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## Monday 29 June 2020

Positive Life NSW COVID-19 Toolkit is a weekly update of practical resources, tools and strategies for people living with HIV in NSW, our supporters and associates who are affected by HIV, as well those who work in the NSW HIV sector.

The theme in the ToolKit this week is 'Older people and #COVID19'. If you have information or feedback to contribute to future ToolKits, please email contact@positivelife.org.au

## **POSITIVE LIFE NSW COVID-19 RESPONSE**

#### PEERS CONNECT ONLINE

Peers Connect Online! meetings are open to all people living with HIV in NSW, over 18 years of age, regardless of gender and sexuality. Thurs 9 July from 6pm to 7pm AEST. RSVP Essential >> REGISTER HERE

#### **TALKABOUT #194 PUBLISHED**

Edition #194 of #Talkabout Online shares seven personal stories about living with HIV in a time of Coronavirus. >> <u>READ MORE</u>



#### **VALE GEOFF HONNOR**

Formidable peer advocate, esteemed colleague, generous mentor, faithful friend, beloved partner.

Our love & thoughts are with Lance and Alex.
Words cannot express.
23 June 2020

### **HEALTH**

#### **FEELING UNWELL**

Need to check if you should seek medical assistance for coronavirus? Visit the <u>online NSW</u>
<u>Government COVID-19 Symptom Checker</u>

If you have severe difficulty breathing call triple zero (000) immediately.

#### **CORONAVIRUS IN YOUR LANGUAGE**

News and information about coronavirus (COVID-19) is <u>available in 63 languages</u>.

National COVID-19 Triage Hotline 1800 020 080

#### **REASONS TO GET TESTED FOR #COVID19**

If you have any symptoms, no matter how mild, come forward for testing. >> MORE DETAILS

#### **BE MEDICINEWISE DURING #COVID19**

Using your regular medicines during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

>> MORE DETAILS

#### **-№** BEYOND #COVID19?...

Consumer Health Forum of Australia are establishing a new consumer-led thought leadership project asking, what does health and wellbeing policy look like in a post-COVID environment? >> MORE DETAILS

NSW HEALTH COVID-19 Health Statistics
>> MORE DETAILS

### **FINANCIALS**

#### REPORT: EFFECTS OF RECEIVING JOBSEEKER

**NCOSS** survey report of 955 people receiving the new rate of JobSeeker and other allowances.

>> READ IT HERE

#### **NSW GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE FINDER**

Complete a two-minute questionnaire and get a list of benefits and services in health and wellbeing, employment, food, housing and finances, tailored specifically for you or your business.

>> MORE DETAILS

## CALLS FOR A NATIONAL PAID PANDEMIC LEAVE

The **Public Health Association of Australia** and the **Australian Council of Social Service** are calling for a national paid pandemic leave scheme.

>> READ MORE

### STAYIN' ALIVE'

Spending returning to normal after months of turmoil. >> READ MORE

# FEARS AUSTRALIA FACES A WORK FOR THE DOLE 'TIME BOMB'

Experts say mutual obligation requirements for welfare recipients must be overhauled.

>> READ MORE

#### **JOBSEEKER & #COVID19**

The **Welfare Rights Centre** provides information about JobSeeker Payment and the temporary arrangements in place because of the COVID-19 pandemic. >> <u>READ MORE</u>

#### **NSW HIV SECTOR SERVICES INFORMATION**

What's available, opening times and access options for HIV sector personnel and people living with HIV.

### Are your service details up-to-date?

To add or update your info, please email contact@positivelife.org.au



### HOUSING

### HAVE YOUR SAY ON HOUSING IN NSW

The **NSW Government** is calling on the community to help develop the first comprehensive long-term housing strategy for the State. >> MORE DETAILS

#### **COVID-19 CRISIS ACCOMMODATION REGISTER**

To <u>support people in the community who urgently</u> <u>need housing during COVID-19</u>, **DV NSW**, **Homelessness NSW** and **Yfoundations** are working to connect homelessness and support services.

# PERSONNEL HOMELESSNESS HOTLINE

Ex-service personnel are four times more likely to become homeless than civilians. >> READ MORE

#### PREVENT, HOUSE, SUPPORT

The Centre for Social Impact has produced a Homelessness Factsheet as part of a series of fact sheets in the context of COVID-19.

