

## did you know....?

\* that Joan Kirner has decided to pay 110 Victorians with medically acquired HIV/AIDS over \$30 million. She decided to do this without discussion or agreement with any AIDS organisations and without discussions or agreement with the AIDS Bureau of the Health Department. Joan Kirner is paying so called "innocent victims" but not making any arrangements for over 2600 other HIV-positive/People Living with AIDS in Victorian.

Does this bother you ?

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\* that the Minister for Health, Maureen Lyster, commenced moves to close Fairfield Hospital in March 1991. Ten months later she still has not come up with the final consultation and discussions on the future of Fairfield Hospital. On December 1st 1991 Lyster finally and publically agreed to have discussions with a representation of HIV-positive people and she still has not done this.

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\* that Australian's with AIDS and AIDS Related Conditions are dying because they cannot get drugs which could save their lives. Despite two inquiries into Australia's drug regulatory system which recommended that seriously ill people deserve access to experimental therapies, Australian's with HIV/AIDS still cannot get drugs such as azthromycin, D4T and GM-CSF which are in use overseas.

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\* that these outrages are some of the issues that a group called AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power - ACT UP - has been working to change. ACT UP is a diverse group of individuals united in their anger over the injustice of the HIV/AIDS crisis, who are committed to taking direct action to change things. We protest and demonstrate - we are not silent.

We believe that the  
HIV/AIDS crisis CAN end.

How about YOU ?

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Since ACT UP began acting up:

\* some of the drugs which were impossible to get have become available to people with HIV/AIDS. ACT UP forced the Federal Government to provide the antiviral drug AZT to everyone who could benefit from it. We forced the multinational drug giant Bristol Myers-Squibb to make ddI, another antiviral, available to all Australians who need it. And we persuaded Astra Pharmaceuticals to stop their outrageous profiteering on the drug foscarnet.

\* the Federal Government has been forced to concede that Australia's drug regulation system is a mess and needs a drastic overhaul. That Australians often wait years to get treatments which are already available overseas. That clinical trials of new drugs must proceed quickly and efficiently. That experimental HIV and AIDS drugs need to become more quickly available to Australians living with HIV and AIDS.

\* doctors and clinicians have recognised the need to work together with HIV/AIDS activists on trials and treatments. Clinical trials of new drugs - such as the antiviral nevirapine - are conducted in a humane, efficient way, instead of being hopelessly bogged down in red tape.

the aids crisis  
is not over

YOU CAN HELP.

Everyone in ACT UP Melbourne is a volunteer. We get NO government funds. We need your support. We want your support. We want your skills in many ways. We encourage you to attend our meetings and join us in the fight against AIDS.

1800 Australians have died with AIDS & AIDS Related Conditions. Five more are dying each week. Melbourne has over 2600 people who are HIV-positive, around Australia there are over 16,000 people who are HIV-positive. ACT UP is fighting for their lives & their rights. Will you help us ?

Whatever your age, whatever your talents and interests, there will be something you can do in ACT UP Melbourne. Our goal is to END the AIDS pandemic. We believe this will only happen when people are empowered and realise that they CAN make a difference, that the AIDS crisis CAN end. Donations are also greatly appreciated.

YOU can make a difference.  
YOU can do something about AIDS.

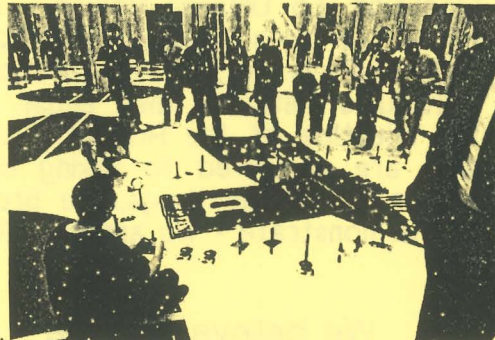
JOIN ACT UP

Thank you for your interest in ACT UP. We invite you to come along to a Monday night meeting to meet with us and hear more about the work we are doing. We invite you to help end the AIDS crisis.

ACT UP meets every Monday at 7.30pm  
Carlton Community House  
cnr Wilson and Park Streets  
North Carlton (In the park land)

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Melbourne Vic 3000

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