

# 2020 -2021 President Report Annual General Meeting 21st August 2021



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I would like to first start by thanking the committee members for all their work this year. It has not been an easy year for many with the ongoing disruptions to work, family and Society work due to COVID. So, I would like to acknowledge the committee for their continued commitment to the society during this time.

I also would like to thank our Vice President Ian Anderson for his help and support this year, even after having to leave us for work opportunities interstate. I can also not continue until I thank wholeheartedly Brad Reuter for his over and beyond support as the Secretariat, without this I and the committee certainly would not have managed this year.

We do have a few outgoing committee members this year so of behalf of myself and the society a big THANK you Elena McLeish, Melinda Hassall, and John Nicholas for your commitment to the society.

Also, finally but not least, I want to thank you the members for your patience and support as we continue to provide the clinical meeting fully on-line.

<b>President:</b> Dr Judith Dean	<b>Ordinary Member:</b> John Nicholas
<b>V President:</b> Dr Ian Anderson	<b>Ordinary Member:</b> Elena McLeish
<b>Secretary:</b> Joanne Leamy	<b>Ordinary Member:</b> Dr Katelin Haynes
<b>Treasurer:</b> Joseph Debattista	<b>Ordinary Member:</b> Dr Fabiola Martin
<b>Secretariat:</b> Brad Reuter	<b>Ordinary Member:</b> Melinda Hassall
	<b>Regional Member:</b>

## Membership

As of the 20<sup>th</sup> of August 2021, our memberships consist of 87 current members. 66 ordinary members, 10 student members, 3 corporate members, 2 corporate sponsors and 4 life members.

Our committee sub-committee continue to explore ways of increasing membership, and this will be ongoing in the coming year.

We moved to using PayPal for membership last year and this has streamlined processes for the committee and secretariate

Following amendments to the constitution at last year's AGM we have added student and corporate classes of membership, with an explanation of the rights and privileges of corporate membership. The website and registration for clinical meeting have been reviewed to cater for these changes.

## Corporate Sponsorship

I would like to acknowledge and thank:

1. Our Gold category sponsor, ViiV Healthcare for their ongoing support and Gold sponsorship of the society to the amount of \$3,000.00 per annum
2. The University of Queensland School of Public Health under the Queensland HIV/STI Professorial Chair for the continue sponsorship providing the use of a venue and Zoom communications for all our executive committee and clinical meetings. This has been

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instrumental in the committee of achieving our goal of increasing benefits for regional members.

- Melinda Hassell and ASHM for their continued support and collaboration with providing a joint meeting and affiliate membership opportunity.

The society committee continue to consider appropriate corporate Sponsorship of individual clinical meetings. This will enable the clinical meetings to be open to non-members where appropriate and is being used as a strategy to raise the societies profile and recruit new memberships.

## Clinical meetings for July 2020 – August 2021

Details of the clinical meetings are listed below for your interest.

All clinical meetings have been on-line this year. This has allowed us to include some great international and national speakers at no cost to the society. We have also had a number of non-members joining the meetings, so we hope this has increased awareness of the society and networking across the sector. The committee however proposed to move back to having hybrid face-to-face virtual meetings as soon as Public Health Directives and UQ's Restrictions on meetings on campus allow.

<b>Saturday 21st August 2021</b>		<b>59 registered to attend</b>
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Exploring Access to the Health System for Trans, Gender Diverse, and Non-Binary Individuals</b>	
<b>Presentation</b>	Models of care for trans adults by Dr Graham Neilsen	
<b>Presentation</b>	Models of care for trans adolescents by Dr Stuart Aitken	
<b>Presentation</b>	The lived experiences of formerly incarcerated trans people in Queensland: Challenges, triumphs and ways forward by Dr Netta Bromdal & Dr Amy Mullens (USQ)	
<b>Presentation</b>	Accessing trans services from a regional perspective by Dr Diane Spearritt	
<b>Tuesday 18th May 2021</b>		<b>52 in attendance</b>
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Sexual Dysfunction in Women &amp; Transgender Men</b>	
<b>Presentation</b>	Hypoactive Sexual Desire Disorder (HSDD) and its Management by Dr Fabiola Martin.	
<b>Presentation</b>	Brief Overview of Pelvic Pain in Women not caused by Vaginismus and best Management. by Clinical Associate Professor Katherine Brown	
<b>Presentation</b>	Brief Overview of Vaginismus and its Management by Dr Lesley Yee	

