

FAIR WORK COMMISSION

*Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 2009
Schedule 5, Item 6 – Review of all modern awards*

National Tertiary Education Industry Union

(AM2012/187, AM2012/190)

Witness Statement of Peter Higgs

1. I **Peter Higgs** of _____ am employed by Burnet Institute which is Australia’s largest virology and communicable diseases research institute; (“the Institute”).
2. I am employed as a Senior Fellow at the Institute and I have worked at the Institute in this role since 2008.
3. Prior to 2008 I was a PhD student at The Burnet (2005-7) and prior to that I worked as a research assistant in a range of roles from 1996. These include:
 - **June 2005 – July 2007**- Technical Advisor, HIV risk reduction among IDU, improving quality of life of PLWHA in Vietnam.
 - **August 2002 – December 2004**-Research Officer ,Macfarlane Burnet Institute for Medical Research & Public Health, Epidemiology and Social Research Program, Department of Human Services funded study of HIV among ethnic Vietnamese injecting drug users across Melbourne.
 - **March 2001 – July 2001**-Project Manager, AusAID funded Injecting drug use & harm reduction project, Hanoi, Vietnam.
 - **December 1997 – August 2002**-Research Assistant/Officer, Macfarlane Burnet Institute for Medical Research & Public Health. Research projects investigating drug use and blood borne virus transmission among ethnic Vietnamese heroin users in Australia.
 - **September 1996 - November 1997**-Community Development Worker, Macfarlane Burnet Centre for Medical Research, (Epidemiology and Social Research Unit), Vietnamese Injecting Drug Users Project.
4. I have just been appointed as Senior Lecturer at La Trobe University and will start a teaching and research role in Public Health from the 11 April, 2016. I understand that 40% of the role will be teaching undergraduate courses and 40% will be for research. I will continue to collaborate with both the Burnet and the NDRI on the research I will do.

5. Aside from my employment as an NHMRC Early Career Research fellow at the University of NSW between 2008 and 2012, I have employed with Curtin University as an Early Career Research Fellow at the National Drug Research Institute. I am also an Adjunct Research Fellow at the School of Public Health and Preventative Medicine, Monash University.
6. In my extensive experience working in and for both universities and research institutes I have had the opportunity to observe and interact with the work of many other colleagues - both academic and general staff – in the research sector and to see the interaction between health care, research and higher education. Although there are significant differences within and between those research institutes where staff hold academic titles or supervision of research students occurs, in my extensive experience the fundamental nature of the work has common dominant features. These include that they are not themselves, except incidentally, involved in the provision of medical health or dental services, but are engaged in the search for new knowledge and in the development of that knowledge such that it can be applied, commercially or socially, to the benefit of individuals and society. An essential part of the search for that new knowledge is the integration of new researchers, undertaking PhDs, post-doctoral fellowships, or other advanced studies into that search. At that advanced level, education and research are part of an integrated process. Moreover, although the process has to be managed in a business-like manner, the ultimate purpose of the search for new knowledge and the education of new researchers is not to return a profit to the employer but to advance knowledge and human health. These are essential characteristics of such medical research institutes. Precisely the same type of work as this occurs, and for the same purposes, in Universities, where there are many research only staff (academic and non-academic) who undertake no or very little undergraduate teaching duties, but are devoted to the same type of work and for the same purpose.
7. My key roles are research, training and student supervision. Attached at Attachment 1 is my full Curriculum Vitae. This includes detail on positions held, field of Research and study, Awards, Teaching activities and Student Supervision, Publications and Memberships, including of Editorial Boards of Scientific Journals.
8. My current key project is funded from my Fellowship at Curtin University. This is an open-ended longitudinal study of cohorts of people injecting drugs. It involves a group of drug users I have been following since the mid-2000s, looking at a range of factors, including social factors, employment, treatment for drug use and blood borne viruses, and so on. The overall

project for this Fellowship will involve a series of smaller studies which will track cohorts of users. Some of this will involve people who were part of an original Australian study going back to 1989 which was based at the Burnet Institute.

