



WAAC

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



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NGALA KAADITJ NOONGAR MOORT KEYEN KAADAK NIDJA BOODJA.

Translates to: We acknowledge Noongar people as the original custodians of this land.

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we work. We pay our respect to the Elders past, present and future, and acknowledge all First Nations Peoples and their immutable strength, resilience and connection to land and country.

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A WORD FROM OUR CHAIRPERSON

Dolly Parton once sang “I can see the light of a clear blue morning, I can see the light of a brand new day”. That is often how I feel about WAAC – each day we are getting better and contributing more to our aims.

This is my second report as Chair, and the conclusion of my first term in this role.

My focus has been on improving the clinical governance, improving board engagement, building WAAC’s profile and revenue base and re-establishing our position of sexual health leadership. With the support of the management team, led by the CEO, I am also pleased to report that we are increasingly present in regional areas, with aims to meet people where they are.

Our clinical governance review has been completed, this is now being rolled out; WAAC is an increasingly recognised brand; new financial streams are being developed; and, WAAC’s expertise has been widely sought and increasingly recognised.

The custodianship of WAAC is entrusted to the Board, but is only realised by the committed and capable staff. WAAC isn’t defined by one person or one group of people, but by the entire efforts of staff and volunteers. They were led capably in the financial year by the CEO, and I thank them for their efforts during that period. The staff ably navigate a myriad of challenges and are strongly supportive of each other. From where I sit, I see their great determination to serve the community which fruits positive results for individuals and cohorts alike.

Need for our services remains strong, for example:

- HIV notifications have been increasing, largely in-line borders have reopened;
- With a new location M Clinic is able to offer new services while continuing with increased demand for existing support;
- Freedom creates spaces for young people to access to support they need as they navigate, well, life itself;
- WAAC’s training programs are sought after by organisations across all sectors, taking our message to new ears.

I want to particularly acknowledge the contributions of Mairead Grant, Sal Cleveray, Sharmila Radha Krishnan and Rachel Anderson. I thank the now former CEO for their efforts during the reporting period, especially their vision to compile a management group of such committed and thoughtful professionals. The management are committed professionals delivering a wide-range of services and programs. Their energy, creativity and being able to align their staff on goals is the key to WAAC’s achievements. Their contributions and insight is greatly appreciated and listened to.

I wish to thank all of my fellow board members, including those who have departed in this past year. I particularly want to acknowledge Julian Henderson who was a constant source of guidance and clarity to me. Our continuing board members, Justin Clarke, James Duffy, Mark Reid and Matthew Skinner, along with new recruits Ali Local and Mary Adam, make my job a lot easier, and quite a lot of fun. They are considered, thoughtful and true guardians of WAAC.

Other lyrics by in Ms Parton’s song are “everything’s gonna be all right”. That’s a very calming message, and one which I have heard WAAC staff say to otherwise lost or distressed individuals.

That is my vision for WAAC: Places where people can come and leave feeling better and more supported than before.

Conrad Liveris

- WAAC Chairperson



ABOUT WAAC

WAAC continues steadfast in its support for the people of WA, and we remain, at our core, a community organisation. While we must adapt to the changing landscape of HIV and sexual health needs our approach is intentional – with community, for community.

WAAC provides a broad range of resources and sexual health and support services through the three service streams of WAAC, Freedom and M Clinic. These includes counselling and support for people living with HIV and LGBTIQA+ young people; testing and sexual health services for men who have sex with men and for transgender and gender diverse people; HIV and LGBTIQA+ peer mentoring; health promotion; workforce development; community development; social support for LGBTIQA+ young people; needle and syringe exchange program and other harm reduction services for people who inject drugs.

WAAC provides services, in person or virtually, across Perth and regional WA.



Courageous Leadership
Boldy standing up for what is right.

VALUE 01



Inclusion without Exclusion
Welcoming and supporting everyone.

VALUE 02



Creative and Innovative
Really listening to community, striving to improve.

VALUE 03

Our Promise

Optimise the sexual health and wellbeing of all, through reducing the impact of stigma and discrimination, improving access to health services and information and reducing transmission of HIV, sexually transmitted infections and blood-borne viruses.

