

# 2026 Hepatitis Awareness Week

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**Hepatitis Awareness Week (HAW)** runs from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July until Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, with Hepatitis Awareness Day on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2026.

The Sexual Health and Blood Borne Viruses (SHBBV) Services Projects Team will support services to host events that increase awareness and screening for hepatitis and challenge the stigma associated with hepatitis B and C.

Up to **\$500 in funding** is available for activities that contribute to the objectives of HAW.

‘**Let’s break it down**’ is the theme and we can’t wait to support you to spread the word!

### Hepatitis Awareness Week Grants – Key Dates

<b>Grant Application Due Date</b>	Friday 12 June 2026
<b>Grant Outcome Announced</b>	Wednesday 17 June 2026
<b>Hepatitis Awareness Week</b>	Monday 27 July – Sunday 2 August 2026
<b>World Hepatitis Day</b>	Tuesday 28 July 2026

# HAW Key Messages

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## Prevention

- Get vaccinated for hepatitis B
  - Check your vaccination status
- Know how hepatitis B and hepatitis C are transmitted and the risk factors
  - Hepatitis B can be passed on through blood-to-blood contact, unprotected sex or from mother to baby (at birth)
  - Hepatitis B **can't** be passed on through saliva, skin, or air

## Testing

- Testing for hepatitis B and C can be part of your regular health checks. Ask your GP
- Add viral hepatitis (and HIV) screening to routine blood tests!
- SESLHD's Blood Borne Virus (BBV) Testing Policy – know who, when and how to test

## Treatment

- Hepatitis C is curable with new medications
- Hepatitis B can be effectively managed so that you can live a normal healthy life

## Stigma & Discrimination

- Stigma and fear of discrimination can be barriers for people to test for hepatitis
- Combating stigma and discrimination can improve equity and access to testing and treatment
- You have a role in supporting people to access testing and treatment



## Activities You Could Do

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- An education event for staff and community around hepatitis B and/or hepatitis C
- Use social media to start a conversation
- A Hepatitis NSW Speaker Service presentation for staff or community events
- Creative and fun community events such as flash mobs, quizzes and competitions
- Host a morning tea with the spinning wheel questions and offer prizes
- A staff competition in your workplace. We have ready-made quizzes you can use.

If you have other ideas that convey the key messages, please reach out to discuss. We welcome all ideas.

## Eligibility

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### Who can apply

Organisations or individuals based in or operating in South Eastern Sydney Local Health District (SESLHD) can apply. The activity must take place within SESLHD. Click [here](#) for an interactive map.

### Funds can be used for:

- Catering
- Prizes (\$50 total limit for staff prizes)
- Lived experience speakers
- Vouchers (\$20 and \$50 vouchers available) as testing incentives

NB: Funds cannot be used for staff wages/prizes for fund-raising activities.





# Resources

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## Resources provided through grant

SHBBV Projects Team can supply:

- Hepatitis NSW merchandise to support client engagement, including caps, beanies, first aid kits and lanyards.
- Coles/Myer vouchers \$20 and \$50 directly if required
- Spinning wheel
- Quizzes and crossword activities

You will need to purchase your additional materials upfront. Grant funding will be provided as reimbursements following the event.

At the end of the event, you will need to complete a short feedback and acquittal form and send us some photos of the event you organised.

## Support

When you're ready to submit your expression of interest, please send to:

- Anna Danyushevsky, Project Officer: [anna.danyushevsky@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:anna.danyushevsky@health.nsw.gov.au)
- Stephanie Bonan, Project Officer: [stephanie.bonan@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:stephanie.bonan@health.nsw.gov.au)

If you would like to discuss your application or need help, don't hesitate to contact us.

