PROGRAM OVERVIEW

MONDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2026		
8.00am	Conference registration opens	Foyer
9.00am	OFFICIAL OPENING AND PLENARY	Theatre A
10.00am	SESSION 1: Abstract presentations & 'Come and Yarn with us' panel	See detailed program
11.00am	Morning tea	Foyer
11.30am	SESSION 2: Abstract presentations & panel	See detailed program
1.00pm	Lunch	Foyer
	Unwrapping HIV Stigma: An HIV Unwrapped Exhibition	Foyer
1.30pm	Lunchtime discussion 'Making meaning from fashion'	Theatre A
2.00pm	SESSION 3: Abstract presentations & 'On the Couch' live podcast	See detailed program
3.30pm	Afternoon tea	Foyer
4.00pm	PLENARY	Theatre A
5.00pm	Welcome evening drinks and canapes	Foyer

TUESDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2026		
9.00am	PLENARY	Theatre A
10.30am	Morning tea	Foyer
11.00am	SESSION 4: Abstract presentations & HIV stigma symposium	See detailed program
12.30pm	Lunch	Foyer
	Unwrapping HIV Stigma: A HIV Unwrapped Exhibition	Foyer
1.15pm	SESSION 5: Abstract presentations & 'Art as Anti-Stigma Activism' panel	See detailed program
2.45pm	Afternoon tea	Foyer
3.15pm	SESSION 6: Abstract presentations	See detailed program
4.45pm	CLOSING	Theatre A
5.00pm	End of conference	

DETAILED PROGRAM

MONDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2026

8.00am — Conference registration — **Foyer**

9.00am – 10.00am

OFFICIAL OPENING Chair: kylie valentine — **Theatre A** / **Livestreamed to Theatre B**

9.00am Welcome to Country Aunty Maxine Ryan, La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council
9.10am Welcome to the Centres kylie valentine, CSRH & SPRC UNSW
9.15am Welcome to the Tackling Stigma Conference Loren Brener, CSRH UNSW

PLENARY
9.20am Keynote: Achieving organisation change: the importance of time, tide and tactics in complex systems
Rhea Liang, Bond University
We work within complex systems that are simultaneously resistant to change, yet vulnerable to chaotic disruption. Understanding how to engage with the features of complex systems can translate the considerable resources invested into training into broader, more durable change.

9.50am Q&A

10.00am – 11.00am

Theatre A	Theatre B	Theatre C	LG01	LG02
PANEL: COME AND YARN WITH US. ABORIGINAL WAYS OF CARE WITHIN COMMUNITY-BASED ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG SERVICES IN NEW SOUTH WALES Chair: Joanne Bryant	VIRAL HEPATITIS AND INJECTING DRUG USE: STIGMA, ACCESS, AND CARE MODELS Chair: Jake Rance	WHAT DOES 'GOOD CARE' LOOK LIKE? HEALTH WORKER AND CONSUMER PERSPECTIVES Chair: Emily Lenton	NAVIGATING STIGMA FOR LGBTQI+ COMMUNITIES Chair: Dean Murphy	ILLUMINATING LIVED EXPERIENCE PERSPECTIVES Chair: Richard Kennedy
Mainstream alcohol and other drug (AOD) treatment in Australia is inadequate at responding to the complexities of substance use for many Aboriginal people. This Yarning session introduces a project led by an Aboriginal researcher and guided by an Aboriginal advisory group, which used Yarning as a culturally appropriate method for addressing substance use alongside intersections of trauma, mental health, and	10.00am Introduction and acknowledgement of country 10.05am Dismantling stigma via telehealth: A National Nurse-Led Model for Decentralised Hepatitis C Care Chris Wallis (Full presentation) 10.20am "Whose Needs Are Being Met?" Exploring stigma, relationships and hepatitis C treatment engagement among people who inject drugs Louise Hansford (Full presentation)	10.00am Introduction and acknowledgement of country 10.05am Who defines good care? Comparing clinicians and parents perspectives on the management of perinatal hepatitis C using care ethics Alison Marshall (Full Presentation) 10.20am "Moments of choice": Community and healthcare worker perspectives on person-centred care from the Coffs	10.00am Introduction and acknowledgement of country 10.05am Not queer enough, but also not straight enough: Understanding the factors associated with bi+-specific stigma experiences Bella Bushby (Full presentation) 10.20am Queer family imaginaries Katherine Thompson (Full presentation)	10.00am Introduction and acknowledgement of country 10.05am From Stigma and Shame to Purpose and Advocacy: Lived Experience Perspectives on Gambling Harm Russell Northe and Carolyn Crawford (Full presentation) 10.20am Lived experience shining a light on patient-reported impacts of hepatitis B: A novel content analysis study of online forum posts Thomas Tu

