark 21 years of ARCSHS conducting social research in HIV and related areas. Staff were also involved in a range of booths and events held in the associated Global Village that was open to the public and ran throughout the event.

Media

Marian Pitts kicked off the series of AIDS 2014 pieces for The Conversation with “HIV in Australia: we’ve come a long way but there’s more to do” and was interviewed by ABC

radio on the conference and the loss of Joep Lange and others in the air crash. Joe Latham (PhD student) worked as a conference volunteer in the media centre.

ARCSHS set up a specific webpage to profile its conference activities. This page was visited over 300 times during the conference.

A team of ARCSHS staff, coordinated by Bianca Fileborn, tweeted from the ARCSHS account (@LTU_Sex_Health) throughout the conference. This account now has over 700 followers. For the week of the conference, Daniel Reeders was guest host of the @WePublicHealth account curated by Croakey (the Crikey Health Blog).

The analytics service Symplur tracked the #AIDS2014 hashtag for tweets during the conference. In terms of original impact, this account came second and the ARCSHS account came tenth worldwide.

Tweets have since been collated using tools like Storify and Medium to create documentary and reflective narratives:

- Beyond Blame Pre-conference on HIV criminalisation
- Stunning results from iPrEX Open Label Extension study

The ARCSHS Facebook page was launched before the conference, coordinated by Daniel Du Plooy. During the time of the conference the page received 85 ‘organic’ likes. Over 50 posts were made from the page as well as 9 wall posts. The highest impact post was an article in the Conversation by Associate Professor Anne Mitchell which reached the timelines of 722 people.



ARCSHS booth at AIDS2014 ▲



CONFERENCE PLANNING

Marian Pitts was the local co-Chair of the Scientific Committee for AIDS 2014. Together with her co-chairs Jürgen Rockstroh (Germany) and Gita Ramjee (South Africa), Marian was responsible for the abstract driven sessions, including coordinating the five tracks in selecting and building the best abstracts for presentation (orally and by poster). The Scientific Chairs joined with community and leadership partners to form the coordinating committee of AIDS 2014 that was collectively responsible for the overall program.

Levinia Crooks was the representative of the local Scientific Partner to the conference (Australasian Society for HIV Medicine).

AFFILIATED CONFERENCE EVENTS

HIV and hepatitis C treatment as prevention

The Centre for Research Excellence into Injecting Drug Use (CREIDU) held a colloquium on HIV and hepatitis C treatment as prevention. Jack Wallace was an invited speaker and panellist at the meeting and provided an individual's perspective as a person affected by the virus, and commented on the ethical, community and health implications of the intervention.

Social research and the response to HIV: legacy and future

A joint affiliated symposium was hosted by ARCSHS and the Centre for Social Research in Health (CSHR) at University of NSW. Gary Dowsett from ARCSHS and Peter Aggleton and John de Wit from CSHR convened the symposium, and together with Judy Auerbach from the University of California, they each chaired one of the four plenary sessions. The day attracted a diverse audience of over 80 people. A variety of keynote speakers discussed themes such as legacy, new ideas, research into practice and practice into research, and the future social research agenda in the HIV pandemic.

Australian HIV policy – where to next?

Graham Brown was an invited panellist at an AIDS2014 affiliated symposium hosted by Deakin University titled Australian HIV Policy – where to next?

HIV and mobile populations

Graham Brown presented an invited paper at the HIV and Mobile Populations AIDS2014 affiliated event in Perth. This provided an opportunity for ARCSHS and the WA Centre for Health Promotion Research to present joint policy research on Australia's response to HIV and mobile populations. This led to discussions with fellow presenters from Public Health England and Australian colleagues about further joint work.

DFAT leadership program

Levinia Crooks led a leadership program funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Hosted at La Trobe, this program brought together more than 200 high level delegates, mainly from the Asia Pacific region, before and after the conference to assist them in gaining best value from the conference. Stephen McNally and Jeffrey Grierson received a grant to run a component of this course; Stephen and Jayne Russell (PhD student) delivered the program. There is an ongoing associated mentoring scheme.

Other affiliated events

ARCSHS staff attended and participated in other affiliated events:

- The 2014 International HIV/Viral Hepatitis Co-Infection Meeting.
- Fostering Quality and Quality Improvement (QI) in the Context of HIV Scale Up – this invitation-only event was hosted by Columbia University and the International AIDS Society.
- MSM Global Forum - Setting the Pace: Gay Men, MSM, and Transgender People in the Global AIDS Response – ARCSHS staff attended this major pre-conference meeting and sponsored the MSMGF roadmap for the conference.
- Beyond Blame: challenging HIV criminalisation – this event was hosted by Living Positive Victoria, Victorian AIDS Council/Gay Mens' Health Centre, Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations, and National Association of People Living with HIV Australia. Keynote speakers included Justice Michael Kirby.
- Gay Men's Health and PrEP: The new voices of community activism – this event was hosted by the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and Victorian AIDS Council.



Thoko Njoloma with condom dresses.



Sir Bob Geldoff being interviewed on stage by Waleed Aly.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS

Skills building workshop

ARCSHS and European partner Quality Action were invited by AIDS2014 to conduct a skills building workshop on improving quality in HIV prevention during the conference. Over 100 delegates attended the briefing and more than 40 participated in the three hour workshop. The workshop focussed on the role and benefits of integrating quality improvement into HIV prevention programs and projects, and applying a tool specifically adapted for HIV prevention interventions.

'Understanding What Works & Why' forum

This session was facilitated by Graham Brown in collaboration with international partner Quality Action (Europe). Understanding the role, quality and impact of community HIV prevention interventions within a combination prevention mix (behavioural, structural and biomedical) can be a challenge. However, there are opportunities to build practice-based evidence, synergies and guidance by drawing on exciting new developments in quality improvement, systems thinking, theory based planning, realist evaluation, and mathematical modelling. The session reviewed the potential to strengthen community driven combination prevention with key affected groups.