*Positive healthy people in inclusive,
connected communities.*

YEAR IN NUMBERS

WAAC

Needles provided

1,621,679

Safe sex packs distributed

112,550

Engagement at outreach events

12,917

Needle Syringe Exchange Program engagement

7,401

Brief interventions provided to NSEP clients

2,306

Instances of support to case management clients

2,351

Peer support sessions for PLHIV

346

Counselling sessions for PLHIV

99

M Clinic

Number of unique clients

3,595

HIV, STI and BBV screenings conducted

3,152

PrEP related appointments

2,685

Vaccinations provided

2,089

Number of outreach screenings conducted

1,620

Gender affirming care appointments booked*

25

*Gender affirming care commenced in May, 2023

Freedom

Visits by young people to Freedom Centre

1,604

Participants in LGBTIQA+ education sessions

720

Hours of counselling to LGBTIQA+ youth

368

Satisfaction of participants

100%

Improvement in mental and emotional health outcomes of counselling clients

90%

WHO WE ARE

Integrated Support Services

The program aims to support several vital outcomes for individuals living with HIV, using case management, counselling and peer support services. These include ensuring timely access to comprehensive healthcare and social services while maintaining ongoing support.

It also focuses on improving the integration of services across different settings and enhancing the continuity of care. The program works towards preventing disease transmission and slowing down the progression of HIV, thereby contributing to increased knowledge about the condition.

Additionally, it strives to foster greater participation in and optimal utilisation of the healthcare and social service system, reinforcing positive health behaviours, and empowering individuals personally. Moreover, the program seeks to reduce social isolation, enabling individuals to engage more actively in their communities, ultimately leading to an improved overall quality of life for those it serves.

Prevention, Promotion and Engagement

The Prevention, Promotion, and Engagement program oversees various services, such as the M Clinic, the Needle and Syringe Exchange Program (NSEP), the Health Promotion Team, and Workforce development.

The primary goal of this initiative is to prioritise activities aimed at enhancing community engagement in preventive behaviours/practices. This is achieved by increasing knowledge and awareness regarding the risks, benefits, and consequences of sexual health practices.

By employing positive messaging and offering evidence-based information on sexual health, communities receive a safe, non-judgmental, and confidential approach to understanding this crucial aspect of their well-being.

Freedom

Freedom offers a diverse array of support services to empower LGBTIQA+ youth across Western Australia. Our services encompass drop-in sessions, community development, counselling, and many other forms of assistance.

Our core belief is that every LGBTIQA+ young person should experience inclusivity, connectivity, and respect.

Our efforts throughout Western Australia revolve around this principle, as we provide direct support and information to youth while also delivering training and guidance to parents, professionals, communities, and organisations.

THE WAAC BOARD



Conrad Liveris (he/him)

Chairperson

Conrad Liveris is an economist and non-profit executive. He has particular experience in HR and labour markets, management, communications and risk.



Justin Clark (he/him)

Treasurer

Justin is an Executive Manager of Business for Palmerston Association Inc, a large not for profit organisation based in Perth.



Mark Reid (he/him)

HIV Community Representative

Mark Reid is a founding member of WAAC and has been involved with the HIV response in WA for over 35 years. He was previously employed at WAAC for 25 years.



James Duffy (he/him)

Secretary

James has served on WAAC's governance sub committee since early 2020. He is a lawyer who practices insurance and financial litigation at Gilchrist Connell.



Dr Matthew Skinner (he/him)

Community Representative

Matthew is a general and infectious diseases physician working in Perth. He trained in Melbourne, obtaining his undergraduate degree in 1996.



Ali Local (she/her)

Board Member

Ali is an HR professional and non-executive director on several not-for-profit boards in WA. Ali has a keen curiosity in the people and organisational aspects of business.



Did you know?

The 'dots' of the WAAC logo represent different communities, such as First Nations and LGBTIQA+ people, while the 'lines' represent pathways within these communities, with the intersection being the core business of WAAC - connecting communities with access to information, health care, and our services.