9. I have over ten years experience in supervising honours and Masters students, and supervising PhD students. This has involved students from several Victorian Universities and Edith Cowan University in Western Australia, and across courses ranging from Social Work and Policy Studies to Masters of Public Health; (please view **Attachment 1**).
10. The last half of the year is a time when the Burnet is busy looking for students for the 2016 year. The Institute sends booklets to undergraduate students in health sciences, psychology, social work, community development and other disciplines in Australia and overseas. We match placements with areas of interest and students from honours to PhD level have 2 supervisors or mentors for each student.
11. Students can complete a Masters of Public Health at Burnet, through Monash University and learn practical research skills at the Institute by doing their Masters by research with supervision from Burnet staff.
12. There are currently around 50 students at Burnet across all levels. Many PhD students are offered part-time work as Research Assistants to support their stipends.
13. There would be over 350 staff at Burnet Institute and this includes about 50 students.
14. The job roles at the Institute are equivalent to academic roles in Universities. For example, a Research Assistant, Research Officer or Research Fellow can apply for an academic role at a University and expect that the roles they have been doing in their job would be equivalent. A Senior Research Fellow such as myself could apply for a Senior Lecturer role in a University. I have two business cards – one as a *Senior Research Fellow* at Burnet and one as an *Early Career Research Fellow* at Curtin University.
15. In any case, I define my vocation as a “Researcher”. By this I mean someone who collects analyses and writes up data. Generating and publishing new knowledge is a big and important part of this.

16. Of course, in addition to staff who undertake this role as “Researcher”, there are others who are engaged in the research process but who do not themselves publish new knowledge. These include some classes of research assistants and skilled technical and information technology staff. These staff are also engaged in the same type of work and exercise the same types of skills directed to the same purposes, as their counterparts in Universities. Their work is an integral and necessary part of the research. Research Institutes such as mine also employ a range of administrative, finance, human resources, fundraising, public relations and general information technology staff who perform important corporate roles but are not directly engaged in the research process.
17. There is no difference at all between the research work I’ve done at the Institute and within a University.
18. Aside from the actual work, another reason to work collaboratively is related to funding. Burnet is not eligible to apply for Australian Research Council Grants (ARC), unless a project is linked to a research team with investigators at a University. So we design and develop projects with universities. An example is the national drug and alcohol centres which team up to do the annual sentinel surveillance survey in every state. This occurs in conjunction with universities and the Burnet coordinates the Victorian arm of the survey. The money comes via the Department of Health and Aging (DOHA).
19. We must also collaborate in gaining ethics approval for projects. Burnet Institute goes through the Alfred Hospital Ethics Committee and then the specific University collaborator Committee; for example, in my case, UNSW or Curtin University or when I was doing my PhD at Monash University.
20. Though Burnet is clearly a Research Institute and I am a researcher, I am unusual in that the work I have done over many years also involves some health service delivery. For example, as part of one of our competitively funded research projects we do the actual testings for hepatitis and HIV for people who inject drugs and I personally have diagnosed people via this process. Research with drug users does not have to involve this testing but due to the nature of the work, and its long-term nature, some drug users have only been tested by us. This has developed via the trust built -up over many years of working with the population. I am also involved in doing interviews for a clinical trial of new treatments for hepatitis c which is being delivered via the outreach van we use as a mobile office.

21. One of the key attractions to working in a Research Institute is that the tax concessions they attract allow staff to enter attractive salary packaging arrangements. In the past this has allowed me to work on a University grant and top-up my salary with a day a week's salary package at Burnet. For example, the Fellowship with Curtin University allows me to work 20% of my time elsewhere and I use this to continue to be based at Burnet.

22. I am a member of the UniSuper higher education industry superannuation fund and the Burnet also pays into this.

Dr. Peter Higgs

10 March 2016

Redacted for objections, 12 October 2016

Attachment 1

CURRENT POSITION**02/2013-02/2017**

Curtin Research Fellow
National Drug Research Institute
Curtin University

01/2008-

Burnet Institute Senior Fellow
Centre for Population Health
The Burnet Institute

06/2008-

Adjunct Senior Lecturer
School of Public Health & Preventive Medicine,
Faculty of Medicine, Nursing & Health Sciences
Monash University (Staff ID 01064541 – expires 31/03/2018)

EDUCATION**2005-2007**

Doctor of Philosophy
“Exploring risk: A study of ethnic Vietnamese heroin users”
Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine
Monash University
Primary supervisor Professor Margaret Hellard

1994-1999

Master of Arts (Research)
“Footpath Traders in a Hanoi Neighbourhood: A Case Study of Changing Social Relations and Economic Transition”
Department of Asian & International Studies,
Victoria University of Technology
Primary supervisor Professor Stephanie Fahey

1995 (January to June)

Hanoi based field work for Masters course,
Institute of Sociology Hanoi, Vietnam.