Posters presented

Oral poster session:

Kylie Johnston, Daniel Reeders, Graham Brown, Marina Carman and Natalie Hendry, What works and why: Applying a systems thinking approach to evaluation and quality improvement for peer-based community HIV programs

Poster Sessions:

Emerich Daroya, 'Not a get-out-of-jail-free card': The role of pre-exposure prophylaxis in online discussion of bareback sex by men who have sex with men (PhD student)

Duane Duncan, Garrett Prestage, Jeffrey Grierson, Fidelity rules: Dating, sex and HIV risk among young Australian gay men

Wendy Heywood, L Blizzard, Kent Patrick and Marian Pitts: Is early first sexual intercourse a precursor to HIV risk behaviour? (PhD student)

Jayne Russell, Conceptualising social and structural factors and their impacts: Difference matters in the personal networks of women living with HIV in Australia (PhD student)

International Candlelight Vigil

ARCSHS was a proud event sponsor of the AIDS2014 Candlelight Vigil in Federation Square. The event was held to remember and honour all those who have lost their lives to HIV and AIDS. It was a free and inclusive community event welcoming all delegates to both the International AIDS Conference 2014 and the local community.

FUNDING

		2014 (AUD)
FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE SOURCES LISTED HERE TOTALLED		4,851,313.25
Funding Source		
Commonwealth Department of Education		361,322.00
Research Infrastructure Block Grant	180,325.00	
Research Training Scheme	103,995.00	
Joint Research Engagement	77,002.00	
Commonwealth Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade		217,936.00
MSM/TG: Strengthening synergies between policy, community and research (Asia)	217,936.00	
Commonwealth Department of Health		1,403,189.87
Supporting aged care services to develop LGBTI inclusive spaces	300,000.00	
From Understanding to Action: A social research program to provide an evidence base for the implementation of the National Blood Borne Viruses and Sexually Transmissible Infections Strategies	785,588.87	
Fifth National Survey of Secondary Students and Sexual Health	70,601.00	
Talking Sexual (and Reproductive) Health – Part 2	247,000.00	
Commonwealth Department of Industry		37,000.00
University of New England Collaborative Research Network for mental health and wellbeing in rural regions	37,000.00	
Commonwealth Department of Social Services		20,000.00
Norma's project (primary prevention of sexual assault against older women)	20,000.00	
Department Education and Early Childhood Development, Victoria		50,000.00
Safe Schools Coalition Victoria	50,000.00	
Department of Health, Victoria		754,173.34
Blood borne virus - training and evaluation	125,324.52	
Gay and Lesbian Health Victoria	274,825.72	
Gay and Lesbian Health Victoria/Healthy Equal Youth project	75,991.47	
HIV seroconversion study	55,023.10	
LGBTI inclusive assessment in aged care assessment services in Victoria	24,000.00	
Rainbow Network	90,616.13	
Safe Schools Coalition Victoria	108,392.40	
La Trobe University - Research Focus Area, Building Healthy Communities		51,480.00
Intersections of disadvantage? Gender and sexuality within Asia-Pacific community organisations	51,480.00	
Faculty of Health Sciences - La Trobe University		744,230.00
Operating grant (Commonwealth Department of Education)	417,377.00	
Postgraduate teaching revenue	140,441.00	

2014 (AUD)

Undergraduate teaching revenue	106,412.00	
Faculty Research Program in Sex, Health and Society grant	80,000.00	
Australian Research Council (ARC)		216,572.50
ARC Linkage Grant: Strengthening community responses to hepatitis B (LP130100624)	147,096.00	
ARC DECRA Fellowship- Whose family values? The Christian right and sexual politics in post-secular Australia (DE120101854)	69,476.50	
beyondblue		413,065.00
Improving online therapy for mood disorders among lesbians and gay men	130,954.20	
Mental health, resilience and sexual recovery among gay men with prostate cancer	121,750.00	
The mental health needs of young people with diverse gender identities	80,360.80	
A resource kit targeting depression and anxiety among older GLBTI Australians	30,000.00	
Analysis of Private Lives 2	50,000.00	
Victorian Health Promotion Foundation		46,810.00
Does talking about sexuality change the game?	46,810.00	
Ansell Ltd		18,200.00
Ansell clearing house	18,200.00	
Australian Communities Foundation		80,504.00
Something for them: Meeting the support needs of LGBT young people who are newly arrived, refugees or asylum seekers	80,504.00	
Coalition to Eradicate Viral Hepatitis in Asia Pacific		78,000.00
Hepatitis B program	78,000.00	
Foundation for Young Australians		165,890.00
Safe Schools Coalition Australia	165,890.00	
Harold Mitchell Foundation		10,000.00
Harold Mitchell Foundation travel fellowships	10,000.00	
Municipal Association of Victoria		14,000.00
GLBTI training	14,000.00	
Women's Health West		50,000.00
Women's Health West United project evaluation	50,000.00	
National LGBTI Health Alliance		49,000.00
LGBTI aged care training	49,000.00	
Miscellaneous		69,940.54
Course fees, royalties and other income	69,940.54	

ARCSHS SEMINARS

ARCSHS presents a series of seminars open to any interested people, covering key issues in sexuality and health.

Associate Professor Kane Race, Chair, Gender and Cultural Studies, University of Sydney
Online hook-up devices in gay life: Speculative pragmatism and the study of intimate arrangements
17 March 2014

Dr Christine Kaestle, Associate Professor, Virginia Tech
Masturbation: Conflicting elements of pleasure and stigma
9 April 2014

Britta Wigginton, Research Officer and PhD Student, School of Psychology, University of Queensland
'Every male I have met believes it is the woman's responsibility': Young Australian women's accounts of accessing contraception
14 May 2014

Dr Chris Lemoh, General Physician, Dandenong Hospital; Immigrant and International Health, University of Melbourne
A glass maze, darkly
9 July 2014

Dr Megan Lim, Preventive Health Research Fellow, Burnet Institute
Sexting, porn, and Tinder: How are new technologies influencing young people's sexual health?
20 August 2014

Dr Patsie Frawley, Research Fellow, Department of Social Work and Social Policy, School of Allied Health, La Trobe University
People with an intellectual disability loving and living: Turning rights into reality
12 November 2014

Dr Graham Brown, Senior Research Fellow, ARCSHS and Daniel Reeders, ARCSHS
Not just individuals and information: Using systems theory to articulate and evaluate the role of peer based approaches in Australia's responses to HIV and hepatitis C
26 November 2014

