

QAHC Operational Plan 2007-08

Central Queensland



This is a summary of planned activity in central Queensland in 2007-08. More detailed information can be found on www.qahc.org.au/plans. If you have any questions or feedback on our plans, please get in contact with us (details below).

QAHC currently receives funding for the following 3 programs:

- **HIV, Hepatitis C and STI prevention for gay/msm**
- **Queensland Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander HIV/AIDS Project**
- **Training & Development (LGBT Health)**

Gay/MSM Program

The overall goal of the Gay/MSM Program is to enable and support gay men and other MSM to make informed decisions about their sexual health, by:

- ensuring gay and other MSM have awareness, knowledge, skills, resources and access to services relating to HIV, Hepatitis C and sexual health, and
- removing individual, community and societal barriers to men implementing these decisions.

In 2007/08 the following activities will be delivered at a state-wide level:

- 1800 Men's Sexual Health Line (24hrs)
- outreach in internet chat rooms
- writing articles for the gay media
- social marketing campaigns:
 - 'Up Ya Bum' - condoms
 - 'Drama Down Under' - STIs
 - 'Your Voice Box' - LGBT friendly services
 - drugs & alcohol
 - men's sexual health (regional)
 - mardi gras (sex, drugs & personal safety)
 - disclosure of HIV status
- printed and electronic resources
 - 'HIV Today' - basic safe sex booklet
 - 'At Home ... Away' - safe sex & traveling booklet and condom pack for gay accommodations
 - young gay men
 - relationships
- chlamydia home testing kits
- working with GPs and sexual health clinicians to further support gay/msm

In 2007/08 the following activities will be delivered in the central Queensland area:

- distribution of printed resources to services, gay groups and businesses
- publication of local LGBT community newsletters "CQC", "Bay Pride" and "Outrageous"
- limited distribution of free condoms and lube
- outreach to gay venues (inc. Crush, Diversity, Club Rok), events and accommodations
- workshops including 'The Art of Sex', 'Cruising 101' and 'Relationships'
- contribution to World AIDS Day and Hepatitis Awareness Week events
- liaison with police and council around beat and other issues
- liaison and support to gay community groups, including Daffyd's Tea Dance.
- participation in service provider interagency meetings
- liaison and cooperation with other relevant services (e.g. QPP, Positive Directions, sexual health clinics)
- advocacy on gay/msm sexual health issues
- training & support for volunteers
- consultation with community members and other key stakeholders
- provide informal support and referrals for gay/msm in the region
- outreach to regional areas (e.g. Fraser Coast, Harvey Bay, Bundaberg, Rockhampton)

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Program

The overall goal of the A&TSI Program is to work in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and service providers to;

- value and acknowledge all aspects of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture,
- maintain commitment to the health and well being of people living with HIV or AIDS, gay men and sisters/girls,
- address social, emotional, economical and cultural well being.

In 2007/08 the following activities will be delivered in central Queensland:

- hold at least 1 whole of community forums with A&TSI communities
- deliver at least 2 workshops for A&TSI people and people with HIV
- provide informal support and referrals for A&TSI people living with HIV
- develop 1 statewide campaign and 2 printed resources
- support community and volunteer involvement in the program, including through community or cultural development activities
- participate in service provider interagency meetings
- liaise and cooperate with other relevant services (e.g. QPP, Positive Directions, sexual health clinics, Aboriginal Medical Services)
- advocate on A&TSI sexual health issues
- consult with community members and other key stakeholders

Training & Development Program

The overall goal of the Training & Development Program is to support health and related service providers to deliver a culturally appropriate service to LGBT people, and improve health outcomes for LGBT people.

In 2007/08 the following activities will be delivered across the state:

- deliver LGBT awareness training workshop to health and related service providers
- deliver A&TSI sexuality & gender identity training to A&TSI health workers
- deliver 'What We Don't See' training to youth and community workers
- provide training and resources on LGBT issues to general practitioners
- pilot a gender identity training course
- produce resources for health workers on LGBT health issues and working with LGBT clients
- collate and/or produce health resources for LGBT people
- facilitate 2 statewide LGBT health and community e-networks
- hold at least 5 LGBT health forums across the state

Other QAHC Activities

In addition to QAHC's main funded programs, in 2007/08 we will:

- further develop the community Resource Centre in Maroochydore, housing QAHC staff and providing meeting and office space for community groups
- maintain the QAHC website www.qahc.org.au – including calendar of events, national LGBT/HIV daily news summary, services directory, discussion forums, information on sexual, LGBT and A&TSI health and QAHC
- initiate and/or support community development events (e.g. Film Festival)
- work with other LGBT health organisations to further develop the 'National GLBT Health Alliance' to influence research, policy and programs at a national level
- facilitate an LGBT Ageing Action Group to address the needs of LGBT seniors
- seek additional funding to address other health issues for LGBT people and develop the LGBT community

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