



Annual General Meeting
Imperial Hotel Bourke Street (The Parliament Room)
16 April 2024, 7 pm – 7:30 pm

Minutes

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| Meeting opened at 7 pm | |
| Welcome to all members | |
| Chair: Lenka Vodstrcil President | |
| Attendees | Steph Munari, Andrew Buchanan, Lenka Vodstrcil, Cheryl Power, Ian Denham, Stella Heley, Erica Plummer, Tina Schmidt, Kay Htaik, Jacqui Coombe, Amie Bingham and Cookie, Eric Chow, Mridula Shankar, Christopher Fisher, Dan Goodes, Richard Wright, Kristina Edvardsson, Shelly Makleff, Natasha Dyson, Helen Bittleston, Louise Bouchier, Rosie Latimer, Michael Traeger, Ei Aung, Doug McKenzie, Karen Freilich, Siobhan Bourke, Meredith Temple Smith, Trey Cardwell, Kathy McNamee, Maggie Vandeleur |
| Apologies | David Bradford, Lydia Di Stefano, Jane Hocking, Jason Ong. |
| Minutes from AGM 2022 | Tabled by Lenka Vodstrcil, passed by Andrew Buchannan, and seconded by Siobhan Bourke |
| President's report | Presented by Lenka Vodstrcil. (see attachment 1) During the president's report, Stella Heley shared some stories about Anne Myers who sadly passed away in February 2024. Anne was a life member of the Sexual Health Society of Victoria who always attended SHSOV events. |
| Treasurer's report and charity report | Presented by Christopher Fisher. (see attachment 2) |
| Membership report | Presented by Jacqueline Coombe In 2023 we had 51 members and 14 life members |
| Grants report | Presented by Michael Traeger Six grants awarded in 2022 – total grant money awarded in 2023 was \$2,000 |
| Newsletter report | Presented by Michael Traeger |
| Social Media | Presented by Michael Traeger on behalf of Lidia Di Stefano. Currently 561 Twitter followers as of 14/4/2024. |
| Website and charity reporting | Presented by Amie Bingham |
| 2023 Australasian Sexual Health Conference Best Poster Award | Presented by Lenka Vodstrcil <u>Best Student Poster Award Winner</u> Aleah Kink (University of Melbourne and Melbourne Sexual Health Centre) <i>Management of acute sexual assault presenting to a large Australian sexual health clinic in 2012-2021: a clinical audit</i> |

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| | <p><u>Best Poster Award Winners</u></p> <p>Sonia Srinivasan (SPHERE NHMRC Centre for Research Excellence, Monash University)</p> <p><i>Understanding the availability of public abortion in Australia: a review of HealthPathways</i></p> <p>Kristina Edvardsson (La Trobe University)</p> <p><i>What can trends in prior abortion tell us about abortion access in Victoria?</i></p> |
| ASRHA update | <p>Presented by Eric Chow</p> <p>Australasian HIV&AIDS Conference and the Joint IUSTI 2024 and Australasian Sexual & Reproductive Health Conferences will be held September 2024 (Sydney)</p> <p>Poster prizes available from SHSoV</p> <p>Benefits of SHSoV membership – advised that all SHSOV members can register for the conference using the ASHM-Affiliate rates, but must do so before 30 June 2024.</p> |
| SHSoV upcoming events for 2023 | <p>Presented by Eric Chow</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conference feedback event - Venue and October Date TBC 2. World AIDS day- Venue and December date TBC |
| <p>Outgoing executive committee</p> <p>SHSoV executive committee 2023 – 2024 as tabled</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. President: Lenka Vodstrcil b. Vice President: Eric Chow c. Secretary and website coordinator: Amie Bingham d. Treasurer: Christopher Fisher e. Vice Treasurer: Eric Chow f. Executive assistant and Vice Secretary: Erica Plummer g. ASRHA representative: Jason Ong h. Scholarship coordinator: Michael Traeger i. Membership coordinator: Jacqueline Coombe j. Social media coordinator: Lydia Di Stefano k. Medical representative: Lydia Di Stefano | |
| <p>Nominated SHSoV executive committee 2023 – 2024. Tabled by Erica Plummer, passed by Siobhan Bourke and seconded by Meredith Temple-Smith</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. President: Lenka Vodstrcil b. Vice President: Eric Chow c. Secretary and website coordinator: Amie Bingham d. Treasurer: Christopher Fisher e. Vice Treasurer: Eric Chow | |

- f. Executive assistant and Vice Secretary: Erica Plummer
- g. ASRHA representative: Jason Ong
- h. Scholarship coordinator: Michael Traeger
- i. Membership coordinator: Jacqueline Coombe
- j. Social media coordinator: Lydia Di Stefano
- k. Medical representative: Lydia Di Stefano

PhD Thesis Award

Presented by Lenka Vodstrcil

This is the third year we will be awarding the Di Tibbits Award for Best Thesis in Sexual and Reproductive Health. This year we had two equally high scoring applicants that could not be separated even after seeking additional reviews. Therefore, we made the decision to allocate two awards in 2024. The awardees were:

Dr Rosie Latimer (Monash University). Nominated by Professor Catriona Bradshaw.