PROFESSIONAL PARTICIPATION

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

International

AIDS 2014 Pre-conference Satellite Meeting: 'Social Research and the Response to HIV - legacy and future', Conference Co-Chair, Gary Dowsett

Asia Pacific Coalition on Male Sexual Health (APCOM), Social Research Working Group, Co-Chair, Gary Dowsett

Association for the Social Sciences and Humanities in HIV (ASSHH), Director and Board member, Gary Dowsett

Association for the Social Sciences and Humanities in HIV (ASSHH) 2015 Conference Committee, Co-Chair, Gary Dowsett

Association of Reproductive Health Professionals, Member, Jayne Lucke

Coalition to Eradicate Viral Hepatitis in Asia Pacific (CEVHAP), Executive Committee, Member, Jack Wallace

Conference Organising Committee for Australasian Society of HIV Medicine Conference 2015, Member, Anthony Lyons

International AIDS Society, Members, Jayne Lucke and Gary Dowsett

International Association for the Study of Sexuality, Culture and Society (IASSCS), Executive Board member and Chair, Gillian Fletcher

International Association for the Study of Sexuality, Culture and Society (IASSCS), Research and Training Sub-Committee, Chair, Gary Dowsett

International Association for the Study of Sexuality, Culture and Society (IASSCS), Research and Training Sub-Committee, Member, Gillian Fletcher

Quality Action in Europe: Improving HIV Prevention in Europe, Scientific Advisory Committee, Graham Brown

The European Society of Contraception and Reproductive Health, Member, Jayne Lucke

World STI & HIV Congress 2015, International Scientific Committee (Policy and Social Science track), Jayne Lucke

National

A Survivorship Action Partnership (ASAP) network, a program of Prostate Cancer Canada, Member, Richard Wassersug

Ageing Consultative Committee for the Federal Minister for Ageing, Mental Health and Social Inclusion, GLBTI representative, Catherine Barrett

Alzheimer's Association Diversity Working Group, GLBTI representative, Catherine Barrett

Association of Bioethics and Health Law, Member, Jayne Lucke

Australasian Society of HIV Medicine, Conference Organising Committee 2015, Member, Anthony Lyons

Australian Association of Gerontology, GLBTI Special Interest Group, Member, Catherine Barrett

Australian Council for International Development University Network Conference Program Committee, Member, Gillian Fletcher

Australian Longitudinal Study on Women's Health, Steering Committee, Jayne Lucke

Australian Society for Psychosocial Obstetrics and Gynaecology (ASPOG) Conference 2015, organising committee, Member, Jayne Lucke

beyondblue GLBTI National Campaign Reference Group, Member, Lynne Hillier

Centre for Research Excellence in Women's Health in the 21st Century, Associate Investigator, Jayne Lucke

Centre for Social Research in Health Scientific Advisory Committee, Member, Jayne Lucke

Contemporary Look at Hepatitis B organising committee, Chair, Jacqui Richmond

CRN Mental Health and Well-being Conference, Conference Organising Committee, Member, Anthony Lyons

CRN Mental Health and Well-being Conference 2014, Conference Program Committee, Member, Gary Dowsett

Department of Health and Ageing, Working party to develop the National LGBTI Ageing and Aged Care strategy, Co-Chair, Catherine Barrett

Department of Social Services Ageing Expert Advisory Group, GLBTI representative, Catherine Barrett

Department of Social Services Quality Indicators Advisory Group, Catherine Barrett

Hawke Research Institute Advisory Board, Member, Marian Pitts

Janssen Hepatitis C Nursing Advisory Board, Chair, Jacqui Richmond

LGBTI Parliamentary Friendship Network, Federal Parliament, cross-party LGBTI policy group, Member, William Leonard

Ministerial Advisory Committee on Blood Borne Viruses and Sexually Transmissible Infections (MACBBVS), Members, Marian Pitts and Graham Brown

National Gay Men's Syphilis Action Plan Technical Working Group, Member, Garrett Prestage

National Hepatitis B Reference Committee, Member, Jacqui Richmond

National Hepatitis B Testing Policy Committee, Co-writer of policy, Jacqui Richmond

National LGBTI Health Alliance's Ageing and Aged Care Working Group, Member, Catherine Barrett

National Sexual and Reproductive Health Research Steering Committee, Member, Jayne Lucke

National Strategies STI HIV BBV project working groups, Member, Garrett Prestage

NHMRC Certification Assessor Panel (HoMER), Member, Philomena Horsley

Our Watch (Foundation to Prevent Violence against Women and their Children), Respectful relationships education in schools advisory committee, Member, Sue Dyson

Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia, Gay and Bisexual Men's Initiative, Member, Gary Dowsett

Public Health Association of Australia, Member, Jayne Lucke

Public Health Association of Australia, 2nd National Sexual and Reproductive Health Conference, Organising Committee, Member, Gary Dowsett

Roche Hepatology Nursing Masterclass Committee, Chair, Jacqui Richmond

Safe Schools Coalition Australia, National Advisory Committee, Member, Roz Ward

Safe Schools Coalition Australia, Steering Committee, Chair, Anne Mitchell

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Building Health Communities Research Focus Area 2014 Grant Round, reviewer, Anthony Lyons

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Conference Convenor for the National LGBTI Ageing and Aged Care Conference, Carolyn Whyte

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Facilitator Strategic Planning Day for Regional SSAITGD Youth Network, Shepparton, Lottie Turner

Invitation to comment on Draft Australian Curriculum: Health and Physical Education, Jenny Walsh

Meeting with Margaret Quirk MLA, Parliament House Perth to present evidence to the Community Development and Justice Standing Committee's Inquiry into Policy Implications of an Ageing Community, Catherine Barrett

National LGBTI Ageing and Aged Care Round Table with Federal Minister, Catherine Barrett

Polish National Science Centre Major Grant Round, reviewer, Anthony Lyons

Secondary consultation services to Brimbank City Council Youth Strategy 2015-19, City of Boroondara Youth Services, Darebin City Council Libraries, Darebin City Council Youth Services, Mind Australia, Inner City, Salvation Army Crossroads, North Fitzroy, Trinity Grammar counselling team, Lottie Turner

