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acting up in melbourne

- Save Fairfield Hospital Public Rally on World AIDS Day with 3000 to 4000 attending the march through the city and the rally at which the Health Minister made some promises that she had still not addressed.
- LOVE-IN, FUCK-IN at the Victorian Arts Centre front lawn on the issue of discrimination and police harassment.
- Protests and negotiations at the National AIDS Conference (with ACT UP Sydney and Canberra) resulting in increased access to AZT.
- SIN SAFELY, a campaign and protest aimed at the Catholic Church and its misinformation and regressive attitudes to the AIDS crisis.
- Successful negotiations with Bristol Myers-Squib aimed at increasing access to the drug ddI.
- A protest around the Melbourne Olympic bid demanding that the Victorian government match the AIDS spending of the NSW g'vment.
- A KISS-IN aimed at highlighting the homophobia of Government and advertising bodies and Marie Tehan (the state Liberal Health spokesperson) regarding the Victorian AIDS Council's "When you say yes" advertisement.
- Negotiations with Government and opposition Health spokespeople to increase health services and drug/treatment access to people with HIV/AIDS.
- National D-DAY campaign - Demanding that the Federal Health Minister accept the recommendations of ANCA that access to HIV/AIDS drugs/treatments available elsewhere be provided in Australia to people with HIV/AIDS.
- National continuation of the D-DAY demands and the Baume Report to be delivered with many of our questions finally being answered.
- Support for "splashing red paint" over Sunday Sun journalist for "outing" a persons HIV status.
- Involvement in a non-agresive demonstration against US President George Bush & Mrs Bush during their visit to Melbourne based on his inaction on the HIV/AIDS crisis in the USA.