

National Rural Health Alliance E-forum – 26 May 2000

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MORE BUDGET REACTION

The National Rural Health Network of undergraduate health clubs expressed pleasure with the major focus on rural health in the 2000-01 Federal Budget, but also expressed reservations about the proposed bonded scholarship scheme. The Network suggested that the scholarships will not attract new urban-based students and expressed disappointment that there is still no equivalent support for nursing and allied health students. The Network statement is available at <http://www.ruralhealth.org.au/nrhn/18500.htm>

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia welcomed the Government's contribution to the Rural Pharmacy package announced in the Budget, describing the measures as "both overdue and urgently required". The Guild statement is available at <http://www.guild.org.au/inforelease/bud2000.html>

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WEB SITE FOR JOHN FLYNN SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The Guidelines and application form for the John Flynn Scholarship Scheme have been posted to the NRHA website. The guidelines are at <http://www.ruralhealth.org.au/jfssguide.htm> and the application form is at <http://www.ruralhealth.org.au/jfssapplic.pdf> (Acrobat reader required to read .pdf documents).

At the same time, the front page of the Alliance website has been given a makeover, with a view to accelerating its download speed and providing more useful navigation around the site. Comments on the site are welcome - please send comments to Jim Groves at grovesc@winshop.com.au

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From: Michelle WENSLEY <MWENS@doh.health.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: NSW Health Clinical Information Access Program (CIAP) website

The NSW Health Clinical Information Access Program (CIAP) website
www.clininfo.health.nsw.gov.au is pleased to provide:

1.FULL THERAPEUTIC GUIDELINES

Five extra full text Therapeutic Guidelines titles in addition to the popular Antibiotic 10, which has been available on the CIAP since February 1999:

- *Analgesic
- *Endocrinology
- *Gastrointestinal
- *Neurology
- *Psychotropic

2. Full EMBASE

SUBJECTS COVERED: Alternative Medicine, Biomedical Engineering/Instrumentation, Clinical & Experimental Human Medicine, Dentistry, Drug Dependence & Abuse, Drug Research, Environmental Health, Forensic Medicine, Health Policy & Management, Nursing, Occupational Health, Pharmaceutics, Pharmacology, Psychiatry, Psychology Public Health, Toxicology, Veterinary Medicine

3. These databases are password protected and available to all clinicians working in the NSW Health public health system.

If you would like to access these databases and the many other full text nursing, medical and mental health journals, MIMS, Harrisons, Micromedex etc, pls contact your local CIAP representative from the list "Contact Us" button at the top of the CIAP Homepage at <http://www.clininfo.health.nsw.gov.au>

Or alternatively, phone Michelle Wensley on 9742 or Lisa Nelson at NSW Health on 02 9391 9109 for a password.

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From: Jenny Bolger <jenny@sugp.bal.cs.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: In response to the query re supervisor training resources

The University of Sydney, Faculty of Health Sciences, as part of the project "Optimizing Rural Fieldwork Opportunities", has produced a learning module designed for use by Allied Health Practitioners who are planning to offer a placement or who currently offer rural opportunities for undergraduate students. (There is also a module for students undertaking rural placements).

It is located at <http://www.ot.cchs.usyd.edu.au/roosproj/ahc/survival/index.html>

Further information may be obtained from Catherine Bridge, School of Occupation and Leisure Sciences, University of Sydney Ph (02) 9351 9376 or email: C.Bridge@cchs.usyd.edu.au

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NATIONAL MANAGEMENT OF THE RURAL AUSTRALIA MEDICAL UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME (RAMUS)

The Alliance has signed a contract with the Dept of Health and Aged Care to undertake the national management of the Rural Australia Medical Undergraduate Scholarship Scheme (RAMUS). The Alliance looks forward to working jointly on the JFSS and RAMUS and to seeking to make a major contribution to their success.

Aliso Miles will be Project Manager for the Alliance for two schemes. There will co-ordinator positions for both Schemes, to be occupied by Toni Alexandrow and Kate Henley.

The guidelines and application form will shortly be posted to the Alliance website (<http://www.ruralhealth.org.au>).

A Ministerial Media Release is available at http://www.dotrs.gov.au/media/boswell/archive/2000/may_00/b23_2000.htm

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From: Sue Gray <hawa@iinet.net.au>
Subject: Geraldton Seminar

You are invited to attend HAWA's "Rural Health Service Update Seminar" being held at the Golden Pond Retreat, Giles Rd, Moonyoonooka, Geraldton on Thursday 15 June 2000.

For information, contact the Healthcare Association of WA, Health Credit Building, 1st Floor, 1110 Hay St, West Perth : Telephone No 9481 0485, Email hawa@iinet.net.au : Fax 9481 0487

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STUDY OF HEALTH I.T. IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

The Collaborative Health Informatics Centre has released "E-Health: An Exploratory Study of Health IT in Australia and New Zealand". The study shows that health I.T. budgets are static at around 1.5% of health expenditure, well behind the figures for

countries such as the UK (2%) and the USA (3.5%). Healthcare lags behind other information intensive industries in IT.

The full study can be purchased from the Centre on (07) 3238-0511. A summary is available at http://www.chic.org.au/Documents/ExSumPC_colour.pdf (Acrobat reader required to read .pdf documents).

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6th NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

The 6th National Rural Health Conference is to be held at the National Convention Centre, Canberra, on 4-7 March 2001. The initial announcement and call for papers is at <http://www.ruralhealth.org.au/sixthconf/index.htm>.

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The e-forum is sent to a mailing list of the Alliance and those have indicated interest through the subscription box at the NRHA Web site (<http://www.ruralhealth.org.au>). This issue is going to 730 recipients. Please forward a copy to any colleague you think may be interested.

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