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- Fletcher, G., Peersman, G., & Guijt, I. (2014). *It's the principle of the thing: How do we ensure that evaluation contributes to closing gaps between international development rhetoric and practice?* Roundtable at Unleashing the Power of Evaluation. The Australasian Evaluation Association. Darwin, 10-12 September.
- Hajarizadeh, B. (presenting author), Grady, B., Page, K., Kim, A. Y., McGovern, B. H., Cox, A. L., Rice, T. M., Sacks-Davis, R., Bruneau, J., Morris, M., Amin, J., Schinkel, J., Applegate, T., Maher, L., Hellard, M., Lloyd, A. R., Prins, M., Gekus, R. B., Dore, G. J., & Grebely, J. (2014). *Factors associated with hepatitis C virus RNA levels in early acute and early chronic infection: The InC3 study*. Poster presentation at The Liver Meeting®, The 65th annual meeting of American association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD). Boston, USA, 7-11 November.
- Hajarizadeh, B. (presenting author), Grady, B., Page, K., Kim, A. Y., McGovern, B. H., Cox, A. L., Rice, T. M., Sacks-Davis, R., Bruneau, J., Morris, M., Amin, J., Schinkel, J., Applegate, T., Maher, L., Hellard, M., Lloyd, A. R., Prins, M., Dore, G. J., & Grebely, J. (2014). *Patterns of hepatitis C virus RNA levels during acute infection: The InC3 study*. Poster presentation at The Liver Meeting®, The 65th annual meeting of American association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD). Boston, USA, 7-11 November.
- Heywood, W., Blizzard, L., Patrick, K., & Pitts, M. K. (2014). *Is early first sexual intercourse a precursor to HIV risk behaviour?* Poster presentation at 20th International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2014). Melbourne, 21 July.
- Johnston, K., Reeders, D., Brown, G., Carman, M., & Hendry, N. (2014). *What works and why (W3): Applying a systems thinking approach to evaluation and quality improvement for peer based community HIV programs*. Oral poster at 20th International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2014). Melbourne, July.
- Jones, T. W. (2014). *Canon law on child sexual abuse*. Refereed conference paper at International Conference on Gender and the Law. University of Izmir. Izmir, Turkey, 4-7 June.
- Jones, T. W. (2014). *'Crimen Pessimum', or 'the worst crime': Child sexual abuse in canon law, 1917-1983*. Refereed conference paper at Transnational Responses to Child Sexual Abuse since 1880. Cardiff University. Cardiff, Wales, 12 April.
- Jones, T. W. (2014). *Historical influences on institutional child sexual abuse*. Government roundtable presentation at Expert Workshop. Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. Sydney, 17 October.
- Jones, T. W. (2014). *Sexual violence and canon law in the Australian Roman Catholic Church: 'Crimen Solicitationis' as conspiracy or neglect?* Refereed conference paper at Australian Historical Association Annual Conference. University of Queensland. Brisbane, 7-11 July.
- Jones, T. W. (2014). *Towards a postsecular history of sexuality*. Refereed conference paper at New Directions: Gender, Sex and Sexuality in 20th Century. University College London. London, 8 April.
- Latham, J. R. (2014). *How to have trans sex: Narrativising sexuality, materialising maleness*. Refereed presentation at Sexuality Studies Association. Brock University. St Catharines, Canada, 30 May.
- Leonard, W. (2014). *Introducing GLHV and the Rainbow Tick*. Invited presentation at The Future of LGBT Ageing: Rethinking Research Directions. Manchester Institute for Collaborative Research on Ageing (MICRA), University of Manchester, United Kingdom, 22 October.
- Leonard, W. (2014). *Rainbow Ticking: The importance of partnerships in developing LGBTI-inclusive health and community services*. Invited symposium presentation at ASHM Leadership and Mentoring Program, AIDS 2014. Australasian Society for HIV Medicine (ASHM). Melbourne, 11 July.
- Leonard, W. (2014). *Reporting on the support needs of LGBT young people from refugee and newly arrived backgrounds*. Roundtable presentation. School of Primary Health Care, Monash University. Melbourne, 19 May.
- Leonard, W. (2014). *What a difference a gay makes: Rethinking gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) aging and the provision of inclusive aged care services*. Aging and Society Conference. The Manchester Conference Centre, Manchester, United Kingdom, 7 November.

Powell, S., Braybrook, N., Bryen, D., Burgess, C., Collins, D., Krishnasamy, E., Leitingner, D., Wright, J., Pedrana, A., & Brown, G. (2014). *PRONTO! Expanding the peer experience - strengthening HIV communities from the inside out*. Poster Exhibition at 20th International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2014). Melbourne, July.

Power, L., Fowler, N., Brown, G., Hyde, J., & Muchamore, I. (2014). *Australian HIV policy - where to next?* Presentation and Panel Discussion at Deakin University Policy Satellite at 20th International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2014). Melbourne, 18 July.

Richmond, J. (2014). *Australia's response to hepatitis B*. Invited keynote address at Annual New Zealand Viral Hepatitis Nurse Conference. New Zealand Hepatitis Foundation. Auckland, New Zealand, 31 October.

Richmond, J. (2014). *Understanding how people with hepatitis B respond - Overview of the ARCSHS hepatitis B research*. Invited refereed conference paper at Annual New Zealand Viral Hepatitis Nurse Conference. New Zealand Hepatitis Foundation. Auckland, New Zealand, 31 October.

Russell, J. (2014). *Difference matters in the personal networks of women living with HIV in Australia*. Poster presentation at 20th International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2014). Melbourne, 21 July.

Tavener, M., Tooth, L., McKenzie, L., & Lucke, J. (2014). *Can we recognize women's experiences of care-giving as a community of practice?* Refereed conference paper at Health, Security and Community, 12th Global Conference on Ageing. Hyderabad, India, 10 June.

Thorpe, R. (2014). *Australian women negotiating appearance in older age*. Refereed conference paper at XVIII ISA World Congress of Sociology. International Sociological Association. Yokohama, Japan, 19 July.

Thorpe, R., Fileborn, B., Hawkes, G., & Minichiello, V. (2014). *Re-writing the script? Australian women negotiating sexuality, relationships and appearance in later life*. Colloquium at Aging and Society Fourth Interdisciplinary Conference. University of Manchester. Manchester, England, 7-8 November.

