



## Workshop 23 Hepatitis C prevention: what more can we do tomorrow?

Wednesday 26 March, 9.00 am–1.00 pm

Dockside @ Cockle Bay

**Note:** This is a half-day workshop. Registration is from 8.30 am to 9.15 am. The workshop will commence at 9.15 and conclude with lunch at 1.00 pm.

### Introduction

Building on the evidence that informs current insights and practices, this workshop will focus on identifying and developing concrete outcomes that will have immediate application to delegates' work. The workshop will provide scope for discussion of the issues relevant to front-line and program workers, policy-makers and those from government and community-based organisations in the hepatitis C and alcohol and other drug (AOD) sectors.

### Aims

- ▶ To present a synthesis of qualitative research in hepatitis C prevention and to explore its role as evidence in making policy and informing practice.
- ▶ To explore how the themes identified in this synthesis can inform current education and other prevention strategies, and to suggest ways in which they may be addressed in delegates' ongoing work.
- ▶ To examine how program and policy environments facilitate and impede the implementation of hepatitis C prevention.

### Delegate profile: who should attend

This workshop has been designed for those whose work is affected by the issue of hepatitis C prevention. Employees of research centres, area health services and government and non-government organisations in clinical, health promotion or education settings should apply.

In addition, we encourage staff of AOD services to attend, as the links between hepatitis C and AOD services become clearer.

### Cost

There is a registration fee of \$55 (including GST) per participant per workshop.

Note: You may be eligible for funding to attend from the NSW Health Workforce Development Program (WDP). Funding covers registration fees and, where appropriate, travel and accommodation costs. Check the guidelines for applying for a WDP Grant in the *WDP Training Directory* or at [www.wdp.nsw.gov.au](http://www.wdp.nsw.gov.au)

### Registration

To register, please email Ann Whitelaw at [a.whitelaw@unsw.edu.au](mailto:a.whitelaw@unsw.edu.au). Please include in the email your name, job title, the name of your organisation, its postal address and your contact phone numbers (work and mobile).

Please note: There are strictly limited numbers and delegates will be selected on a first-come-first-served basis, given that they meet the requirements of the delegate profile above.

**Registrations are now open and close on 14 March 2008.**

### Guest speaker

**Professor Tim Rhodes** is Professor in Public Health Sociology and Director of the Centre for Research on Drugs and Health Behaviour at London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, University of London. He leads a program of research focused on the social aspects of risk and HIV/HCV prevention associated with injecting drug use, including in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe. His academic background is in qualitative methods and the sociology of risk, including the social structural production of drug-related health risk. His current research projects include a qualitative longitudinal study of children's experiences of family life affected by drug use (for the UK Department of Health), a mixed-method study of drug injecting in Serbia and Montenegro (for the UK Department for International Development), an evidence-based review and modelling of harm reduction impact (for the European Commission), a qualitative study of crack and speedball injection (for the UK National Treatment Agency for Substance Misuse) and a qualitative prospective study of HIV treatment access and experience (for the Economic and Social Research Council). He is Editor-in-Chief of the *International Journal of Drug Policy*.

### Group facilitators (confirmed)

**Nicky Bath** – Manager, Alcohol and Other Drugs Program, ACON

**Gaye Byron** – Nurse Unit Manager, Langton Centre, South Eastern Sydney and Illawarra Area Health Service

**Wendy Machin** – Project Manager/CNC, Kirketon Road Centre

**Peter Middleton** – Senior Projects Coordinator, Harm Minimisation Drug Health, Sydney South West Area Health Service

**Elizabeth O'Neil** – Program Manager, Sexual Health, HIV & HCV, Sydney West Area Health Service

**Lisa Ryan** – Manager, Harm Minimisation Unit, AIDS/Infectious Diseases Branch, NSW Health

**Kerri Shying** – NSP support worker, NSW Users and AIDS Association (NUAA)

**Maureen Steele** – Harm Reduction Officer, Western Sydney HIV/Hep C Prevention Service

**Andrew Trist** – Education Program Manager, NUAA

**James Ward** – Program Manager, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Program, National Centre in HIV Epidemiology and Clinical Research, The University of New South Wales

**Dr Rob Wilkins** – Senior Project Manager, Workforce Development Program in Hepatitis, HIV and Sexual Health, NSW Health

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