#### >> MORE DETAILS

# PLAN TO ENSURE HOMELESS PEOPLE ARE NOT TIPPED BACK OUT

The Australian Alliance to End Homelessness has launched a 7-point policy plan to not just recover from COVID-19 but to end rough sleeping homelessness across Australia. >> READ MORE

#### **RENTERS' GUIDE TO COVID-19**

This guide has been developed to provide legal information about situations that may arise as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. >> LEARN MORE

#### TACKLING HOMELESSNESS IN THE TWEED

Intensive work to reduce rough sleeping in Tweed Heads and surrounding areas is delivering positive results with dozens of people assisted into safe and secure housing. >> READ MORE

# NETWORK OF TENANTS' ADVICE AND ADVOCACY SERVICES

NSW Tenant Advocates support tenants rights to housing. >> READ MORE STORIES HERE

## **SURVEYS & RESEARCH**

## REPORT: COVID-19'S IMPACT ON WEIGHT

The **CSIRO** has found that weight and emotional wellbeing during the COVID-19 lockdown, has impacted Australians about how long it will take for life to return to "normal". >> MORE DETAILS

## REPORT: #COVID19 AND ITS EFFECTS ON RELATIONSHIPS

**Relationships Australia** reports that people are divided in opinion about the effects of easing COVID-19 restrictions, on their close relationships and mental health. >> MORE DETAILS

## SURVEY: RECENTLY IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT?

The Australasian College for Emergency Medicine is seeking consumers/patients experiences when they or someone they know, were in the emergency department during the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### >> MORE DETAILS

## FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY ISSUES PAPER

The Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse,
Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability
are inviting public submissions to a <u>new issues</u>
paper on the experiences of First Nations people
with disability. Submissions are accepted in any
language and requested by 11 September 2020.

## REPORT: #COVID19 AND EFFECTS ON YOUNG ADULTS MENTAL HEALTH

**Headspace** reports that young Australians are fearful and uncertain for their future as a result of COVID-19. >> MORE DETAILS

## SURVEY: SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH DURING COVID-19

The **University of Melbourne** is investigating the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the sexual and reproductive health of people living in Australia. >> MORE DETAILS

#### FRONTLINE WORKERS DURING #COVID19

Charles Sturt University investigating mental health and stress in frontline workers during COVID-19. >> READ MORE

### **COVID19 & OLDER ADULTS**

#### THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM?

Older adults have been highlighted as a group at risk of infection who should stay home, however isolation may be exacerbating already high suicide rates. >> MORE DETAILS

# HOW OLDER AUSTRALIANS CAN GET HELP AT HOME

Older Australians are highly vulnerable to Covid-19 but new and existing services are available to help them stay healthy, stay sane, and stay home. >> READ MORE

# TELEHEALTH SERVICES

85% of older Australians rate COVID-19 telehealth services as good as (or even better than) face-to-face consultations. >> READ MORE

### NEWMARCH #COVID19 CLUSTER

ABC's Four Corners found mismanagement, poor infection control and a lack of communication with residents and families at the centre of the Newmarch House COVID-19 outbreak cluster which saw 19 people die. >> READ MORE

#### -NEW IS AGED CARE UNDERSTAFFED?

The coronavirus pandemic has shone a light on the persistent issues that plague the aged care sector, none more so than staffing levels.

>> READ MORE

# SOCIAL CONNECTION PROJECT TO ROLL OUT IN NSW

A new program delivering regular volunteer telephone calls to retirement village residents who feel socially isolated, will roll out across NSW to support wellbeing during COVID-19 restrictions. >> READ MORE

# TAKE CARE AS #COVID19 RESTRICTIONS EASE

With restrictions easing, older Australians may need to prepare themselves mentally and physically for the long haul and make sure their surrounding environment is safe. >> READ MORE

### **COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

#### **COVID-19 IN THE RED BOOK**

Guidelines, harm reduction tips and strategies by and for sex workers. >> MORE DETAILS

#### **SWOP NSW**

COVID-19 news, updates and resources for sex workers in NSW. >> MORE DETAILS

# PARRAMATTA & CUMBERLAND: COMMUNITY WHEELS

Delivering \$15 essential food hampers to those in need who are unable to travel to the WSCC's low cost grocery store. >> MORE DETAILS

## INVOLVEMENT

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people overwhelmingly support a push to fundamentally change the way Australian governments work with the Indigenous community, a new report shows.

