

Chair's Message

This is the first Annual Report under our new banner, Hepatitis C Victoria, our new name which reflects a commitment to being a vibrant organization dedicated to leading and coordinating the community response to hepatitis C.

While this year has been one of significant development for our organization, we remain very committed about the continuing high number of new Hepatitis C infections and the significant number of people with hepatitis C.

An integrated response to hepatitis C will require leadership from community organizations such as Hepatitis C Victoria and from other sectors, including service delivery agencies in treatment, care and prevention, and particularly from government. We are hopeful that a new State co-ordinating and advisory body will be established in the near future to help address the many urgent issues being our community and bring greater coordination to the response.

Hepatitis Awareness Week this year was a great success, particularly related to our national work by journalist and author Kate Holden about her experience with hepatitis C. We had the wonderful support we received from Assembly Members.

The Board has had a busy year, embarking on the review of our Strategic Plan and the development of a new strategic plan for the next three years. We have also nearly completed the process of reviewing all governance policies for the organization.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to my fellow Board Members for their thoughtful and considered input to the Board throughout the year. It has been a pleasure to work with you all.

Finally I would like to congratulate our CEO Helen Michell, and the staff of Hepatitis C Victoria on a successful year. Their professionalism and commitment is what makes the organization strong.

Cathy Board
Chairperson, Hepatitis C Victoria Board

HEPATITIS VICTORIA



Hepatitis C



Hepatitis C is a blood borne virus that causes inflammation of the liver. One thing it does however for you, and for most, is a change in your liver's shape.

Control your own destiny with Hepatitis C and improve your overall wellbeing by the best way of your own choice. Hepatitis C is a disease that can be cured.

The responsibility of hepatitis C belongs to the individual person, but the responsibility of the cure belongs to the community.

Living with hepatitis C can be difficult. The physical, emotional, and social aspects affect you and your personal relationships with Hepatitis C Victoria is committed to helping you deal with the physical, emotional and social aspects of living with hepatitis C.

We are only individuals who are affected by hepatitis C and we need the support and understanding of the community in our fight against hepatitis C.

There is no need for people with hepatitis C to feel that you are alone. Hepatitis C Victoria can give you the support you need. Contact us on 1800 703 003 or visit our website at www.hepcvic.org.au.



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Information on the life of hepatitis C virus, hepatitis C treatment, diagnosis and cure, our involvement



Hepatitis C Victoria

Hepatitis C Victoria is an independent community based, not for profit organization funded primarily by the Victorian Department of Human Services. The organization is governed by a Board of Directors and the day to day work of the organization is coordinated by a CEO and staff. We are fortunate to have a strong number of volunteer members who work throughout the organization.

SUPPORT
For a community organization such as Hepatitis C Victoria, donations are the life water that helps our activities to flourish. Donations to Hepatitis C Victoria are for donations.

JOBS
To volunteer effectively on behalf of the hepatitis C community with a strong and relevant role of State and Federal levels, Hepatitis C Victoria needs representatives

of that community. To be an active membership base, not a profit organization funded primarily by the Victorian Department of Human Services. The organization is governed by a Board of Directors and the day to day work of the organization is coordinated by a CEO and staff. We are fortunate to have a strong number of volunteer members who work throughout the organization.

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Don't clown with your life!



Blood borne viruses are NO JOKE!