



Advocates in Action

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Hepatitis Victoria



Community advocacy

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

Goals:

- To influence public awareness
 - To influence the political process
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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
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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

Political action:

- By lobbying MPs individually
- As witnesses at the Parliamentary Inquiry

Speaking in forums:

- Community forums,
 - Parliamentary breakfast
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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
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