

**Politics justice
and collaborative
leadership:**
 reflections on HIV nursing
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The new face of  + 

HIV Program at the Royal District Nursing Service (now Bolton Clarke)



- 1985 – one nurse at Royal District Nursing Service
- 1990 – integrated with Victorian AIDS Council
- 2015 – joined Homeless Persons Program
- 2017 – merged with RSL care and re-named Bolton Clarke

Funded by the Sexual Health and Viral Hepatitis Program
 Prevention, Population Health and Place branch
 Health and Wellbeing Division
 Victorian Department of Health

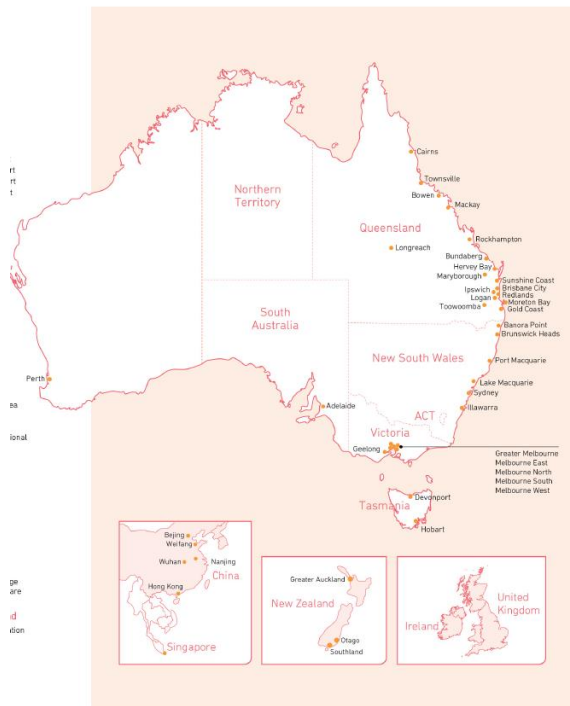
1. Clinical and community-based care and support
2. Health promotion

HIV team



- 2 Regional Clinical Nurse Consultants (Grade 4)
- 3 HIV Resource Nurses (Grade 3)
- 1 HIV Liaison at Alfred Hospital
- 1 Clinical Nurse Consultant at Royal Melbourne Hospital (separate funding)
- Link in with general nursing and other specialities

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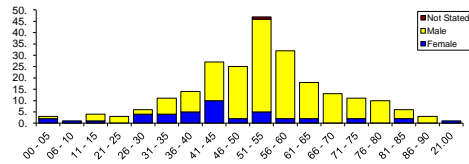
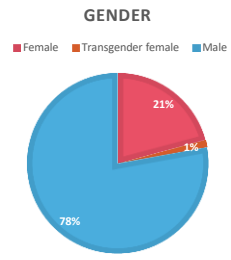
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Who are our clients in 2017?

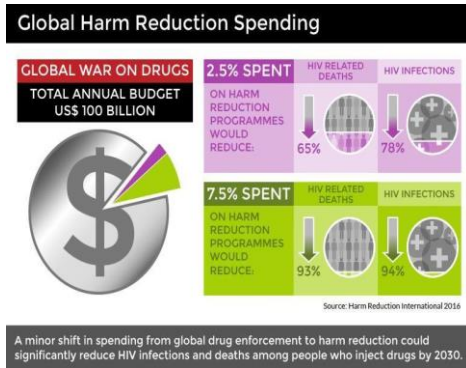


235 clients (3% of PLHIV in Victoria)

- From 38 countries (35 languages)
- Median age 51-55 yrs (range 1-92 years)
- Majority have several comorbidities
 - ~20% opportunistic illnesses
 - 70% mental health,
 - 25% substance use
 - 35% neurocognitive
- Late HIV presentation
- ~ 40% homeless
- 16% refugees and asylum seekers



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We can end AIDS among people who inject drugs by 2030.

10% shift in funds from drug control to harm reduction → **94%** drop in new HIV infections

10 BY 20 It's time for a Harm Reduction Decade.
www.ihra.net/harm-reduction-decade
 #10by20 #HarmReductionDecade

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Building the evidence for the effectiveness of HIV community nursing

IMPROVING HIV RELATED BIOMARKERS IN COMPLEX INDIVIDUALS

By Kurt Andersson-Noorgard and Denise Cummins

Introduction/background

Adherence to treatment plans to manage disease can be difficult for many patients. This can result in inadequate treatment, treatment failure, increased costs and ongoing care issues.

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Council-supported condom vending machines: are they acceptable to rural communities?

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SHORT COMMUNICATION

Financial stress is associated with reduced treatment adherence in HIV-infected adults in a resource-rich setting

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Politics



Politics from the Greek 'politika', 'affairs of the cities'

'The most political of diseases'
(Altman 1992)

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ASSOCIATION OF NURSES IN AIDS CARE

POSITION STATEMENT

The Impact of Political Extremism on HIV-Related Research

Adopted by ANAC Board of Directors, July 2004
 Reviewed and Revised by the ANAC Board: January 2008



"ASHM will continue its commitment to advocate for affordable access to HIV PrEP with the ultimate outcome of a PBS listing – allowing people-at-risk of HIV to no longer pay high, unsubsidised prices, nor have to import low-cost generic drugs from overseas using the TGA's Personal Importation Scheme," said ASHM President, Professor Mark Boyd.

HIV Conference slams spitting laws

all health physicians, hospital specialists and nurses have already played a part to those in need through the current PrEP access studies across Australian



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Examples of nursing politics and activism



ANMF in early days of epidemic – very active in education and support for nurses, resource development.

Acting locally with Aboriginal Health Workers

Recent work

- Submissions to PBAC on nurse prescribing
- Support of safe injecting facility in Melbourne
- Access to PrEP

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"...if you bring the appropriate people together in constructive ways with good information, they will create authentic visions and strategies for addressing the shared concerns of the organization or community."

Chrislip and Larson 1994

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Collaborative leadership in policy



Consensus statement

Sexual transmission of HIV and the law: an Australian medical consensus statement

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Collaborative leadership in research



Denise Cummins nurse-led resource development on HIV associated neurocognitive disorder

FOCUS: Sexual Health

PATIENT VOICE: ENCOURAGING CONVERSATIONS ABOUT HIV ASSOCIATED NEUROCOGNITIVE DISORDER

By Denise Cummins, Donna Waters, Christina Aggar, David Crawford and Catherine C O'Connor

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Collaborative leadership in education



Collaborative leadership



#letsendit



Theme of World AIDS Day 2017 is 'let's end it'

Nurses are integral to that goal – we are the ones who locate, support, engage, treat, provide harm reduction and other prevention education in an informed way and from a nursing perspective – nurses are the linchpin for many members of key populations in the 'treatment cascade'.

Let's act with a focus on justice, politics and collaborative leadership



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