

YZZZZZ UP

HEPATITIS C EXPO



Friday, 22nd May 2009



On 22nd May 2009, WAMS participated in the "Yzzzzz Up Hepatitis C Expo" at the Walgett RSL Hall.

The Programme was facilitated by Chrissie Little, Sexual Health Nurse (Lightning Ridge), and students from Walgett High School attended.

Visitors/Guest Speakers:

- Dennis Coleman** - Youth off The Streets
- Kelly Russell** - Youth off the Streets
- Fran Pelloni** - Special Ed Head Teacher WCCHS
- Sarah Judd** - Nurse Unit Manager HEP C RN – Dubbo Sexual Health
- Bev Tyson** - AHEO Sexual Health – Dubbo Sexual Health
- Bimpe Ekeocha** - Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service - Lightning Ridge
- Mick Giles** - Registered Nurse – Lightning Ridge MHDA
- Kendall Kirkwood** - Student Nurse – Charles Sturt University Bathurst
(with Lightning Ridge Community Health)
- Brianna Dennis** - Youth Worker - Mackillop Rural Community Service – Reconnect Program
- Andrew Carroll** - AHEO Walgett Health Service
- Sandie Suey-Thorne** - Team Leader CH/PHC – Walgett Health Service
- Michael Duncan** - Teachers Aide Special Ed
- Matthew Clarke** - Special Ed Teacher
- Gary Kerr** - Science Teacher
- Erika Lampe** - PDHPE Teacher WCC-HS
- Ashley Albenese** - Yr 1 Aboriginal Studies
- Marg Hill** - Teachers Aide
- Suzann French** - Teachers Aide
- Kim Hill** - Teachers Aide

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What are your chances of spotting Hepatitis C?

ADDICTION
DRINK PROBLEM
DEPRESSION
HEPATITIS C



WAMS Officers in attendance were:
Ann Megalokonomos - BREATHE/
Public Health Worker
Trevor Simpson - FCPHC
– Aboriginal Health Worker
Rosalyn Fernando - Healthy for Life
– Aboriginal Health Worker

The programme provided an educational opportunity on the awareness of Hepatitis C through a series of activities, including the Dr DDV Board Game. Yzzzzz Up handouts with information on Hepatitis C and safe ways of how to prevent the infection.

Morning tea was provided, sausage sizzle lunch and bottles of water.



“It is known that some young people in this area are engaged in various activities that work to transmit the HEP C. Activities such as unsafe sex, drug use, tattoos from unlicensed and unregistered premises can all put a young person at risk of infection.

We must educate our young people so that they are aware of all the risk of undertaking such activities and where they can go if they are in need of help.”



The Expo was a great success, with the students, staff and visitors having an enjoyable day, as well as gaining new skills and knowledge.



The students asked many questions about the health issues in our town. It is recommended that WAMS, GWAHS, local youth and other health areas should hold events such as this on a monthly basis as an educational opportunity and awareness to help future understanding of the risks of health issues relevant today.