PhD Thesis title: Emerging Issues in Sexual Health – *Mycoplasma genitalium* and ‘stealthing’

Dr Ei Aung (Monash University). Nominated by Professor Eric Chow.

PhD Thesis title: Epidemiology of Syphilis in Australia and Novel Approaches for Early Detection of Syphilis

Both Rosie and Ei gave 5 minute presentations summarising the key findings from their PhD.

Meeting closed 7.30 pm

Presenter: Dr Kathleen McNamee

Dr Kathy McNamee is the Medical Director of Sexual Health Victoria and an adjunct lecturer in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Monash University. She is a primary reviewer for the contraception and medical abortion section of the current Therapeutic Guidelines. Her main clinical interest is contraception, medical abortion, and the application of evidence-based medicine. Kathy was nominated by the SHSOV for the 2024 ASHRA Distinguished Services Award, and was the recipient of the award.

Presentation: Contraception: Past, present and future

Attachments:

1. President report
2. Treasurer report

Appendix 1 - Presidents Report: Prepared by Lenka Vodstrcil. April 2024

Good evening everyone. Welcome to the Sexual Health Society of Victoria Annual General Meeting for 2024. I begin today by acknowledging the Wurundjeri people of the East Kulin Nations as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today.

and pay my respects to their Elders, past and present. I extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.

The agenda is located on each table. As we commence every AGM, I will start with the President's Report while you all enjoy your entrée, which will then be followed by presentations from our Di Tibbits PhD Thesis award recipients, and from our guest speaker.

Tonight, we have a few apologies from David Bradford, Lydia Di Stefano, and Jane Hocking.

Next, there is a copy of last year's AGM minutes on each table. The first formality of this evening is to table last year's AGM minutes. I will need one member to accept and another member to second.

I would next like to thank all of the committee members who have continued to volunteer their time and expertise to the activities of the Society and who also made this AGM happen. I would like to thank Vice-president Eric Chow, who has continued to help with all aspects of the running and success of the society. I would especially like to thank Erica Plummer, our Executive Assistant, who has prepared the agenda for tonight and for all committee members, writes the minutes, and once again found this lovely venue for tonight's meeting. Erica's organisation skills ensure that the Society meets regularly and gets all the administrative elements completed. Thanks Christopher Fisher, the Treasurer, who monitors and oversees the budget. Amie Bingham who submits our charity reporting requirements, and who developed and continues to maintain our website with Jacqueline Coombe. Jacqui is the membership coordinator – Jacqui is going on parental leave in August with bub 2 on the way so other committee members will be covering her role during this time. Michael Traeger who oversees the Scholarship program and who compiles articles and information for Newsletters. Jason Ong, our AHRSA representative. And Lydia Di Stefano, who is our social media coordinator who manages our Twitter account.

Sadly, this year we are missing our friend and colleague, Dr Anne Meyers, who passed away in February this year. Anne Meyers was a life member of the Sexual Health Society of Victoria. Many of you worked closely with Anne and many of us had the privilege of chatting to Anne at an SHSOV event where she continued to particularly enjoy hearing about advances in women's sexual and reproductive health. She attended most events in the last few years, well into her 90s (she was 97 at last year's AGM in Prahran). Tonight, Dr Stella Heley will share her recollections of Anne with us. Thank you, Stella, for sharing your memories of Anne with us so we can celebrate her many achievements. We would like to join with you in acknowledging Anne's contributions to sexual health over many years and will really miss her tonight and at our future events.

In October last year we held our annual post-conference feedback session at the Melbourne Sexual Health Centre, with 10 diverse presentations from postgraduate students, postdocs, and clinicians, covering topics on doxy-PEP, trends in global prevalence of Mycoplasma genitalium resistance, alternative treatments for Mycoplasma genitalium, abortion access in Victoria and the availability of abortion in Australia, risk based screening for syphilis in pregnancy, development of a novel measure of Reproductive Coercion and Abuse for use in research and clinical settings, and barriers to older adults' access to sexual health services. The session was well attended and the catering from Free to

Feed was delicious, and importantly, provided a great networking opportunity for those who attended.