	structural inequalities across two Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations in urban and regional NSW. The study is grounded in 'Indigenist methodology' that privileges Aboriginal self-determination and the advancement of Aboriginal knowledges. Speakers: Teneale Lavender Jamain Khan Aunty Melinda Bonham Simone Smith Uncle Bert Gray Professor Joanne Bryant	10.35am Motivators and barriers to engagement in hepatitis B testing and care for key priority groups in correctional centres Lise Lafferty (Full presentation) 10.50am Collaborate to eliminate: A scalable multi-agency model to accelerate hepatitis C micro-elimination and reduce stigma Louise Hansford (Short presentation)	Harbour area of regional Australia Lucy Stackpool-Moore (Full presentation) 10.35am The Experiences of Health Consumers with Intersectional Needs: Recommendations for health services to engage equity-deserving people Anthony Brown (Full presentation) 10.50am How trauma and resiliency informed practice can improve provider wellbeing and patient experiences Jennifer Smith (Short presentation)	10.35am Differential support for LGBTQ+ rights according to interactions between religious affiliation and conservatism Timothy Broady (Full presentation) 10.50am Sexual identity-related stigma and comfort discussing sexual healthcare among discreet men who have sex with men Timothy Broady (Short presentation)	(Full presentation) 10.35am Breaking stigma at the intersection: Lived experience of substance use and criminalisation Moe Meehan (Short presentation) 10.45am What do you mean, are you a woman then, or what? Using lived experiences to reimagine gender-affirming care Billy Burgess (Short presentation)
11.00am – 11.30am	Morning tea				**Foyer**
11.30am – 1.00pm	**Theatre A**	**Theatre B**	**Theatre C**	**LG01**	**LG02**
	ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS: STIGMA ACROSS SETTINGS AND PRACTICE Chair: Paul Kelaita	CO-DESIGN AND CONSULTATION: COMMUNITY-DRIVEN APPROACHES TO STIGMA REDUCTION Chair: Jane Costello	GENDER AND SEXUALITY: ADVANCING INCLUSION AND AFFIRMING CARE Chair: Kerryn Drysdale and Katherine Thompson	CANCER CARE AND STIGMA: EQUITY, EXPERIENCE, AND EMERGING MODELS Chair: Gianfranco Giuntoli	PANEL BEYOND THE CLINICAL: LIVED EXPERIENCE PERSPECTIVES ON ADDRESSING STIGMA IN HEALTH CARE Chair: Lise Lafferty and Charles Henderson
	11.30am Introduction and acknowledgement of country 11.35am Peer-led IPED harm reduction: Improving engagement, risk navigation and service access through steroid Sonya Weith (Full presentation)	11.30am Introduction and acknowledgement of country 11.35am Nothing about us without us: Co-designing a hepatitis C stigma reduction resource with lived and living experience voices Grace Muthomi (Full presentation)	11.30am Introduction and acknowledgement of country 11.35am Trans community perspectives on navigating security, stigma and safety within health data systems Christy Newman (Full presentation) 11.50am Combating Stigma and Discrimination through	11.30am Introduction and acknowledgement of country 11.35am What does de-stigmatised cancer care look like for LGBTIQA+ people? Findings from a national stakeholder consultation Sasha Nuttall (Full presentation)	This 90-minute panel brings together people with lived and living experience and expertise of health conditions and circumstances that are stigmatised in health service settings. Back by popular demand, Associate Professor Timothy Broady opens with a concise '101'