SERVICES FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV

Integrated Support Services

This area comprises three teams Peer Education - HIV, Counselling – HIV and Case Management – HIV. Each team has a different focus and approach to work towards similar goals of supporting people currently living with HIV, or at risk of transmission of HIV, to manage their wellbeing in a holistic, strengths-based manner. People can use one or all the services and opt for the teams to collaborate, under the consent and engagement of the client, to provide wrap-around support to bolster the client's ability to manage, engage and thrive in their lives, as they so choose.

In this reporting period reforms included:

extensive policy and procedure reform to improve the quality and efficacy of the supports and services we provide.

engaged CSNet, an organisation that is in the processes of developing an information management system that will enable the teams to reduce their administration burden, increase client support hours and improve the management and recording of data that will provide essential data on what is working well and what needs to be improved, or updated in service delivery.

Peer Education

The importance of having HIV Peer Education Officers that provide support from a place of personal experience, cannot be overstated.

The Peer education team received 22 formal referrals for support in the reporting period. This does not include the numerous calls, walk ins, and emails requesting information and support that the team engaged in throughout the year.

The team provided 14 presentations/personal perspectives on living with HIV to reduce stigma and discrimination experienced by people living with HIV in a range of settings. New groups were created to reach various demographics, to varying success as well as a trial for a new online platform on Discord.

The Peer Education Team also provide essential information to inform service delivery, practice and health promotion activities to improve the reach of important health messaging, and service improvement.

Counselling

WAAC successfully recruited two part-time counsellors who began providing service in January 2023. The counselling service provides free crisis counselling to people newly diagnosed with HIV or people in situations of risk of transmission or acquisition of HIV.

Between January and June 2023, 7 unique clients were seen under this service. The service also provides therapeutic counselling to people living with or affected by HIV, which supported 21 unique clients between January and June 2023.

Case Management

In the latter half of the reporting period the Case Management Team focused on expanding their knowledge base, connections and relationships with clients and stakeholders as a newly formed team. This led to a dramatic increase in Case Management referrals from 6 in the July – December 2023 period to 23 in the January to June 2023 period.

The Case Management team support people living with HIV to address areas of concern in their lives that may affect their capacity to live the life of their choosing and engage in the treatment of their HIV in a way that feels appropriate and authentic to them. Areas that the team frequently support clients with are housing, financial, daily living skills, sexual health, mental health, physical health, migration issues, baby formula and feeding equipment, treatment options and adherence, employment, education substance use disorder amongst others.

WAACIFY

WAAC, Information From You is a consumer group that facilitates people living with HIV to come together and provide ideas, feedback and guidance on related WAAC resources, projects and initiatives. WAACIFY comprises 10 members, 3 of whom were new members in 2023, to facilitate the inclusion of previously unheard voices and expand the geographical reach of the members to better engage with people living with HIV in other regions.

There were 11 meetings between July 2022 and June 2023, which supported the expansion and development of quality supports, services and activities that related to people living with HIV and people at risk of transmission of HIV.

The team are awesome, caring, supportive and I don't know what I would do without you.

Overall, my mental health is improving, and as a result physical health seems to be improving as a by product. I have an overall better outlook on stresses and situations in my life.

As of today, and the last couple of weeks, I have seen drastic improvement in almost all aspects of my life from mental health, reduced drug use and physical health improvements.

EDUCATION AND HARM REDUCTION SERVICES

Needle and Syringe Exchange

The WAAC Needle and Syringe Exchange Program (NSEP) maintained its services throughout the year and provided services to people who inject drugs across Perth. We distributed over 1.6M needles and had more than 5800 engagements as well as provided 5500 brief interactions with people accessing the service.

The program offers free or low-cost needle and syringe units, barrels, and tips on exchange, ensuring safe disposal of used drug injecting equipment. It also provides education on harm reduction and safer drug use practices, along with offering referrals and information as needed.

We continue to operate across nine sites around Perth. Two fixed locations (West Perth and Fremantle) and seven van sites (Rockingham, Mirrabooka, Joondalup, Belmont, Midland, Armadale and Gosnells).

1,621,679

*safer injecting supplies
provided to NSEP clients*

Methamphetamine Peer Education Program

The Rock Solid Project is a peer education initiative centered on mitigating the harms associated with methamphetamine use and is funded by the Mental Health Commission.

