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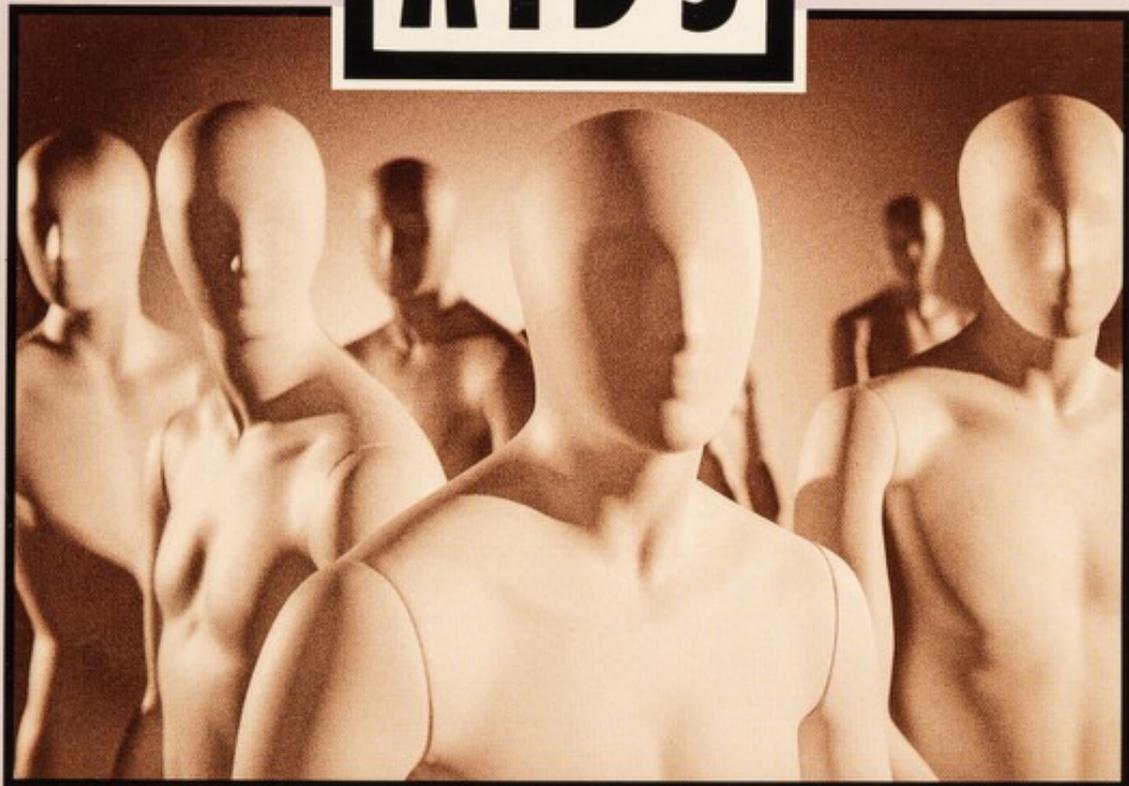
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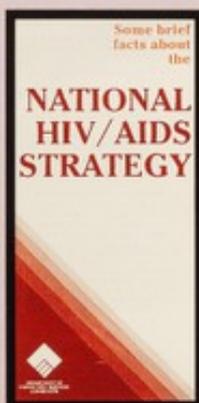
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT - IT HAS A ROLE

- AIDS prevention is the responsibility of everyone in Australia. The containment of the disease needs the



co-operation of the whole community, this means all of us. The protection of our health is the Commonwealth Government's real concern in developing and putting into practice AIDS policies.

At a street level Local Government has a vital role to play in seeing that the help gets to where it's most needed, so it stands to reason that Local Government will benefit from Commonwealth initiatives concerned with HIV/AIDS related services and resources.

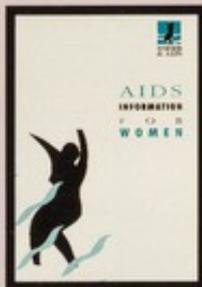
- The Commonwealth Government has set out in the National HIV/AIDS Strategy its policies on a wide range of issues concerning HIV (human immunodeficiency virus, the virus which causes AIDS), made up of two goals: first to eliminate the spread of the virus and second to minimise the personal and social impact of HIV.

The strategies to achieve these goals include making available accurate information on the prevention of HIV/AIDS transmission and programs for people who are already affected by HIV/AIDS.

