

Increasing hepatitis C awareness has been a focus for the organization this year. We have conducted several educational campaigns to increase the awareness of those living with hepatitis C and to impact on the broader community. Increased C-Ed efforts have worked closely with health care professionals, which has helped raise the profile of hepatitis C and increase awareness that hepatitis C is a curable condition.

Organizational changes over the last 12 months have also helped to expand the role of Hepatitis C. The implementation of a Program Manager has helped to improve coordination and expansion of programs and services, and ensure that all programs are being properly evaluated, making us a more proactive for hepatitis C.

We also had to focus on how long-term funding and support from the Government and the private sector. Both have a role to play in providing the financial and other resources that we need to continue to expand our services.

Continuing to build on the success of our programs, we have increased C-Ed, our role in the past year and the Department of Health Services (DHS) to ensure that we are able to provide excellent support for organizations. Thanks to the partnership with TriNetx and the support from the Board, we have a very good year.

There are also a lot of new people at the staff of Hepatitis C Victoria, for delivering targeted and tailored interventions to those with hepatitis C. Our new staff include a number of people with hepatitis C and we have a number of people with hepatitis C on the staff. Our new staff include a number of people with hepatitis C and we have a number of people with hepatitis C on the staff.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our staff for their hard work and dedication. It has been a very successful year for us and we are looking forward to continuing to work together to make a difference in the lives of those living with hepatitis C.

Malcolm McNeill  
CEO



## Programs Manager

The Program Manager now oversees the Education, Training and Health Promotion Team across a number of programs including:

- Community and Advocacy Program
- Outreach and Support Program
- Hepatitis Program
- Youth People's Program

The Program Manager also oversees the Community Participation Program, which incorporates the Hepatitis C and Hepatitis B and Hepatitis A and Hepatitis D programs. This program focuses on the individual and community education for those living with hepatitis C.

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Building the capacity of staff and regional nurses and health professionals to effectively assess and respond to hepatitis C. This program includes a number of initiatives including:

- Hepatitis C and Hepatitis B and Hepatitis A and Hepatitis D programs
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Supporting the personal and business Hepatitis C Victoria, which includes the Department of Health Services, and Hepatitis C Victoria and Hepatitis B and Hepatitis A and Hepatitis D programs.

Emily Adomson  
Community Program Manager



## Young People's Program

The Youth People's Program has delivered targeted interventions to the youth sector and is engaged with working party on the youth sector and is engaged with working party on the youth sector.

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## Cultural Diversity Program

The Cultural Diversity Program provides the development and delivery of culturally sensitive and accessible Hepatitis C programs and services. The program works closely with Cultural, Anti-Linguistic Diversity (CALD) and other organizations to provide culturally appropriate information and training.

Partnerships with the Multicultural Health and Support Agency (MHSA) and the Office of the Victorian Aboriginal Communities Development (OVACD) have been established to provide culturally appropriate information and training.

Alex Taylor  
Cultural Diversity Program Manager

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Cultural Diversity Program Manager



## Indigenous Program

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Helen Dick  
Indigenous Program Manager

## Financial Report

### INCOME STATEMENT

2008	2007
Grant - DHS Commonwealth	259,019
Grant - DHS Victorian	399,844
Grant - DHS State	6,351
Grant - DHS Local	1,000
Grant - DHS Other	1,000
Grant - DHS Total	667,214
Other Income	1,000
Interest Income	1,000
Fees for Services	1,000
Other Income	1,000
Total	671,214

### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2008

2008	2007
Cash at Bank	145,845
Accounts Receivable	145,845
Prepaid Expenses	46,206
Other Assets	10,000
Accounts Payable	(10,000)
Other Liabilities	(10,000)
Total	327,896

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Garry Smith  
Community Participation Coordinator



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Communications Coordinator

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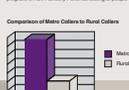
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Chair's Message

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 important need 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 co-ordination to the response.

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

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. Over time it can progress to liver cirrhosis and liver cancer, a liver transplant may be required.

Control infection by avoiding sharing needles, syringes or other injection equipment, and by using sterile injecting equipment. The use of clean injecting equipment is essential to reduce the risk of hepatitis C.

It is not only individuals who are affected by hepatitis C, but also their families and communities. Hepatitis C is a chronic condition that can be passed on to others.

There is no cure for hepatitis C, but there are treatments available to help manage the condition. It is important to seek medical advice if you have symptoms of hepatitis C.

Living with hepatitis C can be difficult. The physical, emotional, and social aspects of the condition can be challenging. It is important to seek support and advice from others who have experience with hepatitis C.

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People can live with hepatitis C but they can't live with discrimination.

DON'T DISCRIMINATE

hep-c-victoria.org.au  
Information on the life of hepatitis C virus, hepatitis C awareness, education and support services

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 its CEO and staff. We are fortunate to have a strong number of volunteer members who assist 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.

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To subscribe effectively on behalf of the hepatitis C community visit a along and relevant sites of State and Federal levels. Hepatitis C Victoria would appreciate

all that community. To be and, making membership fees is essential. Because a member - it's free for individuals and work with us for hepatitis C support, advocacy, research, education, development and information provision.

For more information about Hepatitis C Victoria, about becoming a member or volunteer, or to find out more about our Hepatitis C services contact us:

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Don't clown with your life!



Blood borne viruses are NO JOKE!