In 2023 we also provided six scholarships to support students, clinicians and people from regional Victoria attend conferences and courses. Michael will provide the full details shortly. We also awarded three best poster awards at the 2023 Australasian Sexual & Reproductive Health Conference that was held in Manley, Sydney in September last year. We will continue to award the best poster awards at future Australasian Sexual Health and Reproductive Health conferences, which this year coincides with the IUSTI World Congress, to recognise all the great work that Victorian researchers achieve to improve individuals' sexual and reproductive health. Eric will provide more details on our upcoming events and poster awards in his report.

ASRHA (The Australian Sexual and Reproductive Health Alliance) is a group of 8 partner organisations established to improve national and local responses to sexual health issues. Each year, they have three different awards recognise outstanding practice in sexual and/or reproductive health.

On behalf of SHSOV, we nominated Erica Plummer for the ASRHA Young Clinical Leader Award in 2023 and we were very excited and proud that she was selected as the winner of the award. Erica is an Early Career Researcher with expertise in the genital microbiome. Since completing her PhD Erica has been awarded the competitive Jack Brockhoff Fellowship, a Monash postdoctoral bridging scholarship and was invited to talk at the 2023 World STI congress in Chicago.

For the ASHRA Distinguished Services Award we nominated Dr Kathy McNamee, Director of Sexual Health Victoria, and we were also delighted that Kathy was selected as the winner of this award. I don't need to tell most of you how deserving Kathy was of this award. The vision that Kathy has for sexual health services has an unwavering focus on the provision of abortion services and evidence-based clinical contraception provision. This vision includes the provision of accessible, comprehensive sexual and reproductive health clinical services for all. We really are honoured to have Kathy present her talk on "Contraception: Past, present and future" later this evening.

Before I handover to Christopher for the Treasurer's report, the executive committee would like to congratulate Christopher and his partner, both here tonight, on their impending nuptials! We have a little something for you to share and wish you all the best with married life!

This is the third year we will be awarding the Di Tibbits Award for Best Thesis in Sexual and Reproductive Health. This award recognises high-quality PhD theses produced by Victorian PhD graduates in the Sexual Health field in the past 3 years. Each application was reviewed by 5 reviewers and scored according to the novelty and impact of the research, quality of the PhD thesis or publications, and potential translation into changes in health policy, public health, clinical practice, or commercialisation. This year unexpectedly, two of the applications received the exact same score, and after seeking additional reviews, we decided that we could not separate the two applicants. Therefore, we made the decision to allocate two awards in 2024.

The first winner is Dr Rosie Latimer. Rosie completed her PhD in June 2021 at Monash University. She was nominated by her principal supervisor Professor Catriona Bradshaw, and her thesis title is "Emerging Issues in Sexual Health – Mycoplasma genitalium and 'stealthiness'." Rosie's PhD work provided insight into the prevalence, treatment, and management of the emerging STI, Mycoplasma

genitalium. Rosie also completed the first analysis of the prevalence of “stealthing” or non-consensual removal of a condoms during sex in the Victorian community. This study has been cited in legal proposals to outlaw stealthing in the last two years and received media attention.

Our second winner is Dr Ei Aung. Ei conferred her PhD in September 2023 at Monash University. Ei was nominated by her principal supervisor, Professor Eric Chow, and her thesis title is “Epidemiology of Syphilis in Australia and Novel Approaches for Early Detection of Syphilis”. Ei’s thesis focused on the changes in epidemiological landscape of syphilis in Australia, while exploring novel methods for early detection of syphilis, with the aim to significantly contribute to public health and clinical practice. Ei had a very productive PhD with 10 publications, a postgraduate publication award, a best poster award from SHSOV, and scholarships to present at the World congress in Chicago.

We will now hear from both recipients a 3-5 minute summary of their PhDs

Attachment 2 Treasurer's report (Treasurer's Report - Prepared by Christopher Fisher)

Reporting the period of 28 March 2023 – 11 April 2024

Income

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| <i>Membership (full)</i> | \$2,420 |
| <i>Membership (Student)</i> | \$310.00 |
| <i>AGM payment (23 and 24)</i> | \$1,841.00 |
| <i>Donations</i> | \$425.00 (up \$285 from LY) |
| TOTAL | \$4,996 (up \$1,921 from LY) |

Expenditure

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| <i>AGM (23 and 24)</i> | \$2,638.42 |
| <i>ASHM</i> | \$260.00 |
| <i>Conference Feedback Event</i> | \$602.72 |
| <i>Scholarships 23</i> | \$2,000 |
| <i>Website</i> | \$168.00 |
| <i>Misc</i> | \$124.0 |
| TOTAL | \$5,793.14 (down \$1,603.73 from LY) |

Bank balances as at 11/04/2024:

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| Cheque account: | \$5,268.88 |
| Donation account: | \$1,340.00 |
| Total Assets: | \$6,608.88 |