Its primary objective is to enlist individuals who have extensive networks within the methamphetamine-using community or among those vulnerable to its use.

These individuals receive comprehensive training at no cost, focusing on harm reduction techniques, identifying and addressing methamphetamine-related harm, and understanding appropriate referral channels. Following their training, these individuals may choose to become peer educators for the project. In this capacity, they can disseminate these strategies among their peers through their everyday social interactions.

2,306

brief interventions provided to NSEP clients



Health Promotion and Workforce Development

Having access to information and education plays a vital role in empowering individuals to safeguard their health, make knowledgeable choices regarding their sexual well-being, and access essential health and support services.

WAAC offers an extensive array of educational and skill-building services for individuals, communities, professionals, and organisations in Western Australia. Our topics focus particularly on the areas of sexual health, anti-discrimination, inclusivity, and sex positivity. In the last year, we have focused on building new partnerships with Aboriginal organisations as well as fostering existing relationships with organisations to provide the most accurate information in all our seminars/workshops/trainings.

Campaigns leveraging mainstream media play a pivotal role in raising awareness about sexual health among the general public. These campaigns serve as powerful tools for combating stigma and discrimination, particularly in the context of HIV/AIDS and broader sexual health issues.

In March 2023, we launched **HIV in 2023**, the goal of the campaign was to challenge the stigma around HIV in order to increase testing, treatment and prevention efforts.

The campaign, which ran for one month starting on March 8th, employed a variety of strategies to disseminate the three important messages. These strategies included the creation of an educational webpage available in Vietnamese and Mandarin, chosen based on 2016 data indicating the number of non-English speakers in WA.

Social media played a significant role, with weekly posts across Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Grindr, each accompanied by QR codes linking to the campaign webpage.

Social media posts were further displayed in Yagan Square for two weeks. The campaign also utilised posters and brochures to spread educational information related to the messages and featured full-back advertisements on Transperth buses servicing the Perth metropolitan and Mandurah areas.

The campaign successfully increased awareness of HIV, testing, treatment, and prevention within the general population.

This achievement is evident through high engagement with the campaign webpage, as indicated by the metrics presented below.

Requests for campaign resources, including 77 posters and 344 brochures distributed to various community organisations, further indicate successful awareness. These organisations encompassed sex-on-premise venues, medical services, universities, hostels, mental health services, and community health services.

Moreover, the campaign effectively reached a significant audience through full back advertisements on Transperth buses, estimating an audience likelihood to see of 134,905 people and an audience opportunity to see of 214,811 people.

These results collectively demonstrate the campaign’s success in challenging HIV stigma and engaging the public across various strategies.

Audience opportunity to see

214,811

Audience likelihood to see

134,905

Social media impressions

67,437

Grindr advertising impressions

62,121

FREEDOM

This year Freedom received continued funding for both the Freedom State pilot and Freedom X project, solidifying the model of support for LGBTIQ+ young people across Western Australia. Ending its first year as its own WAAC business stream, Freedom continues to expand its support to new regional locations, completing trips to Broome, Albany and Esperance while working towards more consistent and ongoing support in the coming year.

Freedom celebrated Youth Week across all four regional and metro locations in 2023, supporting and running over 15 events and engaging with over 1000 people across the week. Days of significance continue to be acknowledged and supported throughout the year, raising awareness of barriers and celebrations experienced by the LGBTIQ+ community.

Freedom State's hybrid FIFO model of community development in Kalgoorlie-Boulder continues to be successful despite the challenges, providing flexible support options and the ability to change plans to suit the community's changing needs. Furthermore, regional support continues to grow with Wellbeing Workshops held in Geraldton and Busselton, as well as the inaugural Bunbury Youth Pride event in November 2022. The 2023 Youth Pride event has been bolstered by a YACWA grant, allowing for a 10-month program of engagement activities culminating in the youth night of nights in November.

Freedom X continues to pioneer free and accessible community development and engagement in Perth with support extending this year into the Peel region. This continues to support the telehealth Freedom counselling program, as well as provide a referral pathway into Freedom Centre's drop-in.