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Tuesday 2nd March 2021		39 in attendance
Topic	HIV Update - Injectable and new treatments	
Presentation	Injectable treatments by Prof Chloe Orkin New treatments by Dr Laura Water	
Presentation	New approaches to HIV prevention by Dr Nneka Nwokolo	
Presentation	Community perspective on Injectables by Chris Howard	
Presentation	Community and COVID HIV Prevention and Care Response Update On-line Outreach. by Robert Muscolino & Shaun Staunton	
10th November 2020		31 in Attendance
Topic	Ng.. What's Neisserially is Going on in Queensland ?	
Presentation	Evolution of resistance and its impact on treatment by A/Prof David Whiley.	
Presentation	Overview of epidemiology including a discussion on the potential utility of genomics by A/Prof Amy Jennison.	
Presentation	Early detection, treatment and prevention strategies by Dr Andrew Redmond.	
Presentation	Gonococcal vaccines by A/Prof Kate Seib. Unavailable for download	

## HIV & Wellness Workshop

The society was funded by ViiV Healthcare to run the 19th annual HIV & Wellness Workshop this year. The event was held on Saturday 19th June 2021 from 9.30am to 4.30pm at the Brisbane International Virginia. It was to be a face-to-face meeting but due to COVID Public Health Directives we delivered it as a hybrid meeting. It also meant that our interstate speaker could not join us in person.

The workshop provided educational updates on HIV trends and foster networking by bringing together 38 multidisciplinary Queensland HIV workforce with the community, government, and private sector. The Society is very excited to partner with ViiV Healthcare on this project and look forward to hosting this event in 2022. I would like to acknowledge the work of Brad Reuter who secured this agreement with ViiV and led coordination of the steering committee guiding development of this project and assisting me to facilitate the day. Not to mention fight with the IT equipment.

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## Society Endorsement of Position Statements and advocacy Activities

We have also continued our advocacy role and supporting position statements in the last twelve months.

1. 2020 SHSQ Position Statement on Family Court of Australia Re Imogen Judgment
2. 2020 November Letter to Minister of Health and Ambulance Service Yvette D'Arth introducing the Society and asking her to support the continuation of the Queensland Sexual Health Strategy
3. 2021 February – On invitation (In response to our letter) four members of the committee met with Genevieve Siddle Senior Advisor to the Minister of Health and Ambulance Service Yvette D'Arth to discuss the Society and key issues. After email consultation with the members the committee to gather key points for discussion four committee members met with Genevieve. Outcome: Requested Society submit a summary of the key points discussed and to arrange a further meeting in the coming months. The Issues paper has been prepared and will be circulated to members next week once all comments from the committee have been compiled with the aim of submitting to the MoHA in September.
4. We continue to support Respect Inc and DecrimQLD for the Decriminalisation of Sex Work in Queensland Position.

## President Activities

I have continued to represent the Society as the Australasian Sexual Health Alliance as co-chair. Last year we formalised the ASHM ASHA Model of Collaboration: a document clarifying and setting out the terms of the ASHM / ASHA relationship, roles, and responsibilities - and this year we have moved to streamlining some of the administrative processes involved with the ASHA activities. These include:

- Joint HIV Sexual health Conference organising committee
- Chair of the Newly formed ASHM Board Sexual Health Sub-committee
- Membership of the Australasian STI Guidelines Review Steering committee
- Revision of the ASHA Awards
- Renaming of ASHA to ASRHA – adding reproductive to our name to be more reflective of the member organisations strategic targets and aims
- Revision of member organisations
- Revising and ratification of the ASRHA Agreement between members organisation to reflect name change and new members.

I will step down from ASRHA co-chair at the conclusion of the 2021 Joint HIV Sexual health Conference after my two-year term. SHSQ will continue to be members and represented on the ASRHA executive by the incoming President.

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## Social Media and website

We have continued to develop a more active social media presence using Facebook, Twitter @SHSQLD and Linked In accounts. This has included using Facebook to promote our events and other items of interest with members without over burdening the Secretariat with email communications. Thank you to Ian Anderson who has help with this activity.

We launched the new look website on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and Brad has continued to improve the Website with input from the committee.

## Scholarships

We the two scholarship opportunities.

1. FNQ Community & Practice Nurse Association SHSQ Scholarship.
2. Australasian HIV/Sexual Health Conference Scholarship

Due to the 2021 Joint Australasian HIV/Sexual; Health Conference going virtual again this year, the committee made the decision to offer a modified scholarship this year that would enable up to four people to register.

These scholarships are currently designed to cover registration at the Joint Australasian HIV/Sexual Health Conference for two people. Uptake had been low the last few years so there has been some preliminary discussion among the committee about whether we consider opening these to attend other conferences or workshops. This item can be carried on into the new committee term.

I again thank the outgoing 2020/21 committee for all their work, say goodbye to our outgoing members Elena, Melinda, and John. I look forward to working with the new committee in the coming 12 months – with this in mind please think about joining the committee

Judith Dean

21 August 2021