

# Heads together

## We can transform the region

**An evening panel**  
at the 2019 Australasian HIV  
& AIDS Conference in Perth

**Riverview Room 4**



**Wednesday 18 September**



**5:30 PM - 7:00 PM**



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the ARCSHS launch



**While Australia and New Zealand enjoy the best HIV prevention, treatment and care available, our neighbours in Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste do not. Can better collaboration between regional and local partners help us overcome the barriers and correct this imbalance?**

## **Introduction: The CHPNG project**

The Collaboration for Health in Papua New Guinea (CHPNG) is a successful 14 year partnership of various regional organisations and companies working at building the local capacity of health workers and the HIV positive people they serve. The International Clinical Advisor at ASHM, Dr Arun Menon, details their work.



**Dr Arun Menon**



**Dr John Rule (Chair)**  
**National Research Manager, NAPWHA**

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## Panel 1: On the ground

Delivering HIV services in Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste is no easy task. Health and peer workers not only face cultural resistance but an uncertain treatment supply. Two Clinicians, a peer leader and a solicitor tell us how it is.



**Janet Sangopa**  
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**Dr Nick Dala**  
Director of the  
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**Dr Sheena Viegas**  
Program Manager  
of the National  
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## Panel 2: Across the way

Australian organisations already deliver many international HIV programs but how can we better serve our neighbours across the way? What models have worked and what have not? Heads from three key HIV agencies with programs in the region discuss current barriers and possible solutions to reinvigorate a regional response.



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