

# 1994-2004 *Anwernekenhe* Us Mob

**2004 marks the tenth anniversary of Anwernekenhe, the First National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Gay Men, Sistergirl, Transgender Sexual Health Conference – October 31 to November 4, 1994.**

This historic conference held at Hamilton Downs, Central Australia on the lands of the Arrernte peoples, provided participants with a unique opportunity to share their experiences and their concerns about HIV/AIDS, sexual health and well-being.

There were 45 conference recommendations addressing a wide range of issues from access to services to cultural and sexual identity. As a result the National Indigenous Gay, Sistergirl & Transgender HIV/AIDS – Sexual Health Project was established at the Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations (AFAO) to implement many of these recommendations.

A large national consultation led to the release of the National Indigenous Gay and Transgender Consultation Report and Sexual Health Strategy, the first ever work to consider the specific needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander gay, sistergirl and transgender communities.

Ten years of work has also seen the staging of Anwernekenhe II and Anwernekenhe III, the development of key resources and activities addressing HIV education, prevention, treatments, access to services, discrimination and self-esteem, and the formation of partnerships within Australia and internationally. These activities have worked to build capacity, raise awareness, provide peer support and promote behaviour change among the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander gay, sistergirl and transgender community.

The project has received significant input and guidance from key stakeholder organisations and individuals in every state and territory. Our work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander gay, sistergirl and transgender communities has been, and remains, groundbreaking in meeting the challenges of HIV/AIDS and sexual health.



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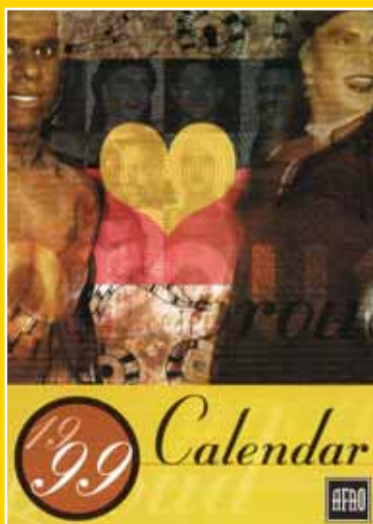
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