>> READ MORE

## USING THE SIFT TECHNIQUE

Consuming too much news about COVID-19 can be overwhelming. **Beyond Blue** shares the SIFT technique which can help filter and assess the news you consume. Read more at <a href="http://bb.org.au/3eyvxEe">http://bb.org.au/3eyvxEe</a>



## LEGALS

#### **REFUGEE WEEK - LAWS AND COVID-19**

The Department of Communities and Justice and the Refugee Service of Legal Aid NSW will deliver an update on changes to the law as a result of COVID-19. **Tues 30 June, 10am to 11.30am AEST.** >> MORE DETAILS

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT QUESTIONS ABOUT STUDENT VISAS

If you need free and confidential migration advice about your student visa, or if you have other legal questions, contact Redfern Legal Centre's <a href="International Student Legal Service NSW">International Student Legal Service NSW</a>.

#### **LEGAL HELP & INFO - FREE**

**LawAccess NSW** and **Legal Aid NSW** have partnered up to <u>offer free legal help to people</u> affected by the COVID-19 restrictions.

#### **50% REDUCTION ON FINES**

The NSW government is set to halve fines for Centrelink recipients in an attempt to minimise the financial devastation caused by the coronavirus pandemic. >> READ MORE

#### **POSITIVE LIFE NSW SILVER WARRIORS**

Supporting people living with HIV who are over 45 years, to find out what you're entitled to make your life more comfortable. Call (02) 9206-2177 or 1800 245 677 (freecall outside metro) or email contact@positivelife.org.au



Supporting you through aged care, disability and health services



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#### WHO YOU GONNA CALL?

A range of helplines and supports collected especially for people living with HIV during the COVID-19 crisis. >> MORE DETAILS

## OPTUS SUPPORTING WELLBEING ACROSS REGIONAL AUSTRALIA

Australia's first text-based counselling service-Virtualpsychologist supporting the wellbeing and mental health services in rural and remote parts of the country during these challenging times.

#### >> MORE DETAILS

#### **VOLUNTEER CHAT LINE SUPPORTING SENIORS**

Volunteer driven national telephone support service called <u>FriendLine</u> offers support for those experiencing loneliness. Conversations are casual and anonymous and can be about anything and everything. Call 1800 4 CHATS (1800 424 287), open Tue-Thu from 6-8pm and Sat-Sun from 2-5pm AEST.

#### MENTAL HEALTH PEER SUPPORT LINE

BEING Supported is a non-crisis peer support service staffed by trained Peer Support Specialists, all of whom have had their own personal experiences of mental health issues, system access, and trauma histories on **1800 151 151 from 10am - 4pm, Monday to Friday**.

## **────** WESTERN SYDNEY SUPPORT PHONE SERVICE — FREE

Free mental health phone service, called **COVID-19 Let's Talk.** The phone line is open **Mon-Fri, 8.30am-5.00pm on 8890 5236,** and provides advice and help for children, teenagers, carers and adults who require counselling and support.

## **CULTURE/ ART/ BOOKS**

#### **VIRTUAL VIEWING PARTY**

Join a virtual viewing party via Zoom and Beamafilm to watch the animated classic, Animal Farm, a no-holds-barred adaptation of George Orwell's Animal Farm (1954) on Sat 27 June, 3pm to 5.20pm AEST.

>> REGISTER HERE

### NSW ART GALLERY IS OPEN

The **Art Gallery of NSW** is open to limited numbers of visitors from 10am to 5pm daily, using a free timed-entry ticket system until 1 July 2020. >> MORE DETAILS

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### LATE NIGHT DISCO LOUNGE - \$20

Each ticket includes a choice of drink on arrival to get the party started and a donation to Indigenous LGBT+ charity Black Rainbow at The Imperial Erskineville, Fri 26 Jun 10:00 pm - Sat 27 Jun 1am AEST >> GET TICKETS

#### **GREAT SOUTHERN NIGHTS**

Bringing 1,000 COVID-safe gigs to Sydney and regional NSW in November, giving artists a welcome boost and turbocharging live music venues across the state. >> LEARN MORE

#### LIVE AT 5

Part of Boost's #stay campaign, which encourages young Australians to stay entertained, stay positive and importantly – stay home. Tune in at 5pm on Boost's Instagram channel, where you can also see who else will be gracing our phone screens in the coming weeks.

#### MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART

The MCA is excited to welcome you back. The galleries have reopened and you can see the incredible 22nd Biennale of Sydney: NIRIN exhibition. Enhanced health and hygiene measures will be in place.

