

National Rural Health Alliance E-forum – 24 November 2000

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From: Tim Ziersch <ziersch@ozemail.com.au>
Subject: Website

Working With Indigenous Peoples With Disabilities has recently established a website to provide access to resources for allied health professionals who work with Indigenous people with disabilities in the most remote areas of Australia. If you haven't already done so, I would invite you to visit the site (the address is www.wired.org.au) and provide us with some feedback.

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From: Chris Ryan <chris.ryan@vha.org.au>
Subject: La Trobe Uni telehealth seminar - all the slides and an ongoing discussion on line

Following the telehealth seminar held there on Tuesday 14 November, La Trobe University Telehealth Group has posted two items of possible interest to you on their web site.

The diversity of attendees and interests meant that we needed to cover a broad range of sizable topics. This, (combined with my seeming inability as a presenter to stay on time!), meant that the session failed in some ways in its objective of engaging a meaningful discussion on what can be done going forward.

This medium therefore is an excellent opportunity to view all of the slides (some of which we didn't get to) and continue the discussion on line.

The discussion forum is at <http://www-sph.health.latrobe.edu.au/Ryan/>

All the slides (a number were not included on the day) can be viewed at http://www-sph.health.latrobe.edu.au/Ryan/TeleHealth_Ryan_2000_files/frame.htm

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From: "David Wheen" <dween@actonline.com.au>
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The Acting Prime Minister Mr John Anderson launched a 1300 number for the FPA Healthline on 27 October 2000. The launch took place in Gunnedah.

The FPA Healthline is a telephone information service responding to questions about reproductive and sexual health. It provides information and referral for people in NSW including the general public, doctors and nurses and other service providers. Young women are major users of the service. Experienced clinical nurses with specific expertise in sexual and reproductive health staff the Healthline.

FPA Health (formerly Family Planning NSW) has for some time had an information line with a metropolitan Sydney number. Last year some 10,000 calls were received. The new service (Phone 1300 65 88 86) will enable a better service to be provided to people in rural and regional NSW.

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Reach Out! (www.reachout.com.au) is an innovative web based service that helps young people through tough times. The Reach Out! Rural and Regional Tour requires a dynamic, energetic and outgoing reporter to travel NT and SA. You will join our team in presenting to young people capturing their positive experiences through photos, writing, music and interviews.

Essential

1. Current drivers license
2. Excellent verbal and written communication, presentation and public speaking skills
3. Ability to work effectively with young people
4. Experience in working with young people of culturally diverse backgrounds
5. High Interpersonal skills

6. Willingness to be on the road for up to 6 weeks at a time

Desirable

- * Qualifications in teaching, communications, youth or health related fields.
- * Current first aid certificate
- * Understanding of the issues related to young people in rural and regional Australia
- * Understanding of the Web and ability to use email, Microsoft Word and Microsoft Power Point

Recent graduates and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.
Extension of contract subject to funding.

Applications close: Friday 8th December 2000

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AMA: HEALTH MUST GET FAIR SHARE OF BILLION DOLLAR BONANZA

If the government ignores the health sector in allocating its \$4.3 billion budget bonanza it will be committing electoral suicide, AMA Federal President, Dr Kerryn Phelps, said recently.

"A surplus of that magnitude is desperately needed to fund our public hospital system and the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS), as well as key areas of indigenous health and tobacco control," Dr Phelps said.

"Our public hospitals need a funding injection of 5.5 to six per cent - or about \$600m - to get back on track. Growing numbers of patients are waiting on surgery queues around Australia - a record 58,000 in NSW alone," she said.

"The Federal Government knows there's also an urgent need for Medicare funding.

"The answer lies in government supporting a new MBS, being revised through the Relative Value Study - to make our public health system once again affordable for everyone.

"Health has a right to campaign for a fair share of the riches government is rolling in," she said.

Dr Phelps' statement is available at the AMA website, <http://www.ama.com.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 is at <http://www.ruralhealth.org.au/sixthconf/index.htm>. The program will be available shortly.

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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