	11.50am "It's always a contract…" Navigating ethical tensions between stigma and non-judgemental treatment in AOD clinical practice Tejaswini Patil (Full Presentation) 12.05pm Analysis of trends in reports to StigmaWatch about reporting on alcohol and other drug use Steph Kershaw (Full presentation) 12.20pm Insights from identity and role theories on working with living/lived experiences of mental health and substance use Theresa Caruana (Full presentation) 12.35pm Beyond AOD stigma: A WA community-led journey Vivienne Keeley and Ben Kane (Short presentation) 12.45pm Navigating shame and stigma for clients attending AOD services: the role of lived experience workers Loren Brener (Short presentation)	11.50am ConverAsians: Building safe spaces for Asian GBQM to Explore Racism, Identity and Belonging Marco Matillano (Full presentation) 12.05pm Shattering the silence: How the miscarriage rebellion uses storytelling to fight stigma Samantha Payne (Full presentation) 12.20pm Collaborative partnership between research and community partners: a formula for high-quality program design and successful delivery of a co-designed intervention Thomas Tu (Short presentation) 12.30pm Designing a stigma-informed methodology in sex work research: Lessons in community consultation practices from Sweden and Australia Michelle Alm Wynter (Short presentation) 12.40pm Co-designing stigma reduction education for HIV, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C: A Lived experience informed module for public sector workforces Jason Radcliffe and Adam Finch (Short presentation)	Workforce Capability: Building LGBTIQA+ Inclusive Practice Jennifer Stables (Full presentation) 12.05pm LGBTQ+ community connection, visibility, and exclusion: Experiences of recently arrived migrant GM in Australia Nathanael Wells (Full presentation) 12.20pm More than a mention? Tokenism and threat in Australian news coverage of sex, sexuality and gender diversity Breeanna Melville (Full presentation) 12.35pm Initiation of gender-affirming hormone therapy and pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) uptake: Evidence from whole-of-population administrative data in Australia Thomas Rolls (Short presentation)	11.50am Improving cancer care for LGBTIQA+ people: a narrative review of clinical guidance to inform an Optimal Care Pathway Sasha Nuttall (Full presentation) 12.05pm From Stigma to Strength: Improving bowel cancer outcomes for multicultural women Sarah Lambert (Full presentation) 12.20pm Inside the experience: How stigma shapes life during and after cancer Richelle Menzies (Full presentation) 12.35pm I just didn't figure you were the type of person to get anal cancer: Disease associated stigma and novel mitigation strategies Mary Hayes and Jodie Everhart (Full presentation) 12.50pm Developing TRUST: A methodological framework for designing a stigma-reduction intervention for COPD and lung cancer Sohail Ahmad (Short presentation)	overview of the different forms that stigma takes. A panel discussion will follow, with speakers offering perspectives that go beyond the clinical to articulate what stigma looks like in practice – and what could be done to address it. Introduction to stigma: Timothy Broady Panellists: Ricky Kremer Van Jessica Birch Priscilla Njeri Liz Duck-Chong
1.00pm – 2.00pm	Lunch **Foyer**				
	UNWRAPPING HIV STIGMA: AN HIV UNWRAPPED EXHIBITION **Foyer** HIV Unwrapped is a bold, global initiative that unites fashion, science, and storytelling to confront HIV stigma and reignite a critical cultural conversation in a way that is vibrant, human, and deeply relevant for a new generation. Unwrapping HIV Stigma at the Tackling Stigma Conference is the first HIV Unwrapped exhibition that has been curated based upon a shared theme across the global collection. These six garments are only a few which speak to the stigma associated with HIV and we invite you to				