#### ARTBAR: NIRIN ONLINE - FREE

Register for ARTBAR: NIRIN online edition (available for one night only), with themes of ceremony, ritual and tradition. **Friday 26 June, 7** to 10pm AEST. >> REGISTER HERE

## **VIRTUAL CULTURAL FIX**

### A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

A London Theatre Company production, National Theatre UK is screening full performances on their YouTube channel. >> WATCH HERE

## THE AUSTRALIAN BALLET – SWAN LAKE

Graeme Murphy's modern-day classic is a *Swan Lake* for the 21st century, charged with sensuality
and heartbreak. Available from **Thursday 25 June**.
>> WATCH HERE

#### THE SOUND OF MUSIC LIVE!

Rodgers and Hammerstein's timeless musical classic The Sound of Music Live! starring Carrie Underwood returns from 7pm BST, 11 am PST and 2pm EST Available for 48hours Only!

>> WATCH HERE

#### **ISOL-LATE - FREE**

Isol-Late is an online music festival and gathering space, where every weekend from 10pm to 12 midnight AEST artists play 20-minute sets streamed live via their Instagram accounts.

#### **HOT DUB AT HOME - FREE**

#hotdubathome is on again this **Saturday 5.30pm-8.30pm AEST**. >> <u>TWITCH STREAMING HERE</u>

#### POSITIVE LIFE NSW TREATMENTS SUPPORT

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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT @ COVID-19

#### **-№№** BLACK LIVES MATTER

Australia at Home asks, what we can do to prevent deaths in custody? Join a discussion about how we got here, what's stopping us, and how we can overcome it.

>> WATCH HERE

### **#COVID19 AND THE POWER OF ETHICS IN HEALTH CARE**

The Consumers Health Forum of Australia considers the issues rising from the pandemic to develop a framework for ethical decision-making in health care for policy and practice.

>> MORE DETAILS

#### HOW #COVID19 IS CHANGING THE WORLD

A **UN Report** of some of the latest information available on how COVID-19 is affecting different aspects of public and private life, from economic and environmental fluctuations to changes that affect individuals in terms of income, education, employment and violence and changes affecting public services such as civil aviation and postal services. >> MORE DETAILS

## GLOBALLY DISPLACED, INTERNALLY **DISPLACED**

Refugee, Rami Alsaberi, says there exists a connection between new arrivals and Australia's First Nations communities. These connections can foster healing and enhanced belonging.

>> READ MORE

### -NEW HOW REBRANDING CAN HELP AN **ORGANISATION COME OUT OF COVID-19**

Is it time for a rebrand? Maybe, maybe not. But it is certainly a good time to reflect on and possibly hone your brand so that it isn't ignored in the recovery. >> READ MORE

## COVID-19 RESPONSES ARE DESIGNED BY MEN. FOR MEN

**CARE**'s report found the people making decisions on how we respond are overwhelmingly male, which means the solutions are coming from an overwhelmingly male perspective. >> READ MORE

## **ONLINE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

#### -NEW HOME AT PARRAMATTA

Online events, festivals and activities connected and engaged from the comfort of your home.

>> MORE DETAILS

#### TRIALS OF WISDOM

A virtual Escape Room by the Sydney Opera House. >> MORE DETAILS

#### DC JAZZFEST FROM HOME SERIES

A weekly event occurring every Saturday at 7 PM on the DCJF YouTube Channel and Facebook page.

#### SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL SELECTS

Relive, or discover for the first time, 40 world-class cinematic gems from the Festival's past via SBS On Demand. Curated by Festival Director Nashen Moodley, Sydney Film Festival Selects are available to enjoy anytime for free until Friday 10 July. >> MORE DETAILS

#### **、 THOM PAIN**

Will stream live Monday 29 June to Friday 3 July at 7:30pm Sydney, plus 11.30am on Saturday 4 July. Tickets are pay what you think, and free for those who can't afford it right now.

>> MORE DETAILS

## SIXTH ANNUAL SMARTFONE FLICK FEST (SF3)

Shoot your own SmartFone Flick Fest movie for a shot at the big time. >> MORE DETAILS

### **BLACK LIVES MATTER**

**IndigenousX** curates this panel discussion at the Sydney Opera House, to explore how state sanctioned violence is enabled and protected by racist ideology, and the role of protests in achieving reform. Sunday 28 June, 4pm AEST.