Turner, L., Radcliffe, J., & Birkinshaw, Z. (2014). *Improving the mental health and wellbeing of LGBTI young people - What's inclusive practice got to do with it?* Invited panel presentation at MindOUT LGBTI Mental Health Conference. National LGBTI Health Alliance. Sydney, 26 June.

Wallace, J., Locarnini, S., & Pitts, M. (2014). *Building systematic public policy responses to viral hepatitis: Taiwan, a case study*. Poster at Asia Pacific Association for the Study of the Liver (APASL) 2014. APASL. Brisbane, March.

Wallace, J. (2014). *A social perspective for the development of national hepatitis action plans*. Invited symposium presentation at Viral Hepatitis Action Plans: Blueprint for a Partnership Response. Coalition to Eradicate Viral Hepatitis in Asia Pacific, and Asia Pacific Association for the Study of the Liver. Brisbane, 14 March.

Wentzlaff-Eggebert, M., Brown, G., & Noestlinger, C. (2014). *Quality action: Improving quality in HIV prevention*. Invited Scientific Development Workshop at 20th International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2014). Melbourne, 23 July.

Westle, A. (2014). *"It's not about being masculine"; the male dancers body - navigating professional expectations vs. social expectations*. Refereed conference paper at Restoring Balance: Ecology, Sustainability, Performance. The Australasian Association for Theatre, Drama and Performance Studies. Wellington, New Zealand, 28 June.

NATIONAL CONFERENCES

Bariola, E., Pitts, M. K., Jack, G., Riach, K., & Schapper, J. (2014). *Do work characteristics affect women's experience of the menopause?* Refereed conference paper at Women's Health from The Top End. Australian Society for Psychosocial Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Darwin, August.

Bariola, E., Lyons, A., & Leonard, W. (2014). *What's place got to do with it? Variations in the mental health of LGB Australians according to geographic location*. Refereed conference paper at Courageous Voices: Seeds of Hope and Transformation. National LGBTI Health Alliance. Sydney, June.

Barrett, C. (2014). *LGBTI timelines and why they matter*. Val's Café Conference. LGBTI Ageing and Aged Care. Melbourne, 28 October.

Barrett, C. (2014). *Sexual assault*. National Elder Abuse Conference. Perth, 4 September.

Barrett, C. (2014). *Sexuality after stroke*. Australian Association of Gerontologists Conference. Adelaide, 25 November.

Barrett, C., & Crameri, P. (2014). *Sexuality and ageing*. Australian Medical Students Association Conference. Melbourne.

Brown, G. (2014). *Combination not parallel - A systems view of partnerships to get beyond the rhetoric*. Invited Plenary at National Gay Men's HIV Health Promotion Conference. Sydney, 7-10 April.

Brown, G., Johnston, K., Carman, M., & Ellard, J. (2014). *Combination prevention with confidence? Development of a monitoring, evaluation and learning (MEL) and quality improvement (QI) framework for combination prevention*. Promises and Limitations: Biomedical treatment and prevention in the real world, 13th Social Research Conference on HIV, Viral Hepatitis and Related Diseases. Centre for Social Research in Health, UNSW. Sydney, 20-21 February.

Brown, G., Crawford, G., Lobo, R., & Langdon, T. (2014). *HIV and mobility - Road map for action*. Multicultural Sexual Health Network Forum. Multicultural Health Support Service, Centre for Culture, Ethnicity and Health. Melbourne, 21 October.

Brown, G., Crawford, G., Lobo, R., & Langdon, T. (2014). *HIV and mobility - Road map for action*. National HIV Forum. Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations. Sydney, 17 October.

Brown, G., Wilkinson, A., Hoy, J., Whittaker, B., Muchamore, I., & Corneliss, V. (2014). *How much is your health worth?* Panel discussion on reducing financial barriers at HIV treatment in Victoria. Living Positive Victoria and Burnet Institute. Melbourne, 14 February.

Crameri, P. (2014). *LGBTI aged care assessment*. Poster at Australian Association of Gerontologists Conference. Adelaide, 25 November.

Crameri, P. (2014). *LGBTI dementia research project*. Australian Association of Gerontologists Conference. Adelaide, 25 November.

Crameri, P. (2014). *LGBTI inclusive service delivery, translating research into practice*. Val's Café Conference. LGBTI Ageing and Aged Care. Melbourne, 28 October.

Daroya, E. (2014). *The emergence of PrEP and other phenomena in gay and other homosexually active men's online discussions on barebacking*. 13th Social Research Conference on HIV, Viral Hepatitis and Related Diseases. Centre for Social Research in Health, UNSW. Sydney, 19 February.