Major achievements this year include Freedom's Manager presenting at YACWA's Fairground conference, as well as Freedom State and the Kalgoorlie Community Development Officer being finalists in the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Youth Awards.

Freedom's bespoke model of programs continue to raise the voice of LGBTIQ+ young people across WA, helping to build inclusive and safe communities.

1,604

young people participated in Freedom Centre's drop-in sessions

100%

of surveyed young people reported being satisfied in all individual programs

90%

of surveyed counselling clients reported improvements in their mental health



Oh They're all

QUEER!



And thats Cool and ♥ O K A Y ☺



M Clinic

The M Clinic stands as the primary healthcare hub catering to the needs of men who have sex with men, transgender individuals, and non-binary individuals. Over the past year, the clinic has demonstrated its commitment by conducting more than 5,000 appointments. Recognising the importance of accessibility in HIV prevention, the clinic has introduced two after-hours clinics dedicated to PrEP access, ensuring convenience for its clients.

As a renowned specialist clinic in Perth, specialising in serving the LGBTIQ+ community, M Clinic has experienced a steady rise in client engagement. Notably, in April 2023, the clinic relocated to a new, purpose-built facility in West Perth. This strategic move brings the clinic closer to public transportation and provides a brighter, more inviting, accessible, and convenient space to better serve its clients.

In May 2023, the Gender Clinic initiated its operations within the M Clinic. Under the leadership of Dr. Joseph Cotter, this clinic delivers essential medical affirmation care tailored to the specific needs of transgender individuals. The Gender Clinic has received a warm and enthusiastic response from the transgender community.

Continuing its commitment to the community, M Clinic persistently conducts outreach testing and screening for HIV, STIs, and BBVs. This outreach extends to priority populations and encompasses venues such as Perth Steamworks and Club 103, as well as participation in various community events.

M Clinic remains adaptable to the evolving landscape of sexual health, with a steadfast dedication to expanding its services and resources. Among its future plans, the clinic is poised to broaden its scope by venturing into HIV primary care services. This expansion will be carried out in collaboration with S100 GPs and the Integrated Support Services, reinforcing its commitment to comprehensive care and holistic well-being for the community it serves.

3,595

unique clients visited M Clinic for their sexual health testing

2,685

appointments were booked in relation to PrEP prescriptions

25

gender affirming care appointments were made in the first two months of opening

VOLUNTEERS

To deliver various WAAC services effectively, WAAC relies on the assistance of an amazing network of volunteers. WAAC focuses on recruiting a professionally diverse group of volunteers, with backgrounds in health promotion, education, nursing, psychology and counselling, public health, sexology, youth work and social work to promote a rich knowledge and multidisciplinary team with a diversity in gender/sex identities.

WAAC's dedicated and passionate volunteers have donated thousands of hours of their time spread across programs including the NSEP, Freedom Centre drop-ins, Leavers week, WAAC's Fringe Festival Events, Safe Sex Packing Sessions, Vic Park Pride Barn Dance and Waste for WAAC. We currently have 222 registered volunteers who regularly receive updates about volunteering opportunities, engaged via a monthly volunteer newsletter, email, social media and direct contact depending on their preferences and interests.

We also partner and engage corporates in volunteering condom packing sessions to support our Safe Sex pack distribution across WA. We have hosted 16 sessions for Woodside, Akkodis, Rio Tinto, Bankwest, Horizon Power as well as sessions from University volunteering groups from Curtin, UWA, Murdoch and ECU, producing a total of 42,464 Safe Sex Packs.

WAAC is committed to building the capacity of new graduates and hosted seven (7) student placements:

Two students of Medicine

University of Notre Dame Fremantle (M Clinic)

Two students of Health Science

Edith Cowan University (Leavers Week 2022)

Two students of Counselling

University of Notre Dame Fremantle (Freedom Centre)

One students of Health Promotion

Curtin University (Sexual Health Week)



Organisations that partner with WAAC.

Did you know?

Of the 222 registered volunteers with WAAC, 87 of these volunteers registered in the 2023 financial year. That's almost 40% of our current volunteer base!



