

Media Backgrounder

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Who to call

If you need comment on or by...

Try these organisations...

People living with HIV	PLWHA, NAPWA
A HIV-positive person to put a human face on your story	PLWHA
Women with HIV	HIV Women's Project
People from CALD backgrounds with HIV	PEACE
Indigenous people with HIV	NAPWA
HIV Positive Heterosexuals	PLWHA
HIV treatments	PLWHA, NCHECR, ASHM
A medical expert	NCHECR, ASHM
An HIV doctor	ASHM
HIV prevention	ACSA, AFAO
Statistics, epidemiological information, numbers of people infected	Clinic 275, NCHECR
Funding of HIV services in SA	SA Health
Gay men's sexual practices, social factors affecting HIV transmission	ACSA, Clinic 275, NCHSR
HIV in our region	AFAO NAPWA
Injecting drug users	ACSA, AIVL
Sex workers	ACSA, Scarlet Alliance

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Media contacts – South Australia

PLWHA(SA) Inc.

State representative body for people living with HIV in SA. HIV health promotion and peer support activities. ☎ 08 82933700 • www.hivsa.org.au • Manager: Madeleine Pattingale 0423 594 490 • manager@hivsa.org.au

HIV Women's Project

The HIV Women's project is committed to listening to and supporting HIV positive women, building community and advocating for gender equity. The project works within a feminist and primary health care framework. ☎ 08 8239 9600 • www.whs.sa.gov.au • Project Coordinator: Pam Price pam.price@health.sa.gov.au

PEACE Multicultural Services Project

Provides support for culturally and linguistically diverse individuals, communities, and workplaces. They have specific programs that work with hepatitis C and HIV ☎ 08 8245 8100 • www.rasa.org.au Marketing and Communications Co-ordinator 8216 5214

Adelaide Diocesan AIDS Centre (ADAC)

Provides practical support, counselling and short term accommodation for people living with HIV ADAC's aim is to support people who are living with HIV to maintain independent lives. ☎ 08 8210 8200 - Manager, Robert Cox

The AIDS Council of SA Inc. (ACSA)

State AIDS Council. HIV prevention, counselling, information, peer support services for men who have sex with men (Gay Mens Health) sex workers (SA Sex Industry Network) and injecting drug users (SA Voice for Intravenous Education). ☎ 08 83341611 • www.acsa.org.au Executive Director: Shane Dinnison 0423 159 699 • shane.dinnison@acsa.org.au

SA Health

State health department. ☎ 08 8226 6488 (Media Officer)

Clinic 275

Free sexual health service collates and monitors epidemiological data, ☎ 08 8222 5075 • www.stdservices.on.net • Director Dr Russell Waddell std.services@health.sa.gov.au

Media contacts – National

NAPWA – National Association of People Living with HIV/AIDS

National representative body for people living with HIV. HIV treatments advocacy, care and support (Centrelink, DSP, Medicare, PBS), education, international. ☎ 02 8568 0300 • admin@napwa.org.au • www.napwa.org.au Media and Communications Officer: Paul Kidd 0438 203 754 • paul@napwa.org.au

AFAO – Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations

National peak organisation representing HIV partnership organisations Australia-wide. HIV prevention, health promotion, policy development, international work. ☎ 02 9557 9399 • www.afao.org.au Media Officer: Phil Davey 0414 867 188 • phil@mountainmedia.com.au

NCHECR – National Centre in HIV Epidemiology and Clinical Research

National research centre based at University of NSW. HIV epidemiology (statistics, trends, national and state surveillance data), clinical trials in HIV, hepatitis and sexually-transmissible diseases. ☎ 02 9385 0900 • www.nchechr.unsw.edu.au Media enquiries: Prof Andrew Grulich 02 9385 0900

NCHSR – National Centre in HIV Social Research

National research centre based at University of NSW. Social research into HIV, hepatitis and related diseases. Social, sexual and related factors affecting HIV transmission, gay men's sexual practices. ☎ 02 9385 6776 • nchsr@unsw.edu.au • nchsr.arts.unsw.edu.au Media enquiries: Prof John de Wit 02 9385 6776

ASHM – Australasian Society for HIV Medicine

National body representing clinicians and health workers in the HIV and viral hepatitis fields. Representation, policy development and training, development of national HIV treatment guidelines, annual conference. ☎ 02 8204 0700 • ashm@ashm.org.au • www.ashm.org.au

Scarlet Alliance

National sex workers advocacy organisation. ☎ 02 9326 9455 • info@scarletalliance.org.au • www.scarletalliance.org.au Executive Officer: Janelle Fawkes

AIVL – Australian IV League

National intravenous drug users' advocacy organisation. ☎ 02 6279 1600 • www.aivl.org.au Executive Officer: Annie Madden

Recommended websites (in addition to those listed above)

NAPWA HIV Media Digest - elists.napwa.org.au

Email digest of HIV-related media from Australian and selected overseas sources, produced three times per week (Mon/Wed/Fri). Free subscription.

Treataware – www.treataware.info

NAPWA-auspiced clinical trials database and HIV health information.

HIV Futures - www.latrobe.edu.au/hiv-futures

Large-scale social research project examining the lived experience of people living with HIV/AIDS in Australia.

UNAIDS - www.unaids.org

Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS. Comprehensive information about the global HIV pandemic including country-by-country reports.

Aidsmap (UK) - www.aidsmap.com

Comprehensive and authoritative UK-based site with information about treatments, side effects, research, and many other HIV-related issues.

Henry J Kaiser Family Foundation (US), Media Resources - www.kff.org/entmedia

Health-focused resources for media representatives, including substantial HIV media guide and webcasts/transcripts of major international AIDS conferences.