	consider how HIV stigma and its many manifestations undermine effective healthcare, communities, and individuals. Each garment cuts through outdated assumptions about HIV. Together, they confront stigma, celebrate scientific innovation and resilience, and invite audiences to see HIV differently: not through shame or silence, but through creativity, dignity, and possibility. The exhibition will be available throughout the conference. Hosted by the Centre for Social Research in Health In partnership with ASHM and Plus Life Supported by ViiV Healthcare				
1.30pm – 2.00pm	**LUNCHTIME DISCUSSION – 'MAKING MEANING FROM FASHION'** **Theatre A** HIV Unwrapped aims to provoke conversations about HIV by showcasing HIV science through fashion. This lunch-time conversation between Timothy Broady and Brent Allan will explore what it is like to have your science envisioned as a garment and what this type of artistic knowledge translation holds for science communication generally.				
2.00pm – 3.30pm	**Theatre A**	**Theatre B**	**Theatre C**	**LG01**	**LG02**
	STIGMA, LAW, AND HUMAN RIGHTS Chair: Kate Seear	CULTURE, MIGRATION, AND BELONGING: STIGMA REDUCTION WITHIN CALD COMMUNITIES Chair: Limin Mao	ON THE COUCH LIVE PODCAST RECORDING: ADVANCING INCLUSIVITY AND EQUITY	DISABILITY, AUTONOMY, AND STIGMA: RETHINKING CARE AND INCLUSION Chair: Ilan Katz	PERINATAL AND REPRODUCTIVE STIGMA: CARE, DISCLOSURE, AND WORKFORCE RESPONSE Chair: Alison Marshall
	2.00pm Introduction and acknowledgement of country 2.05 pm Stigma in a post decriminalisation context: Short-term outcomes from the health monitoring and evaluation of decriminalisation of sex work in Victoria, Australia Kerryn Drysdale (Full presentation) 2.20pm Anti-LGBTQ+ stigma as a breach of human rights law: Reimagining Toonen v Australia Sean Mulcahy **(**Full presentation) 2.35pm Insurance discrimination against people living with HIV: Evidence of Structural stigma from legal practice and actuarial science Vikas Parwani (Full presentation)	2.00pm Introduction and acknowledgement of country 2.05pm Intersections of culture, stigma, and health care access: understanding sexual health service utilisation among recently arrived overseas-born gay and bisexual men in Australia Simin Yu (Full presentation) 2.20pm Addressing mental health stigma through youth-led co-design with culturally and racially marginalised LGBTQ+ youth in Western Sydney Horas Wong **(**Full presentation) 2.35pm Culture and Stigma: Barriers to Postpartum Mental Healthcare in Malaysia from the Perspectives of Malaysian Healthcare Professionals	What does truly inclusive sexual healthcare look like? Join Maddy and Winnie from Caddyshack Project for a special live recording of the On The Couch podcast, featuring Rochelle Avasalu from the NSW STI Programs Unit. On The Couch podcast centres equity by amplifying the lived experiences of service-users, advocates, clinicians and academics to interrogate bias, mitigate stereotypes, reduce stigma and ultimately improve outcomes for priority populations. Together, they'll unpack what it looks like to deliver high-quality sexual healthcare that is culturally responsive,	2.00pm Introduction and acknowledgement of country 2.05pm Reproductive justice: stigma and contraceptive healthcare for people with intellectual disability Maryann Barrington and Tahli Hind (Full presentation) 2.20pm "She can ask that" Supporting women with intellectual disability with their sexual and reproductive health and safe relationships Amanda Duell-Ferguson and Lisa Weingartner (Full presentation) 2.35pm Update on an evidence-based approach to reframing attitudes to disability inclusion Kirsty Nowlan (Full presentation)	2.00pm Introduction and acknowledgement of country 2.05pm Why pregnant women do not disclose or access treatment for substance use during pregnancy: A systematic review Nethmini Ranasingha (Full presentation) 2.20pm Stigma concerns and smoking cessation support in pregnancy care kylie valentine (Full presentation) 2.35pm Interventions to address stigma relating to alcohol use in pregnancy and FASD Fiona Robards (Full presentation) 2.50pm In your words: centring lived experience in multi-level approach to reproductive stigma reduction

	2.50pm Addressing forced disclosure as a solution to addressing HIV-related stigma: Insights from a collaborative approach to advocacy Jane Costello (Short presentation) 3.00pm Knowledge and perceived impact of HIV-related laws among people living with HIV in Australia Dean Murphy (Short presentation) 3.10pm Campaigning for TGD people's rights in prison Rory Gillard and Ella Amati (Full presentation)	Humaira Raslie (Full presentation) 2.50pm Attitudes towards hepatitis B among sub-Saharan African and Middle Eastern and North African Communities Collins Adu (Short presentation) 3.00pm Barriers and facilitators of hepatitis b screening and the role of hepatitis b related stigma among Chinese migrants in high income countries: A scoping review Keyuan Chen (Short presentation) 3.10pm Where cultures gather, stigma loosens: A community-led amplify project addressing hepatitis B Stigma at Africultures Festival in Sydney, Australia Isaac Addo (Short presentation)	gender-affirming, trauma-informed and stigma-sensitive. Explore the real-world challenges and opportunities involved in reducing stigma, improving access to care and creating more inclusive health services and programs. As a live audience member, you'll gain valuable insights from an experienced public health leader at the forefront of system-wide sexual health initiatives, and leave with practical strategies to apply in your own practice. Expect honest conversation, actionable takeaways and fresh perspectives on advancing equitable healthcare. Hosts: Maddison Stratten Winifred Adamson Guests Rochelle Avasalu Timothy Wark	2.50pm Can stigma arise from well-intentioned organisational practices? Teacher expectations and disability stigma in inclusive education Gianfranco Giuntoli (Full presentation) 3.05pm "I can decide": People with intellectual disability making decisions about death, dying and grief Rana Karakus and Robert Lewis (Short presentation) 3.15pm When you don't fit the boxes: intersectional experiences of Muslim women with deafness Ayah Wehbe (Short presentation)	Anjulee Singh (Full presentation) 3.05pm A conceptual model for abortion stigma reduction in the healthcare workforce: A qualitative study of the values clarification approach Shelly Makleff (Full presentation) 3.20pm Reflective practice: A potential workplace strategy to address stigma and reduce burnout and moral distress in abortion care teams Shelly Makleff (Short presentation)
3.30pm – 4.00pm	Afternoon tea				**Foyer**
4.00pm – 5.00pm	**PLENARY** Chair: Carla Treloar 4.00pm Introduction and acknowledgement of country 4.05pm Keynote 2: In Conversation with Liesl and Carla Carla and Liesl will discuss the importance of visibility in anti-stigma activism, including disability in sport and politics. Liesl Tesch, NSW Parliament and Paralympic Champion Carla Treloar, CSRH UNSW 4.35 Q&A session				**Theatre A** **Livestreamed to Theatre B**

