



HEPATITIS VICTORIA



Yarning about Hep C

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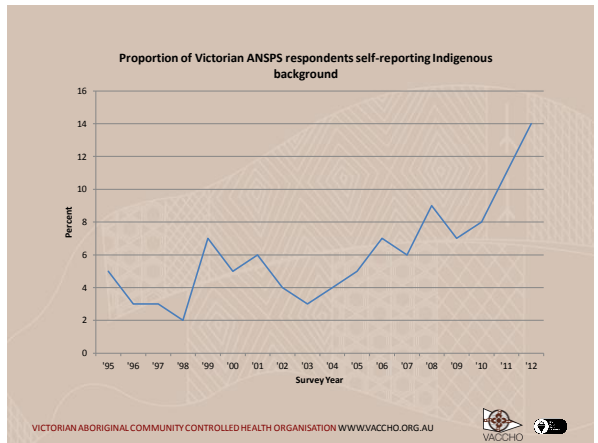
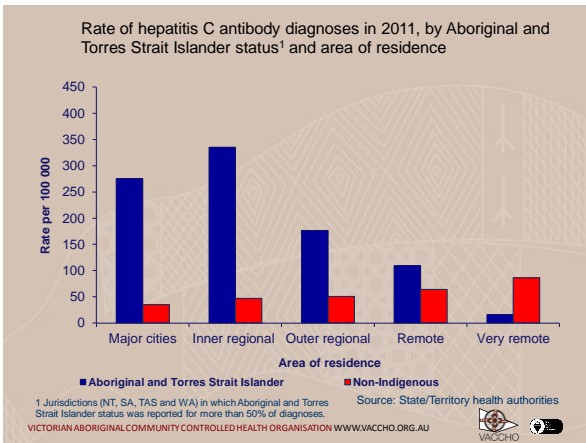
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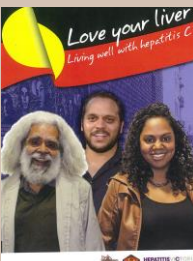
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Background



- Love your liver produced in 2010/11
- Featured Aboriginal actors and covered the facts about the prevention, transmission, and treatment of Hep C
- But did it really speak to Aboriginal people affected by Hep C ?


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Background

- DVD produced in 2011 using actors providing information about hep C
- Production of DVD in mid 2012 highlighting people's lived experience from the community
- Rates of hep C in the Aboriginal community up to 6 times higher than the general population

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Background

- Low uptake of hep C treatment by Aboriginal community
- Hep C surrounded with shame and stigma in the Aboriginal community
- Aim of the DVD was to get the community talking about hep C and treatment options and reduce shame and stigma

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The Movie



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SwJx5PGb6Qo>

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Outcomes

- 500 copies were distributed across Victoria but a further 500 were produced due to demand
- The film has been used widely in education about Hepatitis C with the Victorian Aboriginal Community
- It has help to reduce the stigma associate with Hep C and get the Community talking
- Ron Briggs has become a spokesperson for Hepatitis C in the Melbourne Community

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