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**Daily News - Stay Updated - Starting today:  
Joint HIV&AIDS and Sexual Health Conferences: VIRTUAL  
16 - 20 November 2020**

Dear Ivy,

We're so excited to welcome you to the 2020 Joint Australasian HIV&AIDS and Sexual Health Conferences VIRTUAL.

My name is Michelle and I'm working with the conference communications team to bring you daily email updates from our jam-packed program. Each morning this week, we'll share new findings and reflections from key conference sessions, what your colleagues and peers are sharing about the conference in the media and on social media, as well as any last-minute changes to the conference program. That way you can rest assured that, even if you have to miss a few sessions this week, you'll be able to catch up when reading our daily updates.

### **Exploring the virtual platform**

This year, some things will be the same - our commitment to creating a forum for HIV&AIDS and sexual health education, research and connection - while other things will look rather different (i.e. the fact that you are joining in from your home or office, rather than sitting next to other delegates in a convention centre auditorium).

We've been working hard to ensure that your delegate experience is as enriching as it would be if we were meeting in person. Over the coming five days, we'll be hearing from thought-provoking speakers, sharing reflections, celebrating emerging leaders, and networking virtually.

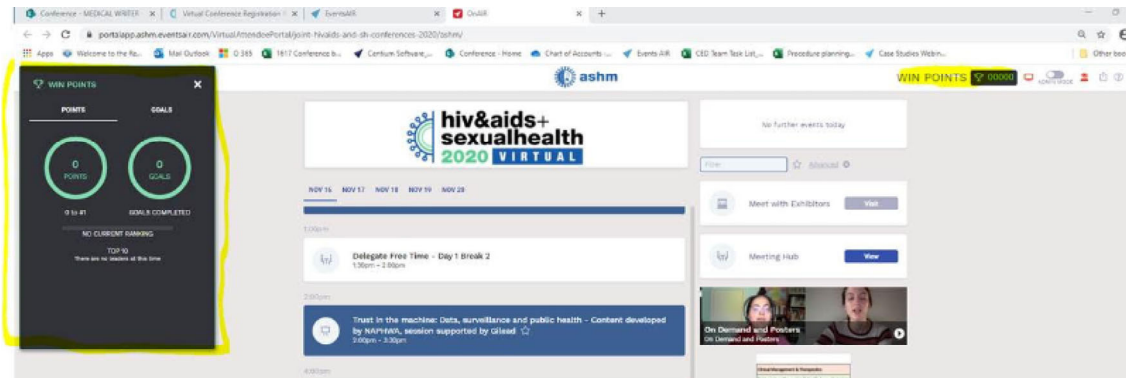
You should have by now received your login for the virtual event portal (if you have not, or you're having trouble accessing the portal, please contact [conference@ashm.org.au](mailto:conference@ashm.org.au) or +61 2 8204 0770). We've also made a short video to show you how the event portal works – [watch it here](#).

The conference program is structured in two ways - the [LIVE program](#) details when the keynotes, plenaries and panel discussions will be taking place, while the [ON-DEMAND program](#) and [posters](#) are available for you to access at any time.

You'll also be able to visit exhibitors by clicking on the "Meet with Exhibitors" tab to the right of the

portal when you login.

We've got some great prizes up for grabs. The more you explore and interact in the virtual platform the more points you earn, improving your chances to be in the draw to win a free registration to the 2021 conference, vouchers for Dymocks, Gelato Messina and other great prizes. To see how many points you have accrued and what goals you have completed, click on the 'WIN POINTS' icon at the top of the virtual platform.



## Sessions we're looking forward to today

Many of today's sessions will explore the way HIV & sexual health services in Australia have been impacted by COVID-19, and the ways in which our community has responded.

Don't miss the opportunity to join drag superstar Vanessa Wagner at 12:30pm AEDT for a reprisal of the wildly popular CHINWAG program, a fun and informative way for people living with HIV to support each other during COVID-19.

We also can't wait for the 6pm AEDT symposium on Pleasure in a Pandemic. Can we change the narrative around sex away from an obsession with death, danger and disease, to focus instead on desire, pleasure and wellbeing? Check out keynote speaker Anne Philpott's [teaser video here](#).

## Join the conversation #HIVAUS20 #SH20

We'd like to hear what sessions you will be attending and which posters you think are a must see. If you have a session or poster during the day that you're particularly looking forward to, we'd love if you would tweet it out with the hashtags [#HIVAUS20](#) and [#SH20](#) that way you can help other delegates find the sessions they should absolutely not miss.

If you're live tweeting, please use the hashtags so that we can follow and re-tweet you (we'll be tweeting from [@ashmmmedia](#)).

If you have any questions or technical troubles, don't hesitate to email us at [conference@ashm.org.au](mailto:conference@ashm.org.au) or call +61 2 8204 0770.

Have a great and insightful first day at #HIVAUS20 & #SH20!

Cheers,

Michelle & ASHM Conference and Events Team.

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