5.00pm – 6.30pm	Welcome evening drinks and canapes	**Foyer**

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9.00am – 10.30am	**PLENARY AND PANEL** Chair: Loren Brener **Theatre A** **Livestreamed to Theatre B** 9.00am Introduction and acknowledgement of country 9.05am Keynote: Josephine Nabukenya, Miles of Smiles Foundation 9.30 Q&A session 9.40am Panel Discussion: 'Strengths, challenges, and opportunities for the peer workforce in addressing stigma' This panel will discuss strengths, challenges, and opportunities for the peer and lived/living experience workforce in addressing stigma. This will include discussions on how people manage workplace concerns around disclosure and vicarious trauma, client experiences of stigma, and intersectional experiences of stigma. This panel takes a strengths-based approach, recognising the peer and lived/living experience workforce as being critical to addressing stigma in health care. Panel Facilitator: Nicky Bath, LGBTIQ+ Health Australia Panel speakers: Bo Justin Xiao, ACON Jimmi Carr, Hepatitis NSW Melany Webber, Flourish Australia Hannah Zsigoszki, The Kirby Institute 10.10am Q&A session				
10.30am – 11.00am	Morning tea **Foyer**				
11.00am – 12.30pm	**Theatre A**	**Theatre B**	**Theatre C**	**LG01**	**LG02**
	SYMPOSIUM TAILORING RESPONSES TO HIV STIGMA TO MEET THE NEEDS OF SPECIFIC COMMUNITY GROUPS Chairs: Timothy Broady and Collins Adu Community discussant: Brent Clifton	STRENGTH IN COMMUNITY: ABORIGINAL-LED CO-DESIGN, PARTNERSHIP, AND COMMUNITY ACTION Chair: Jackie Thomas and Lise Lafferty	MENTAL HEALTH: STRUCTURAL STIGMA AND HEALTH SYSTEM RESPONSE Chair: Horas Wong	STIGMA IN CHRONIC ILLNESS: RECOGNITION, RESPONSE, AND ACTION Chair: Yuvisthi Naidoo	HEALTH SYSTEMS, DATA, AND CONSUMER REPRESENTATION Chair: Ciara Smyth
	HIV-related stigma continues to affect the lives of people living with HIV, but its impacts vary across communities. This symposium explores how stigma is experienced by diverse groups living with HIV, including migrants from culturally and linguistically diverse	11.00am Introduction and acknowledgement of country 11.05am Is it stigma or is it racism? Emma Pagett (Full presentation) 11.20am Identifying barriers and proposed enablers to	11.00am Introduction and acknowledgement of country 11.05am Evaluating mental illness-related structural stigma in healthcare: Findings from an emergency department setting Jennifer Smith (Full presentation)	11.00am Introduction and acknowledgement of country 11.05am Experiences of type 2 diabetes stigma in healthcare settings: a mixed-methods systematic review Emmanuel Ekpor (Full presentation)	11.00am Introduction and acknowledgement of country 11.05am Systems-level stigma and barriers to public provision in New South Wales Erica Millar and Sarah Lambert (Full presentation)

