

Victorian Aboriginal sexual and reproductive health plan 2022–30

This plan is one of seven plans in the Victorian sexual and reproductive health and viral hepatitis strategy 2022–30. This is Victoria’s first ever Aboriginal sexual and reproductive health plan. It confirms our commitment to Aboriginal self-determination and improving the sexual and reproductive health of Aboriginal Victorians.

Achievements since 2017

ILBIJERRI Theatre Company creates innovative health promotion theatre productions by First Nations artists. A new play and short film, *Viral: Are you the cure?* was developed to focus on hepatitis C related stigma and discrimination as well as reduce barriers to treatment. Two new performance works are being produced to address health and wellbeing issues around STI and menopause. *The Score*, focusing on STI, will tour with a new community participatory approach. *Goodbye Aunty Flow*, focusing on menopause, is in development.

The Victorian Aboriginal Health Service’s dedicated BBV and STI clinic has delivered culturally safe prevention, testing, treatment and care services to thousands of Aboriginal Victorians. The service supports referral pathways with engagement and links to monitoring, treatment and care through strong partnerships with specialist tertiary and statewide health services and community organisations.

The Hepatitis B at Risk Vaccination Program has been expanded to become free for all Aboriginal Victorians, improving the uptake of vaccinations.



Our vision

Eliminate Victorians are supported to achieve optimal sexual health and wellbeing and to reduce the transmission and impact of STI.

Monitoring and measuring progress

We will develop an **indicators and monitoring framework** in collaboration with key research partners and affected communities.

A **mid-point review in 2025-26** will assess progress against achieving our 2025 and 2030 targets.

Findings will be used to refresh and refocus priority actions and activities in this plan.

Goals

- Aboriginal Victorians are supported to access high quality sexual and reproductive health and viral hepatitis services, that are **inclusive, culturally sensitive and free from stigma, racism and discrimination**.
- Aboriginal Victorians are supported to **maintain optimal sexual and reproductive health** and reduce their risk of acquiring a BBV or STI.
- Aboriginal Victorians living with a BBV or STI **know their status**.
- Aboriginal Victorians have access to **best practice evidence-based** sexual and reproductive health treatment and care.
- The **morbidity and mortality** associated with STI among Aboriginal Victorians **is minimised**.

2030 targets*

- Support Aboriginal Victorians to access culturally safe services
- To partner with Aboriginal Victorians to achieve better outcomes for viral hepatitis.
- Support Aboriginal Victorians to achieve optimal sexual and reproductive health and wellbeing by partnering with local and statewide services.

* All targets are outlined in the plan

System enablers

Reducing stigma, racism and discrimination

Strengthening workforce capacity

Fostering partnerships and collaboration

Strengthening and supporting data and research