

National Rural Health Alliance E-forum – 18 August

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NRHA STATEMENT ON SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF RURAL EDUCATORS

On 6 August the Alliance released a statement supporting the creation of a National Alliance of Rural Educators. The statement is available at <http://www.ruralhealth.org.au/6800.htm>.

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MCEETYA TASKFORCE ON RURAL AND REMOTE EDUCATION, TRAINING, EMPLOYMENT AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES NATIONAL CASE STUDIES

The Ministerial Council on Education, Employment Training and Youth Affairs (MCEETYA) Taskforce on Rural and Remote Education, Employment, Training and Children's Services has developed a report that features a range of local case studies highlighting workable or potentially workable strategies to improve employment, education, employment, training and children's services in rural and remote Australia. The case studies are available at <http://www.edna.edu.au/edna/publish/mceetya/ruraled/contents.html>

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From: "Kelly Grbin" <kellyg@mcgregors.com.au>
Subject: Hearing Awareness Week 2000

Hearing Awareness Week is from August 20 to 26, 2000.

To encourage Australians to seek help for their hearing, Australian Hearing is offering free hearing tests throughout the country during Hearing Awareness Week 2000 to be held from August 20 to 26.

The theme for Hearing Awareness Week 2000 is "Beyond the Sound Barrier". The focus will be on educating the public about hearing

loss and how to prevent it, and to encourage those with impaired hearing to seek help.

Noise is the number one cause of preventable hearing loss - the louder the sound and the longer the time of exposure the greater the irreversible damage to the delicate hearing nerves.

“By recognising signs of hearing loss and taking action early, the effects of hearing loss can be minimised. Sometimes the cause of the loss can be corrected – such as the removal of impacted wax – but if not, new advances in digital hearing aid technology and personalised hearing impairment programs can make a big difference in reducing the stress of poor hearing and ultimately improving a person’s quality of life,” concluded Ms Westcott.

People who suspect they have a hearing problem are urged to contact their local Australian Hearing centre on 13 17 97 for advice or to make an appointment for a free hearing test during Hearing Awareness Week.

About Australian Hearing

Australian Hearing is a Commonwealth Government Authority, providing free hearing services to pensioners, veterans and children. With more than 70 hearing centres in Australia and 200 visiting sites, Australian Hearing is the leading provider of hearing services and hearing aids to the Australian Community.

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GOVERNMENT RESPONDS TO PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION AND SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE REPORTS ON NATIONAL COMPETITION POLICY

The Commonwealth Government has released formal responses to the above reports. The Government endorsed the thrust of the Commission’s recommendations, which are directed at improving the way in which competition policy is implemented, and believes that measures adopted will increase community understanding of competition policy, and improve its implementation and operation, ensuring that the full benefits of reform are realised across the whole country. The Treasurer's press release, along with the formal responses, are available at <http://www.treasurer.gov.au/Treasurer/pressreleases/2000/084.asp>

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REGIONAL COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FORUM

The Australian Local Government Association, in association with National Economics, is hosting its one day Regional Cooperation and Development Forum in Canberra on December 3 from 9:30 am to 5 pm. The program is to be made available at [http://\(www.alga.com.au/ga00.htm](http://(www.alga.com.au/ga00.htm).

The Forum will present this year's State of the Region Report highlighting Australia's place in the regional development arena. Registration is \$100 with copies of the report available at \$65 each for registrants. Further information is available from Michelle Whyard, Manager, Transport & Regional Development, Australian Local Government Association, Ph: 02-6122-9443, Fax: 02-6282-2110, mwhyard@alga.com.au

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WHAT MAKES FOR A SUCCESSFUL E-PHARMACY?

This was the title of a very interesting article in the latest issue of the Computachem E-Newsletter. The Newsletter is available from neilj@computachem.com.au or at <http://www.computachem.com.au/enewsletter/index.html>

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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 is at <http://www.ruralhealth.org.au/sixthconf/index.htm>.

Please remember also that the Conference will, next year, for the first time incorporate the Infront-Outback Rural and Remote Health Scientific Conference.

The best email contact for the 6th Conference is conference@ruralhealth.org.au

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