1993

Vietnamese Language Student
Hanoi Foreign Language College, Vietnam

1984-1987

Bachelor of Social Work
University of New South Wales

PREVIOUS PRINCIPAL POSITIONS HELD

April 2008 – October 2012

NHMRC Post-doctoral Fellow

Viral Hepatitis Epidemiology and Prevention Program

The Kirby Institute, University of New South Wales

MEMBERSHIPS

Current member of:

- Australasian Professional Society for Alcohol & Drugs (APSAD)
- Australian Association of Social Workers (MAASW, Accredited)
- Australian Society for HIV Medicine (ASHM)
- International Federation of Social Welfare (IFSW)
- International Harm Reduction Association (IHRA)
- National Tertiary Education Union (NTEU)
- Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA)
- Hepatitis Victoria (Honorary Life Member)
- Harm Reduction Victoria
- Cohealth

Steering Committees/Advisory Committees & Boards

- Canberra Alliance for Harm Minimisation and Advocacy, Expert reference Committee (2014-ongoing)
- Victorian Ministry of Health, Viral Hepatitis Roundtable advisory group (2015)
- Hepatitis Victoria, Board of Directors (President 2009-12; Vice-president 2008; Treasurer 2007) (committee of management 1999, 2000)
- Chair of Hepatitis C Victoria's Research Advisory Committee (2010-2011)
- Overdose Awareness Day Committee (2011-2)
- Evaluation Advisory Group on the joint evaluation of drug policies and services and their subsequent effects on prisoners and staff within the Alexander Maconochie Centre (ACT's first prison) (2011)
- Victorian Health Department Needle Syringe Program data collection review, reference group (2010)
- Hepatitis C Victoria & White Lion Youth Services - *Young Women's Hepatitis C Prevention and Early Intervention Project* (2010)
- AIVL/VIVAIDS - *Ethnic Vietnamese Hepatitis C Education Reference group* (2008)
- Open Family Australia research advisory committee member (2009)
- Multicultural Health Support Service, Victoria (Steering group 2004)
- National Project on HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C for People from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Backgrounds - **advisory group member** (2002-2003)

AWARDS

2014: 13th Social Research Conference on HIV, Viral Hepatitis & Related Diseases, Centre for Social Research in Health, UNSW

Best Abstract, Viral Hepatitis Stream

Higgs, P & Cogger, S. *What is the role for HCV treatment in reducing the incidence and prevalence of HCV among people who inject drugs?*

2013-2016: Curtin University Research Fellowship (\$350,950)

2012: Ian Potter Travel award (\$1200)

8th Australasian Viral Hepatitis Conference, Auckland, New Zealand

2010: Burnet Institute, Nick Crofts Public Health Publication award (\$1500)

Higgs, P., et al 2009. *Heroin-gel capsule cocktails and groin injecting practices among ethnic Vietnamese in Melbourne, Australia*

2008-2011: NHMRC Post-doctoral Public Health Fellowship (\$284,626)

2008: Monash University Post Graduate Publications Award (\$5,000)

2005-2007: NHMRC Postgraduate Public Health Scholarship (\$80,689)

2003: Australian Society for HIV Medicine, Social Science Award (\$500)

Higgs, P., et. al., Outreach based HIV & HCV testing and counselling. What's best practice? *15th Annual ASHM Conference, Global Crisis Global Action, Cairns, October.*

1998: Otto Bassler Travel Award for young researchers (\$2,500)

Higgs, P., et al., Vietnamese IDUs telling us how it is, *9th International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm, Sao Paulo, Brazil, March.*

1997: Victorian Community Safety and Crime Prevention \$5,000

(Special encouragement and Development Award)

Shared - Ethnic Youth Issues Network & Victorian Council of Churches

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

I co-ordinate the subject "Alcohol and other drugs in society: a national and global perspective" and provide other support to subjects in the Masters of Public Health [International Health stream], Monash University