- Dowsett, G. W. (2014). *Does 'men's health' make sense to men?* Invited plenary presentation at Andrology Australia 2014 Forum. Andrology Australia. Launceston, 13-15 June.
- Dowsett, G. W. (2014). *The sexual century, AIDS and the pursuit of desire*. Counterhegemonies, Intellectual Work and Social Justice in Changed Times: A conference on the occasion of Raewyn Connell's retirement. Sydney University. Sydney, 6 September.
- Fileborn, B. (2014). *'Doing' safety in pubs and clubs: Considering the strategies of GLBTIQ young adults*. Queer Criminologies Symposium. Brisbane, 4 July.
- Fileborn, B. (2014). *Staying safe on a night out: Considering young adults' perceptions of safety in licensed venues*. Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology Conference. Sydney, 1-3 October.
- Fileborn, B. (2014). *Street harassment and online activism: Considering the potential for meeting victims' justice needs*. Critical Criminology. Monash University. Melbourne, 5-6 December.
- Fileborn, B. (2014). *Unwanted sexual attention in licensed venues: Moving beyond prevention through environmental design*. Crime Prevention and Communities Conference. Melbourne, 10-11 June.
- Fraser, C., Wigginton, B., Harris, M., Bateson, D., Stewart, M., Loxton, D., & Lucke, J. (2014). *Contraceptive consultations in primary care: Who's talking?* Refereed conference paper at 2nd National Sexual and Reproductive Health Conference. Public Health Association of Australia. Melbourne, 18 November.
- Hajarizadeh, B. (presenting author), Grady, B., Page, K., Kim, A. Y., McGovern, B. H., Cox, A. L., Rice, T. M., Sacks-Davis, R., Bruneau, J., Morris, M., Amin, J., Schinkel, J., Applegate, T., Maher, L., Hellard, M., Lloyd, A. R., Prins, M., Dore, G. J., & Grebely, J. (2014). *Patterns of hepatitis C virus RNA levels during acute infection: The InC3 study*. Refereed conference paper at The 9th Australasian Viral Hepatitis Conference (AVHC). Alice Springs, 17-19 September.
- Hajarizadeh, B. (presenting author), Grady, B., Page, K., Kim, A. Y., McGovern, B. H., Cox, A. L., Rice, T. M., Sacks-Davis, R., Bruneau, J., Morris, M., Amin, J., Schinkel, J., Applegate, T., Maher, L., Hellard, M., Lloyd, A. R., Prins, M., Gekus, R. B., Dore, G. J., & Grebely, J. (2014). *Factors associated with hepatitis C virus RNA levels in early acute and early chronic infection: The InC3 study*. Refereed conference paper at The 9th Australasian Viral Hepatitis Conference (AVHC). Alice Springs, 17-19 September.
- Hajarizadeh, B. (presenting author), Wallace, J., Ngo, N., & Richmond, J. (2014). *Hepatitis B knowledge among people with chronic hepatitis B in Australia*. Refereed conference paper at The 9th Australasian Viral Hepatitis Conference (AVHC). Alice Springs, 17-19 September.
- Harris, M. L., Wigginton, B., Loxton, D., & Lucke, J. (2014). *"It's my body": Patterns of contraceptive use among young Australian women*. Refereed conference paper at 2nd National Sexual and Reproductive Health Conference. Public Health Association of Australia. Melbourne, 18 November.
- Latham, J.R., & Intersex International Australia (Organisation). (2014). *Intersex ageing*. Val's Café Conference. LGBTI Ageing and Aged Care. Melbourne, 28 October.
- Latham, J.R. (2014). *Trans ageing and aged care*. Val's Café Conference. LGBTI Ageing and Aged Care. Melbourne, 28 October.
- Le, R., & Mude, W. (2014). *Strengthening community responses to chronic hepatitis B*. Refereed oral presentation at The 9th Australasian Viral Hepatitis Conference (AVHC). Alice Springs, 17-19 September.
- Leonard, W. (2014). *Mapping the complex relationships between mental ill-health and drug and alcohol use among LGB Australians: A closer look at Private Lives 2*. Refereed conference paper at LGBTI Mental Health Conference. National LGBTI Health Alliance. Sydney, 26 June.
- Leonard, W. (2014). *The health and wellbeing of LGBTI young people*. Invited refereed conference paper at Young People at Risk Forum. Informa. Melbourne, 27 June.
- Leonard, W. (2014). *The limits of tolerance: Sexual orientation and gender identity as social determinants of health?* Invited refereed conference paper at Public Forum: Racism and Culture as Social Determinants of Health. Social Determinants of Health Alliance (SDOHA). Melbourne, 20 February.
- Leonard, W., & Patel, S. (2014). *No longer an optional extra: Rainbow Ticking and the delivery of LGBTI-inclusive services*. National LGBTI Ageing and Aged Care Conference. Melbourne, 29 October.
- Lucke, J. (2014). *"I had no idea there were so many options!" Young women and LARC*. Invited presentation at a symposium entitled "LARC Ascending! Promoting long acting reversible contraception at the policy, clinical and community levels" at Australasian Sexual Health Conference. Australasian Sexual Health Conference Alliance. Sydney, 10 September.
- Lyons, A., & Hosking, W. (2014). *Rural-urban differences in the mental health of young gay men*. Refereed conference paper at CRN Mental Health and Well-being Conference. University of New England. Coffs Harbour, April.
- McNair, R., Pennay, A., Leonard, W., Hegarty, K., Brown, R., Valpied, J., Hegarty, K., Hughes, T., & Lubman, D. (2014). *Developing a culturally responsive approach to alcohol reduction with same-sex attracted women*. The RACGP Conference. Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide, 10 October.
- Meurk, C., Keane, H., Fraser, S., Seear, K., Madden, A., Morphet, K., Fraser, D., Carter, A., Lucke, J., & Hall, W. (2014). *Neuroscientific accounts of addiction: Social and ethical dimensions*. Symposium at Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and Other Drugs Scientific Conference. Adelaide, 9 November.
- Richmond, J. (2014). *Hepatitis C and ageing*. Refereed conference paper at 9th Australasian Viral Hepatitis Conference. Australasian Society for HIV Medicine (ASHM). Alice Springs, 19 September.
- Richmond, J. (2014). *Hepatology nursing in the era of expanding hepatitis C evidence*. Refereed conference paper at 9th Australasian Viral Hepatitis Conference. Australasian Society for HIV Medicine (ASHM). Alice Springs, 18 September.
- Richmond, J. (2014). *Psychosocial health among people with chronic hepatitis B in Australia*. Refereed conference paper at 9th Australasian Viral Hepatitis Conference. Australasian Society for HIV Medicine (ASHM). Alice Springs, 19 September.
- Richmond, J. (2014). *The challenges and possible solutions for addressing hepatitis B across key priority populations*. Invited panel presentation at 9th Australasian Viral Hepatitis Conference. Australasian Society for HIV Medicine (ASHM). Alice Springs, 17 September.
- Rozbroj, T., & Lyons, A. (2014). *Improving online mental health therapy for lesbians and gay men*. Refereed conference paper at CRN Mental Health and Well-being Conference. University of New England. Coffs Harbour, April.
- Smith, E., & Ward, R. (2014). *Finally feeling comfortable: Gender diverse and transgender young people's experiences with mental health professionals*. Refereed conference paper at MindOut Conference. LGBTIQ Health Alliance. Sydney, 27 June.

Wallace, J., Pitts, M. K., Lin, V., Lai, W., Liu, C., Hajarizadeh, B., & Richmond, J. (2014). *Chinese viral hepatitis needs assessment*. 9th Australasian Viral Hepatitis Conference. Australasian Society of HIV Medicine (ASHM). Alice Springs, September.