FUNDRAISING

Perth Fringe Festival 2023

WAAC held four events as part of the annual **Perth Fringe Festival** in January and February 2023. In partnership with The Court and Dean Misdale, WAAC's Drag Queen Bingo and Quiz Me Daddy events were massive success, and we even hosted a new show, Cards Against Perthonalities. We also had a merch table selling WAAC branded shirts, mugs, and other items selected from our online store plus a raffle drawn on each night.

Waste for WAAC

Waste for WAAC is a community initiative that saves containers from landfill and raises funds by encouraging individuals and businesses to collect 10c containers and donate their refunds using the WAAC Containers for Change community number (C10455300).

Since commencing in 2021, Waste for WAAC has established partnerships with over 20 local businesses, community organisations and corporations and saved over 101,310 containers from landfill. This has made a total of \$10,131 in donations from containers for WAAC. We have had significant partnerships with music venues and festival organisers such as the Red Hill Auditorium that led to further community work, such as onsite testing, occurring at the venue.

Mr. Bear Perth - GAG Ball

M Clinic was chosen as the charity partner of Mr. Bear Perth 2023, Dom Meredith, who throughout the year raised funds to donate on behalf of Bears Perth Inc. The primary fundraising event from this partnership was the GAG Ball, a men's only dance and fetish party hosted at Connections Nightclub as a celebration for all things kink, fetish, and community.

All proceeds raised were donated to M Clinic on behalf of Bears Perth Inc, raising a total of over \$4,000, with additional donations still being tallied throughout their title year.

PROSH

Freedom was fortunate to be named as a chosen charity for PROSH, UWA Guild's satirical newspaper, in 2023. Sold in person over one day in March, PROSH is an entirely student-designed and written paper, ensuring local charities are fundraised for.

Just under \$10,000 was raised for Freedom with all proceeds going to support LGBTIQ+ young people.

EVENTS

World AIDS Day 2022

World AIDS Day 2022 was celebrated at Yagan Square, the breakfast was attended by almost 100 people who were presented with powerful speeches by three members of the Peer Education Team who shared some of their story and journey as people living with HIV. Community Stalls from WAAC, alongside many of our community partners and collaborators provided a safe space for over 1,000 people to engage with and learn from community members and allies.

International AIDS Candlelight Vigil

This event was poignant and moving with over 40 community members joining with WAAC staff to reflect on those we have lost to HIV/AIDS related illness. Moving, heart-breaking, inspirational and funny stories and memories were shared by those present, and on behalf of those who were unable to join us. Brass plates holding the names of 5 people were added to those already in place at the memorial site. We remember with kindness and respect the impact of those wonderful lives and of their devastating loss to family, friends and community.

Pride Fairday and Parade 2022

WAAC continued to celebrate numerous Pride events this year including Wear it Purple, PrideFest and IDAHOBIT. For Wear it Purple Freedom Centre hosted a community open house event complete with BBQ, clothes swap and lots of purple. PrideFest included stalls at Fair Day, a float at the Pride Parade and the inaugural Bunbury Youth Pride. Community engagement activities during Pride supporting schools, agencies, local governments and general community events, increasing LGBTIQ+ visibility across the year.



RESEARCH AND PROJECT INITIATIVES

Quality of Life for People Living with HIV in Australia

WAAC is supporting a Curtin research project that is examining the quality of life and needs of people living with HIV in Western Australia. This research involves a review of the service landscape and a contemporary understanding of the lived experiences of people living with HIV in Western Australia to inform design and alignment of contemporary and acceptable support services for people living with HIV.

The Safer Options Project

This project is being undertaken in partnership with Curtin, WAAC, Womens Health and Family Services, and the Centre for Womens Safety and Wellbeing. The Safer Options project has engaged LGBTIQ+ communities with lived experience of intimate partner violence (IPV) to understand their needs and experiences of accessing support services.

The project is also exploring the capacity and LGBTIQ+ inclusivity of primary healthcare services in Western Australia to support LGBTIQ+ community experiencing IPV, including specialist services. The evidence base established as a result of this project will inform recommendations to strengthen primary healthcare services and support advocacy efforts that ensure the inclusivity of services for all members of the LGBTIQ+ community experiencing or at risk of IPV.