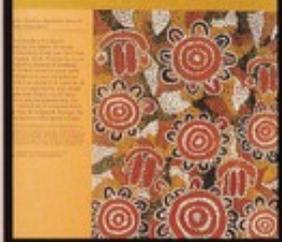
The Commonwealth funds program has been set up to help with these aims through a grants system.

The grants system includes:

- the new Commonwealth AIDS Prevention and Education (CAPE) program, which gives funds for community-based organisations to allow them to develop relevant programs for priority groups all over Australia;



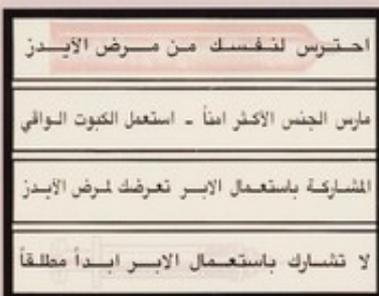
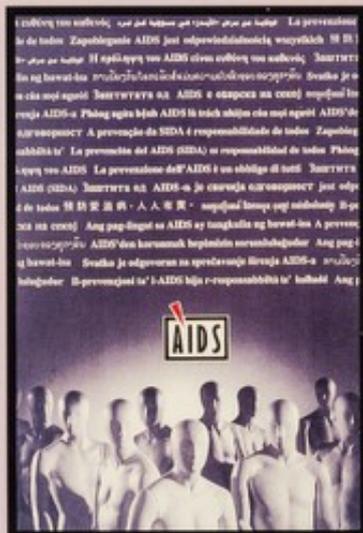
How AIDS invades Aboriginal communities



- the new Commonwealth AIDS Workforce Information, Standards and Exchange (CAWISE) program, makes sure that people who are at risk through their work have access to AIDS information and resource materials. A high priority of this program will be a pilot scheme for health care workers working with Aboriginal and Islander people.
- The National Media Campaign is aimed at the general community and groups in the community which might not have been reached yet. Some campaigns are designed to inform people with special needs (eg non-

way HIV/AIDS is transmitted and how it can be prevented. It is hoped that this has helped to combat fear and prejudice as well.

- The increase in the Matched Funding Program (MFP) will mean that the States will have more money for education and prevention strategies.



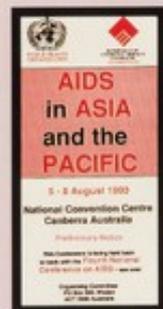
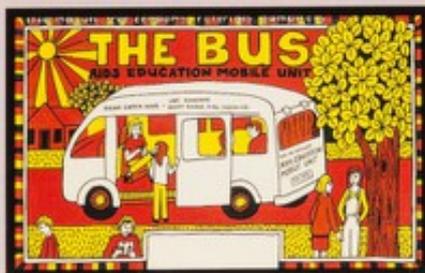
English speakers) about services designed especially for them. Commonwealth campaigns support programs offered by community groups and Local Government, providing resources and directing people to where services can be found. These Campaigns have also raised the level of awareness in the general community. People have been informed about the

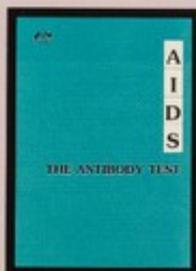


This includes a new program, the AIDS Self-Help and Care (ASHAC) program. With this funding the Commonwealth, and the States give priority to pilot projects for community-based organisations which support and care for people with HIV/AIDS.

- Research and conferences are a vital part of the whole effort to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS. They are helping us understand the virus better and develop more effective treatments. The Commonwealth gives grants for research through the Commonwealth AIDS Research Grants (CARG) Committee, which is a sub-committee of the Australian National Committee on AIDS (ANCA), the Commonwealth's expert advisory body.

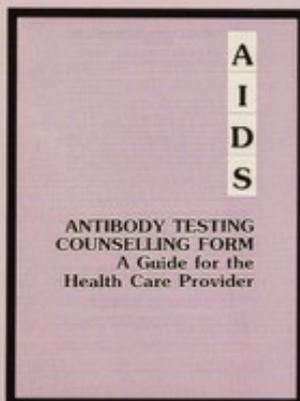
ANCA is currently preparing a High-Risk Youth Report. This will be useful to policy makers,





health services and community organisations in creating awareness of AIDS and the sort of behaviour changes needed to stop its spread amongst 'high-risk' young people.

Similarly, other local government functions will be affected by the spread of HIV/AIDS. The Commonwealth Government will keep supporting programs for funding, research and policy-development. In this way, there will be guidelines available for services like health care, welfare, housing, waste disposal and anyone affected by HIV/AIDS issues.



