



## MESSAGE FROM THE LORD MAYOR OF MELBOURNE

Improving the health and wellbeing of our community is a priority for the City of Melbourne.

Through our Annual Community Grants, the City of Melbourne is proud to support the launch of the Victorian Chinese Health Promotion Community Coalition Project.

The Chinese community is one of the largest population groups in Melbourne and also disproportionately affected by viral hepatitis, especially chronic Hepatitis B and its related liver cancer.

Hepatitis B affects 10 per cent of the Chinese population, whereas in the general population it is only 1 per cent.

I commend the Victorian Chinese Health Promotion Community Coalition for taking action to improve health and wellbeing through increased knowledge and treatment of Hepatitis B.

This aim is consistent with the Victorian Government's Hepatitis B Strategy and the public health goal of the World Hepatitis Organisation to eliminate viral Hepatitis B by 2030.

I wish the coalition success in reducing new Hepatitis B infections and maximising the wellbeing of those in the Chinese community living with chronic Hepatitis B and related liver cancer across Victoria.

I am confident the coalition will play a crucial role in promoting better health and wellbeing for our Chinese community.



Sally Capp  
Lord Mayor