>> WATCH HERE

#### EMPIRE OF THE SUN

Visionary music pioneers Empire of the Sun created a vision that almost came from an alternative reality at Vivid LIVE 2013. Saturday 27 June, 8pm AEST. >> WATCH HERE

## **TRAINING/EMPLOYMENT**

#### **BEYOND DIVERSITY - \$40**

The Community Migrant Resource Centre brings this cultural competency training on Mon 29 June, 2pm to 4pm AEST. >> REGISTER HERE

#### SURVIVING THE CORONAVIRUS

What did Australia do right? Why were we so "lucky"? Lessons for Australian training and skills. >> READ MORE

#### **DEAKIN UNIVERSITY COURSES – FREE**

Courses on sustainability and development, online learning, strategic innovation, professional skills, and caring for older people. >> MORE DETAILS

#### 2000 NEW SURGE JOBS OFF COVID-19 CRISIS

**Datacom** has become the latest significant technology player to benefit from a massive jobs surge on the back of COVID-19, <u>urgently taking on more than 2000 people needed for call centres</u>.

## DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS IN THE WORKPLACE – FREE

**Fairwork Australia** online course They take around 20 - 40 minutes to complete. You can access them from your computer and most tablets and mobiles. >> MORE DETAILS

#### **-NEW** STARTING A NEW JOB − FREE

**Fairwork Australia** online course They take around 20 - 40 minutes to complete. You can access them from your computer and most tablets and mobiles. >> MORE DETAILS

#### I WANT TO RE-TRAIN OR UP-SKILL

If you've been working in the same job or industry and are now looking to gain new skills to transition into new employment, review these Australian Government options. >> MORE DETAILS

#### FREE ONLINE COURSES

41 courses to take immediately to advance your career. >> MORE DETAILS

#### MENTAL HEALTH AT WORK

In partnership with the NSW Government, the **Black Dog Institute** are <u>providing free mental</u> health training to eligible workers across NSW.

#### **-NEW** GOOGLE DIGITAL GARAGE − FREE

A range of free learning content designed to help grow your business or jumpstart your career. You can learn by selecting individual modules, or dive right in and take an entire course end-to-end.

>> MORE DETAILS

#### **-№** OPEN LEARNING

Explore hundreds of courses from around the world. A mixture of free and paid courses for hobby, personal and professional growth.

>> MORE DETAILS

#### FREE ONLINE COURSES

Top 50 websites to get educated for free.

>> MORE DETAILS

## FREE MASSIVE OPEN ONLINE COURSE (MOOCS)

>> LEARN MORE

#### ADELAIDE X

Free online courses in a variety of subjects. audited free or students can choose to receive a verified certificate for a small fee. >> MORE DETAILS

#### **₹₩** FUTURE LEARN

Discover the wealth of educational expertise Australia has to offer with these free online courses. >> MORE DETAILS



### SECTOR SUPPORT

#### NCOSS COMMUNITY JOBS - FREE

Providing access to ALL NGOs to advertise jobs on NCOSS Community Jobs Board free until 30 June.

>> MORE DETAILS

# SURVEY: GOVERNMENT FUNDING IN COVID-19

**Pro Bono Australia** seeks NGOs experiences of government funding during COVID-19.

## MANAGING STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS DURING A CRISIS

Safework Australia has published National COVID-19 safe workplace principles. The principles operate subject to the measures agreed and implemented by governments through the National Cabinet process. >> READ MORE

# FEEDBACK OF CLIENTS AFFECTED BY LACK OF HOUSING

NCOSS are inviting community sector organisations to <u>feed into their response to the NSW Government's Discussion paper – a Housing Strategy for NSW</u> by **Friday 10 July 2020**.

# LEADING WITH IMPACT IN THE POST COVID-19 WORKPLACE – \$33

Online training workshop **Weds 1 July 2020, 11am-12pm.** >> REGISTER HERE

# RESPONDING TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

The Australian Institute of Family Studies shares a series offering some practical advice on how services can respond in times of change.

>> MORE DETAILS

#### SUBSCRIBE TO POS LIFE'S MONTHLY EBULLETIN



#### STEPS TO BECOME A COVID SAFE ORGANISATION

As part of the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, the NSW Government is encouraging organisations and businesses to <a href="mailto:prepare a COVID Safety Plan">prepare a COVID Safety Plan</a> to help protect staff, workers, clients and visitors. Specific advice is available for community centres and halls,

## WHAT NFP WORKERS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CARE IN THE TIME OF COVID – PART THREE

Pro Bono Australia highlights the importance of renewal when it comes to workers in the NFP sector and their wellbeing and mental health.

>> MORE DETAILS

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land that we live and work on, and recognise, respect and value the deep and continuing connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to land, community and culture.

We pay our respects to Elders, Past, Present and Future.