Whyte, C. (2014). *Then and now - older LGBTI people and visibility*. Val's Café Conference. LGBTI Ageing and Aged Care. Melbourne, 28 October.

Whyte, C. (2014). *Older lesbian and gay relationships*. Poster at Australian Association of Gerontologists Conference. Adelaide, 25 November.

Wigginton, B., Harris, M., Loxton, D., & Lucke, J. (2014). *What "finding the 'right' contraceptive" means to young Australian women*. Poster at 2nd National Sexual and Reproductive Health Conference. Public Health Association of Australia. Melbourne, 18 November.

Wigginton, B., Moran, C., Harris, M., Loxton, D., & Lucke, J. (2014). *I love having a choice*. Refereed conference paper at Australasian Society for Behavioural Health and Medicine (ASBHM) Conference. Australasian Society for Behavioural Health and Medicine (ASBHM). Auckland, New Zealand, 12 February.

PRESENTATIONS AT MEETINGS

Barrett, C. (2014). HIV and ageing. Alfred Hospital, 27 March.

Barrett, C. (2014). Office for Women's Advancement. Darwin, 9 May.

Barrett, C., & Crameri, P. (2014). *LGBTI dementia project meeting*, 14 October.

Barrett, C. (2014). *LGBTI ageing and aged care*. Presentation to GRAI Board. Perth, 30 July.

Barrett, C. (2014). *LGBTI ageing and aged care*. LASA Young Leaders Program. Perth, 31 July.

Barrett, C. (2014). *LGBTI ageing and aged care*. Ageing and Aged Care Organisations. Perth, 1 September.

Barrett, C., & Crameri, P. (2014). *LGBTI dementia project meeting*. 2 May.

Barrett, C. (2014). *Sexuality after stroke*. Stroke Leadership Group, Department of Health. Melbourne, 18 July.

Barrett, C., & Crameri, P. (2014). *Sexuality and ageing*. Mental Health Forum. Dandenong, 16 July.

Barrett, C. (2014). *Sexuality and ageing*. Australian Association of Sexologists. Melbourne, 10 September.

Barrett, C. (2014). *Sexuality and ageing*. Women's Health in the South East Annual General Meeting. Melbourne, 7 October.

Barrett, C., & Crameri, P. (2014). *Women's Health in the South East*. 7 July.

Brown, G., & Reeders, D. (2014). *What Works and Why project*. Invited presentation and workshop, National Association of People Living with HIV Annual General Meeting and Workshop. Sydney, 15 November.

Crameri, P. (2014). Victorian Committee for Aboriginal Aged Care and Disability (VCAAD) meeting, 12 February.

Crameri, P. (2014). ACAS State Training Reference Group, Department of Health, 11 March.

Crameri, P. (2014). Melbourne Queer Film Festival, 15 March.

Crameri, P. (2014). IDAHO forum, City of Moonee Valley, 15 May.

Crameri, P. (2014). *ACAS training reference group meeting*. Department of Health, 10 June.

Crameri, P. (2014). *DoH diversity working group*. 6 March.

Crameri, P. (2014). *LGPro aged and disability special interest group*. 20 March.

Crameri, P. (2014). *LGBTI HACC action plan meeting*. City of Yarra, 3 June.

Crameri, P. (2014). *LGBTI inclusive aged care assessment presentation*. NARI forum, 24 June.

Crameri, P. (2014). *LGBTI inclusive aged care services*. Brimbank Aged Care Service Providers Network, 11 February.

Crameri, P. (2014). *Sexuality and older people*. Manningham Centre. Bulleen, 14 May.

Crameri, P. (2014). *Val's Café presentation*. Bendigo Queer Film Festival Breakfast, 27 April.

Dowsett, G. W. (2014). *The interface between research and practice*. Session chair of panel presentation, AIDS 2014 Pre-conference satellite meeting: Social Research and the Response to HIV - Legacy and Future, ARCSHS (La Trobe University) and the Centre for Social Research in Health (UNSW). Melbourne, 18 July.

Dyson, S. (2014). *Building a respectful community*. Invited speaker, Respectful relationships schools showcase, Good Samaritan Inn. Melbourne, 14 October.

Dyson, S. (2014). *Gender and equity: Knowledge, skills, challenges and strategies*. Invited symposium presentation, Preventing violence against women: Health promotion approaches, Women's Health in the South East. Melbourne, 23 September.

Dyson, S. (2014). *Program evaluation*. Workshop, Partners in Prevention Network, Domestic Violence Resource Centre Victoria. Melbourne, 19 March.

Dyson, S. (2014). *Respectful relationships education to prevent violence against women*. Invited presentation, You, Me and Us Respectful relationships manual launch, Women's Health West. Melbourne, 25 November.

Fletcher, G. (2014). *Participatory evaluation: Theory and history*. Workshop at government or sector forum, Participatory evaluation approaches of INGOs: Issue and challenges from the field, Australasian Evaluation Society (AES) and Oxfam Australia: international development evaluation capacity building collaboration. Melbourne, 22 May.

Jones, T. W. (2014). *Occasions of sin: Canon law and the 'discovery' of child sexual abuse*. Presentation, ARCSHS Seminar Series, Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society (ARCSHS), La Trobe University. Melbourne, 17 September.

Jones, T. W. (2014). *Postsecular sex? The new Christian right and sex in Australia since the 1970s*. Roundtable presentation, Melbourne Feminist History Network Seminar, University of Melbourne. Melbourne, 23 September.

Jones, T. W. (2014). *The treatment of sexually offending clergy, 1842-2013*. Presentation, History Research Seminar, University of Melbourne. Melbourne, 11 September.

Latham, J. R., & Crameri, P. (2014). *LGBTI ageing and aged care*. Vincent Care, 13 October.

Le, R. (2014). *Strengthening community responses to chronic hepatitis B*. Invited oral presentation, BBV Workforce Network, ARCSHS, La Trobe University. Melbourne, 29 October.

Lucke, J. (2014). Address, La Trobe University Graduation Ceremony, Faculty of Health Sciences, La Trobe University, 14 May.