STUDENT SUPERVISION

Community Development

2006	Ms Duyen Duong	(Swinburne University of Technology)
2007	Ms Magalie Sanassee	(Victoria University)
	Stuart Armstrong	(Victoria University)
2009	Brent Serry	(Victoria University)
2010	Chris Rocks	(Swinburne University of Technology)
	Ms Salmar Sumar	(Edith Cowan University)
2011	Ramez Bathish	(Victoria University)
2012	Chankham Tengbriacheu	(Victoria University)
2013	Polo Espino	(Victoria University)
2014	Vathsana Somphet	(Victoria University)

Honours

2005	Ms Alisa Pedrana	(Monash University)	H1
2006	Ms Danielle Horyniak	(Monash University)	H1
2009	Ms Anita Feigin	(Monash University)	H1
2010	Ms Michelle Ham	(University of WA)	
2011	Ms Alyce Vella	(Monash University)	H1
2012	Ramez Bathish	(Victoria University)	H1
2013	Arthur Truong	(Monash University)	H2A
2014	Angus McCormack	(Monash University)	H1
	Kevin Hsieh	(Melbourne University)	H1
2015	Ms Madelaine King	(Monash University)	H2A
2015	Ms Chloe Lanyon	(Monash University)	H2A

Masters

2006	Chris Pankonin	(Melbourne University)	
	<i>Where do all the syringes come from? Pharmacy contribution to needle and syringe distribution in Hanoi, Vietnam</i>		
2006	Ms Kei Owada	(Melbourne University)	
	<i>Harm Reduction, Gender and Culture: A Pilot study of young ethnic Vietnamese female drug users in Melbourne</i>		
2007	Ms Uma Jatkar	(La Trobe University)	
	<i>Establishment of a secondary needle and syringe program at Western Region Health Centre's Braybrook site</i>		
2008	Ms Yan Li Guo	(Melbourne University)	
	<i>Is there sufficient evidence that peer education is effective to increase knowledge, and change attitudes and behaviors among injecting drug users?</i>		

2012 Ms Danielle Collins (Monash University MPH Case study) **H1**
The B-Vax project: providing hepatitis B vaccinations through assertive outreach to people who inject drugs

2013 Ms Marieke Van Regteren Altena (Monash University, MPH thesis)
Employment Pathways for Transition Age Youth Living with Mental Illness in Regional and Remote Victoria: A Qualitative Analysis **H2A**

2015 Andrew Larner (Monash University MPH case study) **HD**
Alcohol and Substance use in Lao PDR: A mixed methods study examining prevalence of problematic substance use and substance use cultures

Current HDR, PhD

2014-ongoing Ms Shelley Walker (NDRI, Curtin University)
Primary Supervisor
'Post release trajectories of young adult prisoners with a history of injecting drug use'

PhD Completions

2013 Ms Roslyn Le (Swinburne University of Technology)
(co-supervisor)
'Risky Business: Investigating the socio-economic and cultural factors that lead to the participation of Vietnamese-Australians in the underground heroin economy'

2014 Ms Danielle Horyniak (Monash University)
(co-supervisor)
'Improving health and reducing harm among people who inject drugs'

EDITORIAL BOARDS SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS

- Deputy Editor Drug & Alcohol Review (2011-on-going)
- ASHM Journal Club (2009-2010)

I have reviewed manuscripts for the following scientific publications in past 5 years:

- Addiction
- AIDS & Behaviour
- Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health
- Australian Social Work
- Bulletin of the World Health Organisation
- Current Issues in Criminal Justice
- Drug and Alcohol Review
- Drug and Alcohol Dependence
- Drugs Education, Prevention & Policy
- Harm Reduction Journal
- Health Promotion Journal of Australia
- Health Sociology Review

- International Journal of Drug Policy
- Journal of Addiction
- Journal of Medical Virology
- Journal of Drug Issues
- Medical Journal of Australia
- PlosOne
- Sage OPEN
- Sexual Health
- Substance Abuse Treatment Prevention & Policy
- Youth Studies Australia

Other Academic Related Activities

2015

NHMRC Post-graduate Scholarships (Public Health and Health Services Panel)
Member Scientific Program Committee, 2015 APSAD Conference, Perth

2014

NHMRC Post-graduate Scholarships (Public Health and Health Services Panel)
Member Scientific Program Committee, 2014 APSAD Conference, Adelaide

2013

NHMRC Post-graduate Scholarships (Public Health Panel)
Member Scientific Program Committee, 2013 APSAD Conference, Brisbane