SiREN Aboriginal Consumer-Led Strategies to Reduce Harms from Illicit Drugs

WAAC continues to support this research project, which is run by SiREN, through Curtin University. Phase one of the research project aimed to explore the reasons why Aboriginal people who inject drugs use or do not use Needle and Syringe Programs (NSP).

WAAC's NSEP was involved in supporting this phase by conducting yarning interviews with Aboriginal clients who access WAAC's NSEP. WAAC is currently sitting on the Co-Design Working Group (CDWG) to collaborate and support the implementations of phase two of the research project.

Fast Track Cities Perth Implementation Meeting

WAAC attended the first Fast Track Cities implementation meeting on 27 March 2023. Perth is one of more than 500 cities who have committed to ending the epidemics of HIV and tuberculosis and eliminating HBV and HCV by 2030. This was the first meeting held in Perth which was chaired by the International Association of Providers of AIDS Care (IAPAC).

POLICY REVIEW

Mandatory Testing Review

WAAC, in partnership with NAPWHA and AFAO, submitted a response to the Mandatory Testing (Infectious Diseases) Act 2014.

WA Law Reform Commission Consent Law Review

WAAC, in partnership with NAPWHA, AFAO and Scarlet Alliance, responded to Volume 1 and 2 of the consent law review discussion papers.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) - Public Consultation

WAAC's Cara Taheny, Nurse Practitioner, M Clinic, submitted a response to the PBAC public consultation portal regarding the PBS listing of Apertude (cabotegravir long-acting injectable) for HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP).

OUR PEOPLE AND PARTNERS

WAAC promotes a workplace that actively seeks to include, welcome and value the unique contribution of all people. It is due to the ongoing and unwavering commitment, talents and passion of our highly skilled humans that we are fortunate to work with, that we continue to be able to meet our vision of positive healthy people in inclusive, connected communities.

Chief Executive Officer: Lisa Dobrin

Total Staff: 54

Total Volunteers: 222

Funders

WA Department of Health, Mental Health Commission, WA Police Force, WA Primary Health Alliance

Grants

Lotterywest, MAC Cosmetics, U.S. Consulate General Perth, ViV Healthcare

Research Partners

WA Sexual Health and Blood-borne Virus Applied Research and Evaluation Network (SiREN), The Kirby Institute, Burnet Institute, Centre for Social Research (UNSW), Telethon Kids Research Institute

Research Partners

Aboriginal Health Council of WA, Ability WA, ABN Group, ACON, Alcohol and Other Drug Consumer and Community Coalition, Annette Hasluck (Rubis), Australian Society for HIV, Viral Hepatitis and Sexual Health Medicine (ASHM), City of Vincent, Club 103, Constable Care, Cyrenian House, Dean Misdale, Department of Justice, Equality Australia, Fast Track Cities, Fayrocious, Fiona Stanley Hospital, Floreat Maintenance, Francis Burt Chambers, Geers Sullivan CPA, Gilead, Gordon Street Garage, GovernancePlus, GRAI, GP on Beaufort, headspace, Health Equity Matters (HEM), Hepatitis WA, Homelessness We Care, K&L Gates, Leavers Joint Operation Taskforce, LGBTIQ+ Health Alliance, Metaxas Legal, Michael Felix, Mission Australia, National Association of People with HIV Australia (NAPWHA), Newtrend IT, Out in Perth, National AIDS Fundraising Limited (as trustee of the AIDS Trust of Australia), PFLAG, Pride WA, Palmerston, Peer Based Harm Reduction, Perth Queer Film Festival, Positive Organisation WA (POWA), Pride in Diversity, Rainbow Futures, Rainbow Community House, Richmond Wellbeing, Royal Life Saving WA, Royal Perth Hospital, Ruah, Shine Communications, Senator Louise Pratt, SECCA, Samaritans, SciTech, Sexual Health Quarters, Steamworks, The Court, TransFolk of WA, Tranby House, Vic Park Pride, View Street Medical, Volunteering WA, WA Return Recycle Renew Ltd (Containers for Change), Youth Affairs Council of WA, Youth Pride Network, YMCA WA.