

Promoting and Protecting Drug Users Rights

AIVL's Current & Future Programs

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OVERVIEW

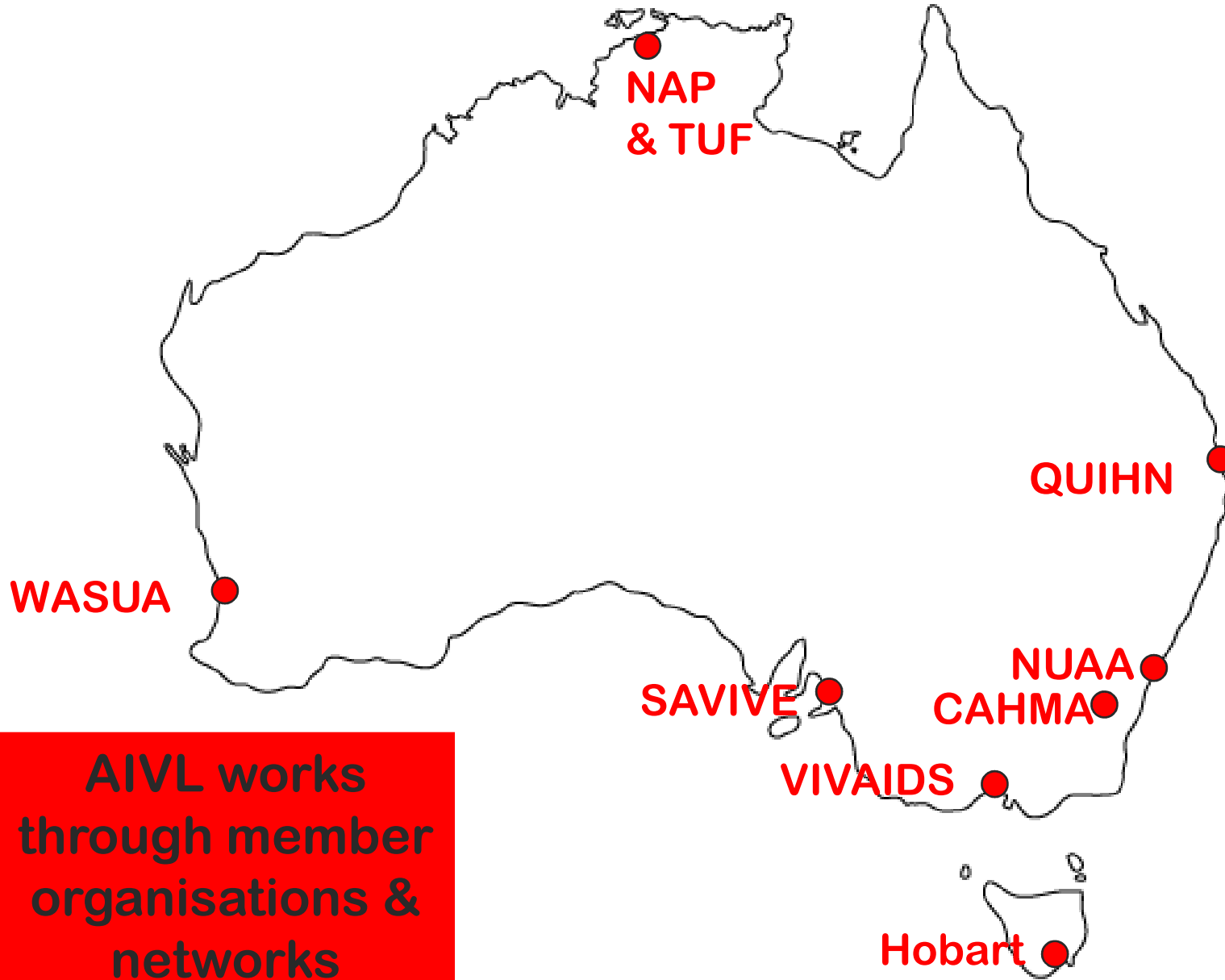


- Who is AIVL?
- Some current projects/areas of interest
- What does the future hold?

WHO IS AIVL?



- National peak organisation for the state and territory peer-based drug user organisations and...
- Represents issues of national significance for people who use/have used illicit drugs
- Work on all issues affecting people who use/have used illicit drugs including hepatitis C, other BBVs, harm reduction, drug treatment and other health, social and legal issues
- State & territory member organisations



AIVL works through member organisations & networks

WHO IS AIVL?



- AIVL operates on a peer-based, user-centred philosophy, which means the organisation encourages and supports people who use/have used illicit drugs to:
 - Speak on their own behalf; and
 - Participate directly in all levels of the organisation.