2012

Member Scientific Program Committee, 2012 APSAD Conference, Melbourne
Member of the Epidemiology, Community and Social Research Stream of the Australasian
Viral Hepatitis Conference, Auckland

2010

Member of the Epidemiology, Public Health & Prevention Stream of the Australasian Viral
Hepatitis Conference, Melbourne

2009

Justice Health: Beyond the convict era Melbourne 6-7 April 2009
Conference rapporteur (with Tony Butler)

2008

First Asian Consultation on the Prevention of HIV related to Drug Use
Goa, India 28-31 January 2008

Abstract reviewer

- 6th Australasian Viral Hepatitis Conference 2008
- Australian Public Health Association Public Health Congress 2012
- International AIDS Society Conferences 2010-2015

Selection Committee

- Sidney Myer Health Scholarship Round 2 (September-December 2011)
- Inaugural Sidney Myer Health Scholarship (September-December 2008)

Joint co-ordination of the *Film Fest* Stream of the International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm: 2004 (Melbourne); 2005 (Belfast); 2006 (Vancouver); 2007 (Warsaw); 2008 (Barcelona); 2009 (Bangkok); 2010 (Liverpool); 2011 (Beirut); 2013 (Vilnius)
http://www.burnet.edu.au/events/39_international_harm_reduction_film_festival

Curator for the 'Belonging' section of the Needle and Syringe Cultures Exhibition, 18-28 July, 2007 Gilbert Building, University of Melbourne
<http://wayback.archive-it.org/1152/20111017222544/http://www.nspresearch.unimelb.edu.au/podcasts.html>

Conducted research interviews with Southeast Asian men for "*The Impact of Migration on Gender Identity Among Immigrant Men from Non-English-speaking backgrounds in Australia*" (ARC Discovery 2004-2005)

Chief investigators Bob Pease (Deakin University) & Jacques Boulet (Borderlands CoOp)

Invitations to review

Department of Health Policy Research Programme, United Kingdom Round 5, (Dec 2012)

COURSES

2011

Australian Institute for Management (AIM)

Managing, Leading and Developing People

November-December (4 days)

2010

Monash University Level 1 accreditation

PhD Research Supervisor Accreditation Training

June 10, 17

2009

Monash University

Student Supervision - Giving and Receiving feedback

October 29

2008

Divers Alert Network

Senior First Aid – 21452VIC

April 12-13

Victoria University & Narrative Network Australia

Narrative Research Methods in the Social Sciences

February and March (12 sessions)

2003

Melbourne Sexual Health Centre

HIV and Hepatitis C Pre & Post Testing Counselling

March 12, 13, 14, 19, 20 & 21

2002

The Pathology Foundation

Course number M589V

Venepuncture Theory & Practice

RMIT

Participatory Approaches in Development

August 26-30

2001

Hepatitis C Helpline

Hep C pre and post test counselling

September 19-21

FUNDING GRANT SUPPORT

2015

AbbVie research grant \$46,440.

Richmond, Ellard, Wallace, Hellard, **Higgs**.

Hepatitis C Cure: Exploring the Patient Experience.

AIVL \$30,000

Hepatitis C health promotion evaluation

Olsen, A., & **Higgs, P.**

2014

Gilead Investigator Sponsored Research \$2,100,000

Principal Investigators Hellard, M. & Thompson, A.

Chief Investigators

Dietze, P., Desmond, P., Stooze, M., & Higgs, P.

HCV Treatment and Prevention for PWID (The TAP Study)

Thiess Foundation Community Grants Program \$7,000

Higgs, P.

Outreach community health and education program for PWID in western Melbourne

Gilead Australia Fellowship: Research Grants Program \$20,000

Higgs, P.

Understanding hepatitis C direct acting anti-virals in a cohort of PWID

2013

Centre for Research Excellence into Injecting Drug Use – small grant \$8,500

Higgs, P & Moore, D

Documenting and better understanding the life trajectories of people who inject drugs

Collier Charitable Fund \$22,973

Higgs, P.

Improving access to health through hepatitis B vaccination for a highly stigmatised and disadvantaged group - PWID

Shepherd Foundation \$36,700

Higgs, P. & Collins, D.

Providing Hepatitis B Vaccinations Through Assertive Outreach to People who Inject Drugs

State Trustees Foundation \$10,000

Higgs, P.