	backgrounds, women, and heterosexual populations. Drawing on research, lived experience, and community-led practice, presentations will examine the social and cultural factors that shape stigma and highlight tailored approaches to reducing its effects. The session will also showcase the value of peer-delivered counselling, community connection, advocacy, and whole-of-person support in fostering resilience and improving wellbeing. 11.00am Introduction and acknowledgement of country 11.05am Power Dynamics, HIV disclosure decisions and stigma: A qualitative study of Black migrants from SSA living with HIV in Australia Collins Adu (Full presentation) 11.20am Tackling stigma through peer-delivered counselling, community connection and whole of person support (Positive minds) Jane Costello (Full presentation) 11.35am Women and HIV Today: A community-led digital education resource to challenge HIV stigma through clinical information and lived experience Heather Ellis (Full presentation) 11.50am Pivoting service delivery to address heterosexual	integrating sexual health screening into Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Annual Health Checks (715s) using a co-design model Robert Monaghan (Full presentation) 11.35am Healthy Blood Healthy Body. A co-design health promotion initiative to improve access to needle and syringe programs for Aboriginal peoples who inject drugs in Boorloo (Perth) Dr Linda Portsmouth (Full presentation) 11.50am Indigenous HIV Doulas and Community-Led Stigma Disruption Rusty Souleymanov (Full presentation) 12.05pm Strength in partnership: co-designing culturally relevant sexual health promotion Sara Perri and Holly Fazulla (Full presentation)	11.20am The role of stigma within social networks for individuals with serious mental illnesses: an inductive model Kristen Soutar (Full presentation) 11.35am “The reaction to DID is just negative”: Stigma around dissociative identity disorder Kirrilee Price (Full presentation) 11.50am Intersectionality and Stigma in Suicide Prevention: Towards More Inclusive and Responsive Care Ritik Kumar (Full presentation) 12.05pm The social construction of mental illness stigma amongst Asians: A systematic review and meta-ethnography Athel J. Hu (Full presentation)	11.20am Development and validation of a new stigma scale in COPD and lung cancer: an international Delphi consensus study Sohail Ahmad (Full presentation) 11.35am Global summit to end diabetes stigma: Co-creating a global roadmap for action Elizabeth Holmes-Truscott (Full presentation) 11.50am “Building supportive communities where individuals with diabetes feel understood & accepted”: Addressing type 1 and type 2 diabetes stigma in Australia Eloise Litterbach (Full presentation) 12.05pm How do General Practitioners recognise and respond to stigma in primary care consultations for Asthma and other chronic conditions? Anagha Prashanth (Full presentation)	11.20am Stigma power: Consumer representation and involvement in the delivery and governance of hospital care Emily Lenton (Full presentation) 11.35am Better Lives – tackling IVSC stigma in medical and educational settings Simone-Lisa Anderson (Full presentation) 11.50pm Stigma as a barrier to care: Lived experience perspectives on FASD-informed health services Robyn Smith (Full presentation) 12.05pm Stigma as a Barrier to Quality and Safety in Health Care: Mobilising Quality Standards to Reduce Stigma in Health Care Settings Sean Mulcahy (Full presentation) 12.20pm Stigma reduction as quality health care: Structural level mechanisms to address stigma Carla Treloar (Short presentation)

	communities' experience of HIV-related stigma and discrimination Grace Robin (Full presentation) 12.05pm Community discussant response Brent Clifton 12.15pm Q&A This session is supported by a grant from ViiV Healthcare.				
12.30pm – 1.15pm	Lunch **Foyer** **UNWRAPPING HIV STIGMA: A HIV UNWRAPPED EXHIBITION** **Foyer** HIV Unwrapped is a bold, global initiative that unites fashion, science, and storytelling to confront HIV stigma and reignite a critical cultural conversation in a way that is vibrant, human, and deeply relevant for a new generation. Unwrapping HIV Stigma at the Tackling Stigma Conference is the first HIV Unwrapped exhibition that has been curated based upon a shared theme across the global collection. These six garments are only a few which speak to the stigma associated with HIV and we invite you to consider how HIV stigma and its many manifestations undermine effective healthcare, communities, and individuals. Each garment cuts through outdated assumptions about HIV. Together, they confront stigma, celebrate scientific innovation and resilience, and invite audiences to see HIV differently: not through shame or silence, but through creativity, dignity, and possibility. The exhibition will be available throughout the conference. Hosted by the Centre for Social Research in Health In partnership with ASHM and Plus Life Supported by ViiV Healthcare				
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	STIGMA REDUCTION TOOLS AND INTERVENTIONS: DESIGN, DELIVERY, AND EVALUATION Chair: Rhea Liang	PANEL ART AS (ANTI-STIGMA) COMMUNITY HEALTH ACTIVISM: A QUEER AND TRANS PANEL DISCUSSION Chair: Christy Newman	PEER-LED INTERVENTIONS: LIVED EXPERIENCE AS THE ENGINE OF CHANGE Chair: Louise Hansford	GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES: STIGMA AND STIGMA REDUCTION ACROSS COUNTRIES Chair: Naveed Noor and Simin Yu	COMMUNICATING CARE: VISUAL, LANGUAGE, AND NARRATIVE APPROACHES TO STIGMA REDUCTION Chair: Mia Harrison and Tuo Wang
	1.15pm Introduction and acknowledgement of country 1.20pm Evaluation of The Stigma-Free Standard Carla Treloar (Full presentation)	Over the last hundred years, queer and trans activism has helped expose the immense harms created when health and other social systems are designed around rigid gender and sexuality norms. Art and other forms of creative and cultural practice have been	1.15pm Introduction and acknowledgement of country 1.20pm Belonging as stigma reduction: A peer-led model addressing internalised HIV stigma among Asian people living with HIV in NSW Billy Suyapmo	1.15pm Introduction and acknowledgement of country 1.20pm Experiences of and how to address drug use and HIV stigma from family members of people who use drugs in Tanzania Linda B. Mlunde	1.15pm Introduction and acknowledgement of country 1.20pm Stigmatising language in nursing: Without malicious intention or awareness of the impacts Anne Marks (Full presentation)

