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# **13<sup>th</sup> AUSTRALASIAN VIRAL HEPATITIS CONFERENCE**

**29-31 May 2022**

**Sofitel Brisbane Central**

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# BE BRAVE. MAKE CHANGE.

## NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2022



- **Troy Combo (Burnet Institute / UQ)**
  - Competing space
  - Where are sources of transmission?
  - Use your sphere of influence to bring about change

*“ Don’t walk in front of me... I may not follow  
Don’t walk behind me... I may not lead  
Walk beside me... just be my friend”  
(Albert Camus)*

- Rights based framework, equity approach to National strategies.

# Hepatitis B

- **Danjuma Adda (World Hepatitis Alliance, Nigeria)**
  - hepatitis B most prevalent amongst the most marginalised
- **Joe Tucker (London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine)**
  - people living with hepatitis B are diverse
  - hepatitis policies driven by white men
  - hepatitis consensus statement – medical model driven
  - community voices must inform policy
- Syndemic – priority populations are disadvantaged and stigmatised
- Cure? Is finding a hepatitis B ‘cure’ possible?
- Public awareness campaigns



# Reaching hepatitis C prevention, testing and treatment targets

- **Priority settings**
  - Community corrections
  - Homeless populations
  - Mental health settings
  - Prisons
- **Strategies**
  - Incentives
  - Outreach
  - Testing technologies – POCT
- **Maintain focus on prevention**
- **Underpinned by addressing stigma and discrimination**



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Jurisdictional presentations showcased some important #HCV wins across Australia through collaboration while outlining the need for sustainable funding as one strategy to address ongoing barriers to elimination #VH2022

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 **Greg Dore** @GregDore2

Inspiring stuff as always from @ClinicKombi team, w/ Mim O'Flynn describing 5-day blitz screening in Lotus Glen prison, w/ \*all\* those who screened RNA pos commencing therapy. Important call for enhanced prevention in-prison including needle-syringe program. #VH2022



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 **Shelley** @ShelleyKer25

Jess Howell demonstrates the disparities in liver cancer prevalence. Could novel technologies like POCT and pocket ultrasounds for liver disease and HCC help? #VH2022 @ASHMMedia



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 **Prof Mark Stooze** · 29/5/22

So thrilled to chair the opening plenary for the 13th Australasian Viral Hepatitis Conference with @CarrieFowle. Wonderful to finally attend a conference face to face and reconnect with an amazing community and sector #VH2022.



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The road to viral hepatitis elimination – where are we & where do we go from here? Panel consensus! Let's develop a new target for "Indigenous status data completion" in #hepatitisB and #hepatitisC notifications, with reporting by jurisdictions and nationally. #VH2022 @ASHMMedia



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Dr Daniel Hunt (Dierbal Yerrigan Health Services Aboriginal Corporation): 2 things that work for high #hepatitisC treatment uptake amongst Aboriginal clients:

1. Culturally safe
2. Good data management

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