Health assessments in long term opiate users

2012

Department for International Development (DFID): GBP£82,257

Evaluation of a decade of DFID and World Bank supported HIV and AIDS programmes in Vietnam from 2003 to 2012. Wilson D, Maher L, Zhang L, Pham Q, Higgs P, Hoa DM, Ngo D.

Australian Red Cross \$98,950

Evaluation and review of the Save-a-Mate Program

Higgs, P., Papanastasiou, C. & Dietze, P.

2011

City of Brimbank \$8,000

Higgs, P. & Dietze, P

From Streets to Homes

2009

State Trustees Foundation \$9,700

Higgs, P. & Dietze, P.

The health and social needs of older opiate users

2008

UNSW Post doctoral small grant scheme \$9,708

Higgs, P.

How do long term injecting drug users avoid exposure to hepatitis C infection?

Queensland Injectors Health Network \$47,427

Stoove, M., Higgs, P., Winter, R., Kelsall, J. Brogan, D., & Power, R.

Review of the 'Mix-Up Peer Education Project'

Victorian Department of Human Services, Public Health Branch \$93,403
Aitken, C., Hellard, M., Stoope, M., Higgs, P., & Winter, R.
An investigation of the environmental, behavioural and immunological factors that allow some injecting drug users to avoid hepatitis C virus exposure.

2007

Western Region Health Centre \$9,814
Higgs, P & Aitken, C.
Braybrook Needle Syringe Program: Evaluation of the establishment of a secondary site

Victorian Department of Human Services, Drug Policy Branch \$25,717
Aitken, C., Higgs, P., & Lewis, J.
Evaluation of Heroin Overdose Prevention and Education Campaign

2005-2007

South East Alcohol and Drug Services \$15,000
Higgs, P.
External evaluation Alcohol Prevention and Education Program for Young Cambodians and their families in the City of Greater Dandenong and the City of Whitehorse, 2 year pilot project

2005

Victorian Department of Human Services \$80,000
Hellard, M., Patton, G. & Higgs, P.
From custody to the community: Reducing HCV transmission among juvenile justice attendees

2002

Victorian Department of Human Services \$66,969
Hellard, M., Crofts, N., Mijch, A., & Higgs, P.
An Integrated Response to Reduce the Spread of HIV amongst Vietnamese Australian Injecting Drug Users (IDUs) in Victoria: Surveillance/Epidemiology Research Component.

2001-02

National Health & Medical Research Council \$214,000
Principal Investigators: Gifford, S., O'Brien, M., Smith A.
Associate Investigators: Jolley, D., Higgs, P.
Identifying the social, personal and health needs of men living with Hepatitis C.

2001

Vichealth \$20,000
Higgs, P., Pham, L and Vu, C.
Peer based recreation and education for young heroin users of Vietnamese ethnicity

2000

AusAID NOVA grant \$154,000 (two years)

Crofts, N. Higgs, P. and Chung A

Harm Reduction in Vietnam: Developing sustainable responses to drug use and HIV infection among drug users

1999

Strategic Reserve Fund on Hepatitis C social and behavioural research \$95,000

Chief investigators

Crofts, N., Maher, L., & Higgs, P.

Prevention of HCV Infection amongst IDUs of Vietnamese Ethnicity

NSW Health Department \$95,100

Maher, L., Crofts, N., Higgs, P., & Le, T.

Initiation into drug use by Indo-chinese young people

Turning the Tide – Local Initiatives Grant \$48,000

Crofts, N., Higgs, P., and Kelsall, J.

The Vietnamese Harm Reduction Project (stage 2)

1998

Turning the Tide – Local Initiatives Grant \$95,846

Crofts, N., Higgs, P., and Fox, S.

The Vietnamese IDU & Harm Reduction Project

CONSULTANCIES

January 2013 (Vietnam)

DFID World Bank

Qualitative data collection for the end of term evaluation of a decade of DFID World Bank supported HIV program in Vietnam

December 2012 (Hanoi)

Mid-term review HIV AIDS in Asia Regional Project (Vietnam)

November 2011 (Hanoi)

Men who have sex with men and women in Hanoi

Vietnam dissemination meeting for the ADRA project.

November 2010 (Hanoi)

Men who have sex with men and women in Hanoi

Training peer researchers in the conduct of research and helping to analyse data collected through focus group discussions.

June 2009 (Hanoi)

Supporting Harm Reduction Programs in the Mekong

To provide technical oversight and advice to the program of work in harm reduction services for VICOMC and Dove Club under the Planet Wheeler Grant.

