Advocates in Action
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Community advocacy

Community advocates work on behalf of people living with viral hepatitis.

Goals:
- To influence public awareness
- To influence the political process
Hepatitis B Advocacy

**Highlights:**

- Was part of the Victorian DHHS Hepatitis B Working Group
- Minister of Health’s Roundtable Discussion on Hepatitis B
- 2016 National Hepatitis Health Promotion Conference
- Mark Farmers Award winner 2015

**Challenges:**

- Sometimes it can be exhausting
- Opposing people’s expectations
- Exposure to criticism
Hepatitis C advocacy

Telling the story and raising awareness:
• In community groups
• Through media interviews: radio, TV, newspapers

Speaking in forums:
• Community forums,
• Parliamentary breakfast

Political action:
• By lobbying MPs individually
• As witnesses at the Parliamentary Inquiry
We want to achieve

- Increased public awareness of viral hepatitis
- Increased awareness within health professionals
- Reaching out to at-risk communities
- Influencing political decision-making