	1.35pm From weight-centric to behaviour change focused: revising a risk-reduction program using a stigma-informed approach Jane Kwon (Full presentation) 1.50pm Economic evaluations of stigma and interventions which aim to reduce stigma: a systematic review Caroline Watts (Full presentation) 2.05pm Co-designing and implementing a conversation tool and embedding learning modules to address substance use stigma in mental health services Satish Melwani (Full presentation) 2.20pm Trialling universal approaches to reducing stigma: Findings from an online health worker intervention Theresa Caruana (Short presentation)	critical to this activist work of destigmatising queer and trans lives, bodies, and practices, and reframing their historic association with deviance, risk, and pathology. However, despite advances in reducing queer and trans stigma, creating systems that do not rely on cisgenderist and heterosexist norms is complex, and has become an easy, terrifying target for popular and political fearmongering. This panel features three community members invited to share their views on why art is critical to tackling the continuing stigma that constrains the lives and livelihoods of queer and trans people around the world, and to explore how we can meaningfully support artists and creative and cultural activists in a time of amplifying conditions of violence and precarity for many in these communities. Panellists: Macon Reed Shutong (Ash) Chen Liz Duck-Chong	(Full presentation) 1.35pm Intra-racial stigma and discrimination: implications for peer-led HIVSTI service promotion Limin Mao (Full presentation) 1.50pm Peers at the front: A workforce model for low-threshold hepatitis C screening and linkage Gracie Woods (Full presentation) 2.05pm Reducing health inequity among people living with social disadvantage in Sydney – proof of concept: navigating the system via a peer-led intervention in community health Tanya Arden, Louisa Jansen, Joshua Cochran, and Kevin Street (Full presentation) 2.20pm Words that harm, words that heal: developing a comprehensive, non-stigmatising language guide for healthcare Zalehah Turner (Short presentation) 2.30pm “We are as strong as those we heal”: an account of how we co-create Health for All at Sydney’s Kirketon Road Centre Kevin Street (Short presentation)	(Full presentation) 1.35pm Working at Designated HIV Services Predict Lower HIV Stigma among Healthcare Employees in Indonesia: a National Survey Gede Benny Setia Wirawan (Full presentation) 1.50pm Placemaking and Identity Remakings of Queer Muslims in Winnipeg Naveed Noor (Full presentation) 2.05pm “You don’t choose your advocacy; the advocacy chooses you:” Social representations of lived experience leadership of HIV advocacy in the Philippines Aron Pamoso (Short presentation) 2:15pm: From violence to stigmatisation of women in Ethiopia's recent conflict: a framework synthesis Netsanet Asseffa (Short presentation) 2.25pm Creating Safe Spaces: The Role of Community-Based Organizations in Reducing Mental Health Stigma among Key Populations in Anambra State, Nigeria Oluwafemi Owolabi (Short presentation)	1.35pm Stigma: Not just a word, not so simple. From words to wrongs, from labels to limits Kylie Kearns and Kiah Glasson (Full presentation) 1.50pm Health humanities and women’s pain: Can arts and literature reduce stigma? Keru Cai (Full presentation) 2.05pm Designing out stigma: Enhanced HIV storytelling through ethical anonymity Nathan Rogers (Short presentation) 2.15pm Using animation to improve understanding of complex mental illness Mary Tuisalega (Short presentation)
2.45pm – 3.15pm	Afternoon tea				**Foyer**

