



## Workshop 28 Home and away: working in HIV in the Pacific and Asia

Thursday 27 November, 10.00 am – 4.00 pm

Dockside @ Cockle Bay

### Introduction

More and more HIV organisations in New South Wales are beginning to work in the Pacific and Asia, contributing to the response in the region. Even though there are major differences between the epidemics in New South Wales and in the Asia-Pacific region, there are a number of principles that underline successful responses to HIV – among them, a commitment to social responsibility. This workshop will look at these principles in action and also explore how the resilience of the domestic response to HIV can be enhanced by work in other contexts.

### Aims

- ▶ To provide an overview of the HIV epidemics in the Pacific and Asia
- ▶ To explore lessons learnt from other contexts that are useful in enhancing the domestic response to HIV
- ▶ To encourage more organisations to become involved in HIV work in the Pacific and Asia and to examine opportunities for that involvement
- ▶ To reflect on the HIV research agenda for the region
- ▶ To explore the extent to which the principles and practices of the response to HIV in Australia can be applied to work in the Pacific and Asia.

### Delegate profile: who should attend

This workshop has been designed for staff in organisations currently working on projects or partnerships in developing countries, or who are interested in doing so in the future. Agencies who work with marginalised groups (eg. sex workers, people who inject drugs, men who have sex with men), development organisations, researchers and those contributing to policy in this area are also encouraged to attend.

### 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). 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.

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 Wednesday 19 November, 2008.**

This workshop is co-sponsored by the HIV Consortium for Capacity Building in Asia and the Pacific.

### Guest speakers (confirmed)

**Mark Bebbington** is the Program Director of the HIV Consortium for Capacity Building in Asia and the Pacific and was the Policy and International Manager with the Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations for seven years.

**Dave Burrows** is a Director of AIDS Projects Management Group and has worked on HIV and drug-related issues since 1987. Dave has designed programs targeting other specific groups such as sex workers, medical professionals and youth.

**Stevie Clayton OAM** has worked at ACON for almost 12 years, seven of these as the Chief Executive Officer. She also has a long history of gay and lesbian community, human rights and health consumer advocacy.

**Kirsty Morgan** has worked to reduce blood borne virus (BBV) transmission and other drug-related harms amongst people who inject drugs in Australia and Asia. She is currently working at a primary health centre with people who inject drugs in the western suburbs of Melbourne.

**Neil Poetschka** has worked in Asia as HIV/AIDS technical advisor and program manager, working primarily on youth peer education, home and community care for people living with HIV/AIDS, PLWHA community development, and capacity building. Neil is currently manager of the NSW STI Programs Unit.

**Dr Patrick Rawstone** is a Research Fellow with the National Centre in HIV Social Research (NCHSR). He works in both the International and HIV programs. One of his projects in recent years involved developing Sri Lanka's first large-scale behavioural surveillance system (BSS).

**Edward Reis** is the International Division Manager at the Australasian Society for HIV Medicine. Edward has worked in South East Asia as a program manager, focusing on education, health and HIV as an emerging issue in the region's policies and planning.

**John Rule** is the Deputy Director of the National Association of People Living with HIV/AIDS (NAPWA) where he is responsible for managing the program activities of NAPWA in the region.

**Paul van Reyk** has been an HIV/AIDS activist since the beginning of the epidemic. Recently Paul began working in a voluntary capacity with a remote community in Papua New Guinea assisting them to build a health clinic.

**David Wilson** has worked in the field of HIV prevention research for over 20 years and is currently Lead Health Specialist in the Global HIV/AIDS Program of the World Bank. He is the author of the UNAIDS guidelines on monitoring and evaluation for national AIDS councils.

**Associate Professor Heather Worth** is Head of the International program at the NCHSR, working primarily in Asia and the Pacific. Heather's research has concentrated on the relationships between HIV, gender, and sexuality.

### Facilitator

**Norman Booker** currently manages the statewide NSW Health Workforce Development Program in Hepatitis, HIV and Sexual Health.

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