

DRUG USE AND HUMAN RIGHTS: THE MISSING PIECE OF THE HEP C ELIMINATION PUZZLE?



WORLD HEPATITIS DAY SPECIAL SEMINAR

Welcome and introduction

Scientia Professor Gregory Dore and Mr Jonathon Hunyor

Access to health care as a global human right

The Hon. Michael Kirby AC CMG

Engagement with marginalised communities to advance human rights and health care access

Ms Annie Madden AO

Law reform to promote equitable health care for marginalised populations in Australia

Professor Andrea Durbach and Dr Janani Shanthosh

Legal strategies to reduce stigma and discrimination for people who use drugs

Associate Professor Kate Seear

Panel: Access to needle syringe programs for people who are incarcerated as a human right

Assistant Commissioner Luke Grant, Professor Andrew Lloyd AM, Mr Stuart Loveday,
Ms Annie Madden AO, Ms Colette McGrath, Associate Professor Kate Seear and
Adam (community member).

Facilitator: Scientia Professor Carla Treloar



SCIENTIA PROFESSOR GREGORY DORE

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Gregory Dore is Head of the Viral Hepatitis Clinical Research Program at the Kirby Institute, UNSW Sydney and an Infectious Diseases Physician at St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney. He has been involved in viral hepatitis and HIV epidemiological and clinical research, clinical care and public health policy for 20 years. He has developed extensive national and international collaborations, and is internationally recognised in the areas of hepatitis C epidemiology and therapeutic strategies, particularly for people who inject drugs.

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PROFESSOR ANDREA DURBACH

PROFESSOR, UNSW LAW AND ADVISOR, AUSTRALIAN HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTE, UNSW SYDNEY

Andrea Durbach is Professor of Law at UNSW and was Director of the Australian Human Rights Centre (now Institute) from 2004–2017. She is an advisor to the AHRInstitute's health and human rights programme.

Prior to her appointment to UNSW, Andrea practiced as a human rights lawyer in South Africa and Australia for over 20 years. She has had various appointments including as part-time Commissioner, NSW Law Reform Commission and Deputy Sex Discrimination Commissioner, Australian Human Rights Commission.



ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER LUKE GRANT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER, CORRECTIONS STRATEGY AND POLICY, CORRECTIVE SERVICES NSW

Luke Grant joined Corrective Services NSW in January 1991. He has held a number of executive positions in the areas of education, classification, and rehabilitation programs and services.

Luke was appointed to the position of Assistant Commissioner Corrections Strategy and Policy in December 2012. In this role he has responsibility for establishing and overseeing the strategic policy direction for Corrective Services in NSW. This includes the organisation's approach to reducing reoffending and managing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander offenders.

Luke has an extensive publication history in the corrections domain and has a background in tertiary education.



MR JONATHON HUNYOR

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PUBLIC INTEREST ADVOCACY CENTRE

Jonathon Hunyor is the CEO of the Public Interest Advocacy Centre. He has practised for over 22 years as a lawyer in NSW and the Northern Territory in areas including criminal law, discrimination and human rights, migration and refugee law and Aboriginal land rights.

Jonathon's previous roles have included Principal Legal Officer at the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency in Darwin from 2010–2016, Director of Legal Services at the Australian Human Rights Commission, and lawyer at the Central Land Council in Alice Springs and the NT Legal Aid Commission in Darwin. Jonathon is a University Fellow at Charles Darwin University, has taught discrimination law at UNSW Sydney and has published widely in academic and professional journals.

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THE HON. MICHAEL KIRBY AC CMG

FORMER JUSTICE OF THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA AND PATRON, KIRBY INSTITUTE

The Hon. Michael Kirby AC CMG is a former Justice of the High Court of Australia and when he retired in February 2009, was Australia's longest serving judge. Alongside his judicial achievements, Michael Kirby has served on many national and international bodies, including as a member of the World Health Organization's Global Commission on AIDS (1988–1992); President of the International Commission of Jurists, Geneva (1995–1998); as UN Special Representative Human Rights in Cambodia (1993–1996); a member of the UNESCO International Bioethics Committee (1995–2005); a member of the High Commissioner for Human Rights' Judicial Reference Group (2007–); a member of the UNAIDS Reference Group on HIV and Human Rights (2004–); and a member of the UNSG's High-Level Panel on Access to Medicines (2015–16). Michael Kirby is also Patron of a number of Institutes and organisations in the human rights, health and justice spaces, including the Kirby Institute, which was named in his honour in 2012.



PROFESSOR ANDREW LLOYD AM

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Andrew Lloyd is Head of the Viral Immunology Systems Program at the Kirby Institute, UNSW Sydney, and an Infectious Diseases Physician at Prince of Wales Hospital, Randwick. He is an NHMRC Practitioner Fellow. Over many years in conjunction with the Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network, he has led the development of the Hepatitis Service in the NSW prisons. He now leads national and international networks seeking to improve access to hepatitis treatment and prevention services for prisoners. He was awarded an Australia Medal (AM) for this work, and for his research achievements in infectious diseases.



MR STUART LOVEDAY

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, HEPATITIS NSW

Stuart Loveday is the CEO of Hepatitis NSW, Australia's first and largest community-based organisation and health promotion charity working for and on behalf of people with viral hepatitis. He is a founder member, former president, and remains on the Board of Hepatitis Australia.