There is and will continue to be diversity in the sorts of groups, both Government and non-Government, and in the three levels of government involved in the struggle against AIDS. This diversity will be reflected in the range of programs put in place to deal with the virus and will also support our national effort against HIV/AIDS if it is underpinned with a solidarity of purpose.

SAFE DISPOSAL OF NEEDLES AND SYRINGES

While the chances of contracting HIV/AIDS from an injury caused by a needle or syringe found somewhere are low, there are ways of protecting yourself. Use gloves to pick up the needle if it has to be touched. Put it in a sealed plastic container without recapping it and then put it in the bin. Wash any wound thoroughly and as quickly as possible and apply antiseptic. Check that you have been vaccinated against Hepatitis B and Tetanus.

- More information on safe disposal and treatment of needle-stick injuries is available from your local Health



Department, Alcohol and Drug Information Service or AIDS Councils.



HIGH RISK YOUTH: WORKSHOP REPORT

AIDS is a disease which will disproportionately affect the youth of Australia in a few years. Some young people are less equipped than others to protect themselves against the virus or come to terms with it because they are disadvantaged in one or more ways. The Commonwealth Government sponsored this Workshop to bring together important groups, individuals and government agencies working with Australian youth to pass on AIDS education and prevention. This will be achieved by co-operation and with the use of innovative ways to spread messages.



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> YOUR ADDRESS :

> RETURN TO :

AIDS EDUCATION SECTION
 Department of Community Services and Health
 GPO Box 9848
 Canberra ACT 2601

> GENERAL

- AIDS - The Facts Everyone Should Know
- AIDS Report
- What is AIDS - Why Your Children Need to Know about AIDS
- AIDS - What You Need to Know to Stay Safe
- Care of a Person With AIDS at Home
- AIDS Information for Travellers
- Cover Yourself Against AIDS (Poster)
- Tell Him If It's Not On, It's Not On (Poster)
- Cover Yourself Against AIDS (Bumper Bar Sticker)
- Tell Him If It's Not On, It's Not On (Bumper Bar Sticker)
- AIDS, Sharing needles is just asking for it
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> BIOMEDICAL

- Fact About AIDS
- AIDS Task Force Bulletins
- Infection Control Guidelines
- Laboratory Biosafety Guidelines

> TESTING & COUNSELLING

- AIDS Antibody Test
- Antibody Testing Counselling Forms
- AIDS Counselling Form Checklist

> ABORIGINAL

- Condoman Poster
- No Condom, No Way (Poster)
- AIDS Story (Poster)
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PRIORITY

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Please specify the quantity you require in the space provided

> ETHNIC POSTERS

Ethnic Poster (Covers all languages).

> ETHNIC STICKERS

Each containing a set of four messages; 'Protect Yourself Against AIDS'; 'Practice Safe Sex Today'; 'Sharing Needles is asking for AIDS' and 'Never Ever Share Needles'.

> 2 x 2

2x2x2 the critical formula - Needle cleaning brochures.

> ETHNIC BROCHURES

> ETHNIC STICKERS

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Vietnamese

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> RESOURCES DIRECTORY -

AIDS EDUCATION

& INFORMATION

National Directory of Referrals (Ethnic Campaign)
AIDS Ethnic Information Brochures in 16 Languages
AIDS Report
Care of a Person with AIDS at Home
AIDS The Facts Everyone Should Know
AIDS What You Need to Know to Stay Safe
AIDS The Antibody Test
AIDS The Antibody Testing Counselling Form
AIDS The Antibody Testing Counselling Form Checklist
Infection Control Guidelines
Laboratory Biosafety Guidelines
HIV Infection and Autopsies
Guidelines for the Control of Infectious Disease
National Guidelines for the Management of Clinical and Related Wastes (NH&MRC)
Fit to Travel and Return
AIDS Task Force Bulletins

> OTHER PUBLICATIONS

AVAILABLE THROUGH

AIDS EDUCATION

Goalwize - Special Edition
Streetwize - Comic No.15
Health Education & Promotion System (HEAPS).
AIDS Special Information for Married Couples
AIDS Special Information for Gay & Bisexual Men
National AIDS Bulletin - AFOA Monthly
Partners in Prevention - A Media Worker's Guide to Aids
AIDS and the Workplace
Haemophilia Foundation of Australia - Protected Sex: for Lasting Relationships
WHO AIDS Technical Bulletin
WHO Broadcaster's Question & Answers on AIDS
Business Response to AIDS - A National Survey of US Companies 1988 (USA)
Facts About AIDS for Drug Users and their Partners (UK)
Problems Associated with AIDS (UK)

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