

National Rural Health Alliance E-forum - 21 July 2000

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#### NHRA STATEMENT ON SIXTH NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

A huge range of subjects is covered by Abstracts received to date for the 6th National Rural Health Conference and many more are expected. The Conference is to be held in Canberra, 4-7 March 2001. About 100 papers will be presented in all, with Concurrent Sessions arranged in a 'lifecourse' pattern dealing with rural and remote health issues from conception to the grave.

The full text of the Alliance statement on the Conference is available at <http://www.ruralhealth.org.au/17700.htm>.

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#### NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR GP EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The Federal Government has announced the establishment of a new Board of General Practice Education and Training to oversee implementation of one of the Government's 'More Doctors, Better Services' Budget initiatives. The announcement has been welcomed by the Rural Doctors Association. The Minister's announcement is available at <http://www.health.gov.au/mediarel/yr2000/mw/mw20059.htm>

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#### RURAL HEALTH STOCKTAKE ADVISORY PAPER

The Department of Health and Aged Care has released the Rural Health Stocktake Advisory Paper, by Dr Jack Best. The paper contributed to the Government's rural health budget initiatives.

The Minister's announcement of the release of the paper is available at <http://www.health.gov.au/mediarel/yr2000/dept/mr20008.htm> and the paper itself is available at <http://www.health.gov.au/ruralhealth/rhs/index.htm>

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From: "Laura Russo" <Laura.Russo@abci.gov.au>  
Subject: National Missing Persons Week 2000

This is to let you know that National Missing Persons Week 2000 is coming up from July 30 to August 5. . The Week will be a timely reminder, with Australia looking forward to an influx of visitors to enjoy the spectacle of the Olympic Games 2000, to keep connected with family and friends. Information about National Missing Persons Week, missing people and the organisations involved in searches can be found at <http://www.missingpersons.info.au>

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**AUSTRALIA'S HEALTH 2000**

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare has released its seventh biennial report on the health of Australians. The report highlights dramatic achievements, persisting problems and new challenges. While Australia ranks second only to Japan in terms of life expectancy, it is not good news for all, as life expectancy for Indigenous Australians is at levels not seen in the rest of the population for 100 years.

The Minister's announcement of the release of the report is at <http://www.aihw.gov.au/releases/2000/ah00.html>. The report is available at <http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/health/ah00.html>

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**STROKE FORUM 2000: RURAL AND REMOTE ISSUES FORUM**

The National Stroke Foundation is hosting the Stroke Forum 2000: Rural and Remote Issues Forum at the University of Southern Queensland, Toowoomba between the 24th to 27th September. Some of the areas the Forum will focus on will be effective and realistic means of reducing the burden of stroke in remote regions, prevention, health promotion, equitable access to organised services and provision of high quality services. Further information is available at <http://www.healthinsite.gov.au/N.cfm?PID=7280>

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**TELEHEALTH VICTORIA WEBSITE**

TeleHealth Victoria continues to lobby and work with stakeholders to achieve the statewide, practical coordination of telehealth in Victoria. A new website has been created <http://www.telehealth.com.au> for this purpose.

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NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR GOVERNANCE

The University of Canberra has recently set up a National Institute for Governance: a multi-disciplinary and networking body which is examining, with researchers and practitioners all around Australia, key governance issues arising at the interface of the public, private and community sectors, particularly as the boundaries and roles of those sectors undergo change. More information about the Institute is available at <http://governance.canberra.edu.au>.

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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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