April 2007 (Jakarta)

Key trainer

Harm reduction and technical assistance for outreach workers to local NGO Yayasan Lambaga Kasih Indonesia, Bekasi

January 2005 (Haiphong, Vietnam)

Community health workers outreach training

Family Health International

2 weeks of injecting drug use outreach training with community health workers

November 2004 (Jakarta and Jogjakarta)

Key Trainer, Indonesia Australia Specialised Training Project Phase III

Drug Information and Intervention short course

2 week training targeting university staff and NGO activists

August 2004 (Jakarta)

Key Trainer, Indonesia Australia Specialised Training Project Phase III

Victoria University & The Burnet Institute, Drug Information short course

1 week training targeting school welfare workers, NGO activists and govt staff

November 2003 – jointly with Ms Jenny Kelsall (VIVAIDS)

Population Services International (Kunming, China)

Technical assistance to PSI for outreach to current and former drug users in Yunnan

April & October 2003 (Melbourne)

Key trainer, Indonesia Australia Specialised Training Project

IASTP Phase II Short Course (Victoria University & The Burnet Institute)

Drug Surveillance and Social Research

December 2002 (Dien Bien Phu)

United Nations Drug Control Program (Hanoi office)

Participatory Situation Assessment of the Drug Use and Harm Creation Environment

November 2002 (Hanoi) – jointly with Ms Oanh Nguyen (Burnet Institute)

Australian Red Cross (Hanoi office), End Of Project Review

Participatory HIV/AIDS Prevention and Sexual Health Youth Peer Education Project

May 2000 - Hanoi (20 days); October 2000 (11 days)

Family Health International

Harm Reduction Consultant

PUBLICATIONS

Peer referred journals

1. Bowring A., Pasomsouk N Hughes C., van Gemert C., **Higgs, P.**, Sychareun, V., Hellard M., & Power, R. [accepted] 'We might get some free beers': Experience and motivation for transactional sex among behaviourally bisexual men in Vientiane, Laos, *Archives of Sexual Behaviour*, doi: 10.1007/s10508-016-0705-7
2. Scott, N., **Higgs, P.**, Caulkins, J., Aitken, C., Cogger, S., and Dietze, P. [accepted] The introduction of CCTV and associated changes in heroin purchase and injection settings in Footscray, Victoria, Australia, *Journal of Experimental Criminology*, [January 31, 2016]
3. **Higgs, P.**, Wright, C., Hellard, M. [accepted] New treatment for hepatitis C has implications for people who inject drugs (letter), *Alimentary Pharmacology & Therapeutics* 43 (7): 840-41.
4. **Higgs, P.**, Cogger, S., Kelsall, J., Gavin, N., Elmore, K., Francis, P., & Dietze, P. 2016. It stops with us: Peer responses increase availability of sterile injecting equipment (letter), *International Journal of Drug Policy*, 29 (1):96-7.
5. Nazari S.S., Noroozi, M., Soori, H. Noroozi, A., Mehrabi, Y., Hajebi, A., Sharifi, H., **Higgs, P.** Mirzazadeh A. 2015. The effect of on-site and outreach-based needle and syringe programs in people who inject drugs in Kermanshah, Iran, *International Journal of Drug Policy*, doi:10.1016/j.drugpo.2015.10.011
6. Horyniak, D., **Higgs, P.**, Cogger, S., Dietze, P., Bofu, T. 2016. Heavy alcohol consumption among marginalised African refugee young people in Melbourne, Australia: Motivations for drinking, experiences of alcohol-related problems, and strategies for managing drinking, *Ethnicity and Health*, doi:10.1080/13557858.2015.1061105
7. Horyniak D, Dietze P, Degenhardt L, Agius P, **Higgs P**, Bruno R, Alati R, Burns L. 2016. Age-related differences in patterns of criminal activity among a large sample of polydrug injectors in Australia. *Journal of Substance Use*, 22 (1):48-56.
8. Horyniak, D., Reddell, S., Aigus, P., Aitken, C., **Higgs, P.**, Degenhardt, L., & Dietze, P. 2015. Patterns of, and factors associated with, illicit pharmaceutical opioid analgesic use in a prospective cohort of people who inject drugs in Melbourne, Australia, *Substance Use and Misuse*, 50 (13):1650-1659.
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