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The AVHEC 2017 Conference Report cover features the AVHEC logo in large, colorful letters (A in red, V in blue, H in green, E in red, C in blue) above the text "Australasian Viral Hepatitis Elimination Conference 2017". Below this, it says "Conference Report" in a red circle, "AVHEC 2017 10 - 11 August Pullman Cairns International", and "AVHEC Conference Secretariat Ph: +61 2 8204 0770 E: info@avhec.com.au www.avhec.com.au".

The key messages slide features a quote from Prof Gail Matthews: "Elimination is within our reach. But to mobilise all the people with or at risk of viral hepatitis and connect them to services is going to be a major challenge." It lists three bullet points: "We need more clinicians to deliver treatment.", "We need awareness and education so that people at risk know treatments exist.", and "We need to increase diagnosis and have integrated prevention and harm reduction programs." It also includes a quote from Prof Jeffrey Lazarus: "I have Australia on a pedestal. I think it's amazing what's happening here!"

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The inaugural **Australasian Viral Hepatitis Elimination Conference (AVHEC 2017)** took place on 10-11 August 2017 in Cairns, Queensland with over 300 delegates including health professionals, policy makers, researchers, community organisations and people living with viral hepatitis **committed to eliminating hepatitis B and C as a major public health threat.**

This conference, organised by the Australasian Society for HIV, Viral Hepatitis and Sexual Health Medicine (ASHM), delivered a program highlighting the latest scientific developments, as well as real world implementation of best practice care. The meeting offered opportunities for structured dialogue assessing where we are and the work still to be done in the Australasian response to Viral Hepatitis. Key learnings from this 2-day event are now available in a Conference Report containing links to recorded keynote speaker plenary sessions.

Read the AVHEC17 report to find out:

- Links to online videos of keynote speaker presentations
- Latest information on Australia's progress towards hepatitis C elimination, including a detailed breakdown of who is receiving treatment by gender, age, jurisdiction
- Important hepatitis B messages for clinicians, communities and policy makers
- Strategies to engage marginalised populations
- Health worker education recommendations
- Case studies

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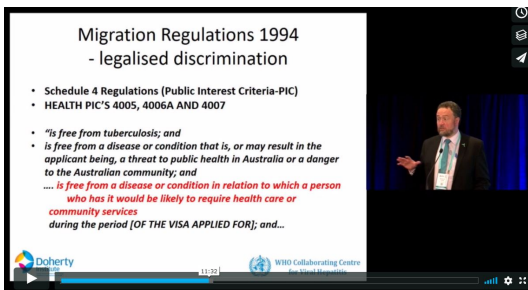
“ We find ourselves in the incredible position we are today, where viral hepatitis might actually be eliminated from our country within ten years, because of our ability to share knowledge and work together.

Through our collaboration, Australia has introduced trail blazing policies that are the envy of the world, supported by evidence, and embraced by patients and practitioners alike. To reach our goals we must ensure that this continues.

The research presented at the Australasian Viral Hepatitis Elimination Conference (AVHEC17) has a profound impact on policy, helping to forge evidence-based responses to viral hepatitis in our region. This conference provides a unique opportunity for all people working in this field to share latest research, evaluate lessons learnt + have structured dialogue to determine our ongoing response. ”

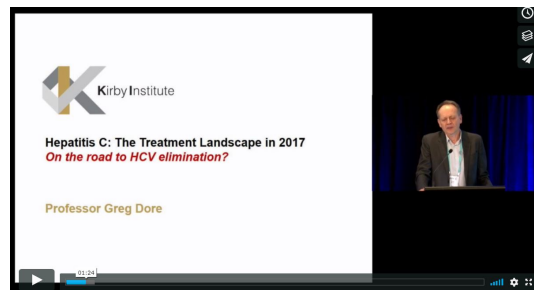


Associate Professor Gail Matthews
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Links to online videos of keynote speaker presentations via the Report

Pictured: *Hepatitis B: Australian Progress and Challenges* presented by A/Professor Benjamin Cowie of the Doherty Institute: vimeo.com/233231159



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Pictured: *Hepatitis C: The Treatment Landscape in 2017* presented by Professor Greg Dore of the Kirby Institute: vimeo.com/230543091



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