Lucke, J. (2014). *Sexual and reproductive health among young people*. Invited symposium presentation, Inaugural Young People at Risk Forum, Informa. Melbourne, 26-27 June.

Lyons, A. (2014). *Testing and developing a community resilience tool in rural communities*. Symposium, La Trobe University Building Healthy Communities Forum. Melbourne, February.

Patel, S. (2014). *Delivering LGBTI inclusive services*. Invited forum presentation, Is your service LGBTI inclusive?, Gateway Community Health. Wodonga, 15 May.

Patel, S. (2014). *LGBTI & CALD health and wellbeing*. Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria (ECCV) Health Policy Sub Committee, Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria. Melbourne, 8 October.

Patel, S. (2014). *LGBTI and CALD community training partnerships*. Panel presentation, Sexual Health and Viral Hepatitis BBV/STI Forum 2013-14, Department of Health. Melbourne, 25 February.

Patel, S. (2014). *LGBTI inclusive practice*. Poster discussion, Hospital Community Advisory Group, Frankston Hospital Community Advisory Group. Frankston Hospital, Frankston, 20 February.

Patel, S. (2014). *Models of inclusive service provision*. Invited presentation and workshop, 2014 LGPro Aged and Disability Services Seminar, LGPro - Commonwealth and Victorian Government HACC program. Melbourne, 12 September.

Patel, S. (2014). *Rainbow Tick*. Invited presentation, Community Advisory Group, Peninsula Health. Melbourne, 20 February.

Patel, S. (2014). *Same-sex attraction within culturally and linguistically diverse communities*. Professional seminar, invited presentation, Victorian Transactional Mental Health Seminar Series, Victorian Transactional Mental Health. Melbourne, 21 May.

Thorpe, R., & Fileborn, B. (2014). *Sex and the body in older age: Australian women's accounts*. Invited seminar presentation, University of Sheffield. Sheffield, England, 12 November.

Turner, L. (2014). Guest presentation, UN Youth Summit for IDAHOBT, 16 May.

Turner, L., Radcliffe, J., & Birkinshaw, Z. (2014). *LGBTI inclusive youth service provision*. Invited panel presentation, Victorian Rural/Regional Youth Conference, Quantum Support Services Inc. Morwell, 5 June.

Turner, L. (2014). *LGBTI inclusive youth service provision*. Speaker, Orygen Youth Health Resource Launch, Orygen Youth Health. Melbourne, 19 June.

Turner, L. (2014). *LGBTI inclusive youth service provision*. Panel presentation, A special Education Breakfast Forum "Same sex attracted and gender diverse young people - inclusive practice, best practice", Inner-South SSAGD Youth Issues Network. Melbourne, 7 August.

Turner, L. (2014). *LGBTI-inclusive youth service provision 101*. Workshop, Colour of Youth, IELLEN and AGMC. Melbourne, 21 February.

Wallace, J. (2014). HIV/Hepatitis Coinfection Summit. Madrid, 15 October.

Wallace, J. (2014). *The perspective of a person with hepatitis C on new treatments and treatment as prevention*. Invited symposium presentation, HIV and hepatitis C treatment as prevention in people who inject drugs: The promise, the pitfalls and the public health benefits, Centre for Research Excellence into Injecting Drug Use, Burnet Institute. Melbourne, 16 July.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Leonard, W. (2014, 17 January). Righting historical wrongs for gay men. Opinion piece in *La Trobe University News*.

Leonard, W. (2014, 24 January). A victory for dignity over shame. *Newmatilda.com*.

MAGAZINE ARTICLES

Horsley, P. (2014, August). Sexual assault and older women: Shining a light on a hidden problem. *The Health Advocate*, 25. <https://ahha.asn.au/publication/health-advocate>

Latham, J. R. (2014, 22 January). Special considerations for transsexual surgeries. *Polare*, 98, 28-29. <http://www.gendercentre.org.au/documents/polare/Polare-98.pdf>

ELECTRONIC ARTICLES

Reeders, D. (2014). Bringing systems thinking into conversation with realist evaluation and quality improvement. *W3 Project: Understanding what works and why in peer based approaches for combination prevention in HIV and hepatitis C*. <http://whatworkswhyproject.wordpress.com/2014/11/10/bringing-systems-thinking-into-conversation-with-realist-evaluation-and-quality-improvement/>. Blog entry.

Reeders, D., & Brown, G. (2014). Five surprising things we've learned about peer based programs. *W3 Project: Understanding what works and why in peer based approaches for combination prevention in HIV and hepatitis C*. <http://whatworkswhyproject.wordpress.com/2014/07/10/five-surprising-things-weve-learned-about-peer-based-programs/>. Blog entry.

ARCSHS STUDENT OR STAFF MEMBER QUOTED IN MEDIA ITEM

Anthony Lyons: J. Findlay. (2014, 9 October). Latrobe study finds rural gays more likely to experience mental stress. *Melbourne Community Voice (MCV)*. <http://gaynewsnetwork.com.au/news/latrobe-study-finds-rural-gays-more-likely-to-suffer-mental-stress-15341.html>

Anthony Smith, Anthony Lyons, and colleagues on "Sexual and Relationship Satisfaction Among Heterosexual Men and Women: The Importance of Desired Frequency of Sex": L. Firestone. (2014, 22 October). 5 excuses to stop making about sex. *Huffington Post*. http://www.huffingtonpost.com/lisa-firestone/five-excuses-to-stop-maki_b_6024356.html

Catherine Barrett: Julia May. (2014, 7 July). Shocking numbers of elderly women being abused in aged care homes. *The Age*. <http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/shocking-numbers-of-elderly-women-being-abused-in-aged-care-homes-20140706-3bg9w.html>

Catherine Barrett and Norma's Project: Aged and ageing LGBTI conference (Audio). *Absolutely Everybody*: JOY 94.9. <http://joy.org.au/absolutelyeverybody/2014/11/08/aged-and-ageing-lgbti-conference/>

Catherine Barrett and Norma's Project: L. Belardi. (2014, 11 July). Call for tougher action to prevent sexual assault. *Australian Ageing Agenda*. <http://www.australianageingagenda.com.au/2014/07/11/call-tougher-action-prevent-sexual-assault/>

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