WHO IS AIVL?



- AIVL also promotes the health and human rights of people who use or have used illicit drugs. The organisation believes people should:
- Have the right to be treated with dignity and respect; and
- Be able to live their lives free from discrimination, stigma and health and human rights violations.

CURRENT PROJECTS



NATIONAL HEPATITIS C PROGRAM

- Peer Educators Training “Road-Show”
 - Aims to train local peer educators
 - Work with state/territory member organisations
 - 3 day hands-on training workshop
 - Invite 10-15 local peers/drug users
 - Focuses on practical skills and knowledge
 - Basic hep C & safer using information
 - How to know your information is up-to-date?
 - How do you start conversations about hep C?
 - Making education materials

CURRENT PROJECTS



NATIONAL HEPATITIS C PROGRAM

- Drug User Activist & Legal Issues Workshop
 - Aims to train drug user activists
 - Running for 1st time at 2008 AIVL National Meeting
 - 3 day hands-on training workshop
 - 2 drug user activists from each member org
 - Representation and advocacy skills
 - Media skills (press releases, letters to editors)
 - Critical analysis & policy development skills
 - Legal issues (NSP, drug laws, roadside drug testing, employment drug testing, human rights)
 - Reporting obligations (children, employment)

CURRENT PROJECTS



NATIONAL HEPATITIS C PROGRAM

- Other projects in 2008/2009...
 - Indo-Chinese Project (with NUAA)
 - AVANT Card – hep C & the home
 - Updating AIVL Guides to Safer Injecting & Cleaning Fits
 - DVDs – Back to Basics & How the Liver Works
 - Aboriginal Hep C Peer Educators Workshop Kit
 - Training Module – Working with Aboriginal IDU
 - National Hep C Treatments Campaign
 - Handy Hints Edition 4
 - Cleaning Injecting Equipment Project

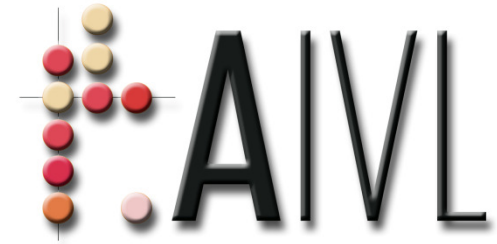
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TREATMENT SERVICE USERS PROJECT

- Consumer Participation in Drug Treatment Services:
 - Stage 1 – 2005/2007 – Report available
 - Stage 2 – 5 demonstration projects
 - Victoria, Western Australia and NSW
 - Pharmacotherapy, detox and rehab
 - Different consumer participation models
 - Fully evaluated by NCHSR
 - Final report – findings from demo projects
 - Stage 3 – national workshop and toolkit?

CURRENT PROJECTS



DRUG POLICY MODELLING PROGRAM

- AIVL DPMP Project:
 - Role of drug user orgs in Australian drug policy
 - Online archive and timeline
 - Video interviews, podcasts, submissions, letters, campaigns, timeline of user orgs, etc
 - Drug policy issues – NSPs, pharmacotherapies, heroin trials, law reform, HIV & hep C, NEP in prisons, retractables, disability discrimination, etc.
 - Checklists for policy makers & user advocates
 - Other drug policy advocacy tools
 - “Track Marks”

CURRENT PROJECTS



INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

- Regional HIV Capacity Building Project:
 - HIV Consortium – 9 Australian HIV Organisations
 - AIVL Project: building capacity of peer-based drug user organisations in Asia
 - Currently finalising Year 1 program of activities
 - Regional project to build relationships, network, listen, learn and plan Year 2 & 3 projects
- INPUD & INPUD AP:
 - Represented on Board of INPUD;
 - Supporting development of INPUD AP

CURRENT PROJECTS



OTHER IMPORTANT STUFF

- CAHMA (incl: The Connection):
 - CAHMA is the local ACT drug user organisation
 - Currently auspiced by AIVL
 - The Connection is an ACT peer-based program for and by young indigenous drug users
- Politics:
 - Making use of Senate – EPC Dental Scheme
 - Welfare to Work – Centrelink breaching & JCA review
 - Cost of Pharmacotherapies

FUTURE IDEAS...



- Drug Treatment & Illicit Drugs:
 - Waiting to hear about funding
- Heroin Prescription:
 - Looking to launch a federal petition
 - Under new House of Reps petition rules
- Human Rights:
 - Dreaming about having a legal project/capacity
 - Great to have lawyer + legal project officers
 - To run test cases re: human rights and drug users
 - Particularly in light of recent developments in ACT and Vic with new statutory bill of rights and talk of Constitutional bill of rights at federal level