Having served on a range of national Australian and NSW hepatitis committees and working parties since 1994, Stuart represents Hepatitis NSW on the NSW Ministry of Health's Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C Strategies Implementation Committee, serves on the Board of Community Restorative Centre and on the Board of the NSW Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network and on a range of other national and NSW hepatitis advisory, governance and research committees.

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MS ANNIE MADDEN AO

PHD CANDIDATE, CENTRE FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH IN HEALTH, UNSW SYDNEY

Annie Madden is currently a PhD candidate at the Centre for Social Research in Health (CSRH) at UNSW Sydney, Australia. She is also a principle of 2SqPegs Consulting, a drug user activist and longstanding member of the international drug users movement. Until April 2016, Annie was CEO of the Australian Injecting & Illicit Drug Users League (AIVL) a position she held for 16 years and EO of the NSW Users & AIDS Association (NUAA) from 1994 to 2000. She is a founding member of Harm Reduction Australia, is well published in relation to people who inject drugs, OST and BBVs and has held numerous high-level appointments. In 2019, Annie was awarded an Order of Australia for her many years of work and dedication to promoting the health and human rights of people who use drugs.

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MS COLETTE MCGRATH

SERVICE DIRECTOR POPULATION HEALTH, JUSTICE HEALTH AND FORENSIC MENTAL HEALTH NETWORK, NSW HEALTH

Colette McGrath is the Service Director Population Health, Justice Health NSW and has a master's in Health Management. She has been working with marginalised populations for more than 20 years. She was previously the HIV & Related Programs Manager in South Eastern Sydney LHD and prior to that worked as the Clinical Services Manager in the Medically Supervised Injecting Centre. Colette has spent most of her career working with people who inject drugs and she is passionate about ensuring that disadvantaged populations have access to health services.



ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR KATE SEEAR

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, MONASH UNIVERSITY AND ACADEMIC DIRECTOR, SPRINGVALE MONASH LEGAL SERVICE

Kate Seear is an Associate Professor in Law at the Faculty of Law, Monash University, Australia and was an Australian Research Council DECRA Fellow (2016–2019). Kate is a practising lawyer, the Academic Director of the Springvale Monash Legal Service, and an Adjunct Research Fellow at the National Drug Research Institute at Curtin University. She is the author of numerous books, reports and articles, including the books: *Law, Drugs and the Making of Addiction: Just Habits* (forthcoming through Routledge) and *Making Disease, Making Citizens: The politics of hepatitis C* (with Suzanne Fraser). She is an editor of the collection *Critical Perspectives on Coercive Interventions: Law, Medicine and Society* (with Claire Spivakovsky and Adrian Carter). She is also a founder and co-host of the multi-award winning ABC podcast and radio show *The Outer Sanctum*.

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Jan Shanthosh is Academic Lead of the Health and Human Rights Programme at the Australian Human Rights Institute. She is also a Research Fellow based at The George Institute for Global Health. Jan works across a number of areas at the intersection of health systems and international human rights including community health worker rights, Indigenous health and non-communicable disease prevention and the law. Her work aims to develop empirical research tools that human rights advocates, policy makers and researchers can use to evaluate public health law (in terms of power, effectiveness, acceptability and sustainability), and to inform the design of legislative reform.

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SCIENTIA PROFESSOR CARLA TRELOAR

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Carla Treloar is Director of the Centre for Social Research in Health and the Social Policy Research Centre at UNSW, Sydney. Her work crosses disciplines of health psychology, sociology, public health and health services research in the fields of drug use, hepatitis C, experience of incarceration, and in Aboriginal health. She has been a member of more than 50 advisory committees for government, health agencies and non-government organisations.

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The Kirby Institute, fully affiliated with UNSW Medicine, is a leading global research institute dedicated to the prevention and treatment of infectious diseases.

We were established in 1986 in response to the then emerging HIV epidemic. We now contribute to knowledge on a broad range of diseases, including viral hepatitis and sexually transmissible infections.

Our research projects are conducted in partnership with communities most affected by epidemics. Together we implement trials of behavioural and biomedical interventions designed to prevent the spread of infectious diseases in vulnerable populations.

Australia is considered a world leader in providing access to hepatitis C cures, and Kirby Institute researchers are leading the charge in clinical and epidemiological research towards achieving hepatitis C elimination.

kirby.unsw.edu.au



The **Public Interest Advocacy Centre** is a specialist community legal centre in New South Wales. Established in 1982, we use test cases, public policy development, communication and training to promote social justice in a practical and strategic way.

Our Asylum Seeker Health Rights Project is working to urgently improve access to medical and mental health care for people in Australian immigration detention centres.

Earlier this year, PIAC secured access to curative treatment for asylum seekers with Hepatitis C in onshore detention. The Commonwealth Government has now changed its policies to ensure all people in onshore detention will have access to treatment for Hepatitis C.

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World Hepatitis Day, 28 July, is an opportunity to step up national and international efforts on hepatitis, encourage actions and engagement by individuals, partners and the public and highlight the need for a greater global response as outlined in the WHO's Global Hepatitis Report of 2017.

Low coverage of testing and treatment is the most important gap to be addressed in order to achieve the global elimination goals by 2030.

This World Hepatitis Day, the Kirby Institute, in partnership with the Public Interest Advocacy Centre, is hosting this special seminar that brings together experts from legal, health and community backgrounds to discuss strategies to ensure that people who use drugs have equal, discrimination-free access to health care.

Thank you to our speakers, moderator, and partnering organisations who have made this event possible.

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