3.15pm – 4.45pm	Theatre A	Theatre B	Theatre C	LG01	LG02
	CONFRONTING HIV STIGMA: FROM LIVED EXPERIENCE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE Chair: Martin Holt	SEXUAL HEALTH PROMOTION AND PLEASURE INCLUSIVE CARE Chair: Maddison Stratten and Winifred Adamson	SHAPING THE NARRATIVE: MEDIA, COMMUNICATION, AND STIGMA REDUCTION Chair: Liz Barrett	REDUCING STIGMA IN PRIMARY AND MENTAL HEALTHCARE: FROM RESEARCH TO PRACTICE Chair: Theresa Caruana and Keyuan Chen	STIGMA ACROSS THE LIFE COURSE Chair: kylie valentine and Brian (Beiyuan) Ye
	3.15pm Introduction and acknowledgement of country 3.20pm When the authority in the room is lived, not clinical: a BBV-led model for reducing stigma in care Joshua Borja (Full presentation) 3.35pm Patterns of indirect and direct HIV-related microaggressions and their relationship with self-reported quality of life among people living with HIV Dean Murphy (Full presentation) 3.50pm Acceptability of a proposed community-controlled complaints portal for HIV-related stigma in healthcare: consultations with people living with HIV and community-based advocates Larissa Melanie (Full presentation) 4.05pm Keeping secrets first: An interpretative phenomenological study of stigma and oral healthcare experiences among people living with HIV in China Yiran Zhu (Short presentation)	3.15pm Introduction and acknowledgement of country 3.20pm Partnering to enhance anal health communication and HIV-related evidence-based services: Mixed-methods findings from delivering peaches 1.0, a pleasure-inclusive set of implementation strategies to address anal sex stigma in HIV services Bryan Kutner (Full presentation) 3.35pm Sex Ed in Med: An institutional approach to reduce sexual and reproductive health stigma through sexual history taking Leenie Kim (Full presentation) 3.50pm When algorithms silence sexual health: navigating digital censorship to drive real-world outcomes Rebecca Atkinson (Full presentation) 4.05pm Enhancing professionals' learning and reducing sexual health stigma through an immersive podcast Maddison Stratten (Full presentation)	3.15pm Introduction and acknowledgement of country 3.20pm News messaging and social construction of mental illness stigma: A product of sociocultural values and individuals' life-course experiences Athel J. Hu (Full presentation) 3.35pm Reducing stigma in public health communication: Cross-issue insights from three national message research projects Kate May (Full presentation) 3.50pm The ethical storytelling roadmap: A practical framework for reducing stigma and harm in health advocacy and communications Brooke Nolan (Full presentation) 4.05pm Enabling safer conversations: A Mindframe approach to addressing public communication about medically assisted weight loss Adam Fletcher (Full presentation)	3.15pm Introduction and acknowledgement of country 3.20pm Enhancing patient voice across healthcare services for people experiencing homelessness: an environmental scan Jules Diamond and Glenn Miller (Full presentation) 3.35pm [The training] didn't change what my interpretation of stigma was, but just highlighted the importance of being aware of stigma and not letting that impact on care delivery: Examining General Practitioner (GP) experience of stigma reduction training to increase prescribing of Opioid Dependence Treatments (ODT) in Victoria and Tasmania Tejaswini Patil (Full presentation) 3.50pm Reducing AOD-related stigma in primary care: research-informed resources for change Julie Sucksmith (Full presentation)	3.15pm Introduction and acknowledgement of country 3.20pm Asthma-related stigma across the life course: A qualitative study of older adults with asthma Chris Barton (Full presentation) 3.35pm "Maybe this isn't the life stage for me to have to do this": Stigma, isolation and life-stage misfit among young family dementia carers in Australia Katya Numbers (Full presentation) 3.50pm Beyond the breakthroughs: Measuring change in HIV-related stigma over time at the Positive Living Centre Stephen Borg and Jake Oorloff (Full presentation) 4.05pm Aging, HIV Stigma, and Mental Health: Lived Experiences of Older Adults Living with HIV in Ghana and Canada Bright Ofori (Short presentation)

	4.15pm Cultural norms and acculturation influences on HIV perceptions and stigma: A qualitative study of Black migrants from sub-Saharan Africa living with HIV in Australia Collins Adu (Short presentation) 4.25pm Perceived stigma and PrEP Use among Indonesian gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men (GBMSM): National cross-sectional survey Gede Benny Setia Wirawan (Short presentation) 4.35pm From community engagement to lived experience leadership: A systematic review of HIV services among men who have sex with men Aron Pamoso (Short presentation)		4.20pm Broadening the narrative: Supporting CALD community broadcasters to discuss mental health concerns and suicide Adam Fletcher (Short presentation) 4.30pm Journalists' guide for reporting on alcohol harms in pregnancy and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Fiona Robards (Short presentation)	4:05pm From Stigma to system change: Improving addiction care in primary healthcare April Long (Full presentation)	
4.45pm – 5.00pm	**CLOSING SESSION** Elena Cama, Lise Lafferty, and Loren Brener, CSRH UNSW				**Theatre A** **Livestreamed to Theatre B**
5.00pm	End of conference				