

National Rural Health Alliance E-forum – 28 March 2002

In this issue

- * Australian Healthcare Association's employment advertising service
- * New Online Medicare Claiming
- * Healthcare on the Net
- * Tasmanian Rural Health: Collaboration in Action
- * Rural and Remote Nursing Summit
- * Contribution and subscription information and disclaimer

+++++

From: Milica Milanja <Milica@aha.asn.au>
Subject: Australian Healthcare Association's employment advertising service

The Australian Healthcare Association's nationwide internet employment advertising service Just Health Jobs <http://www.justhealthjobs.com.au> was launched last July. It is our aim to be the largest and preferred site for health jobs in Australia and we are currently averaging over 500 active jobs on our website. We expect this number to increase rapidly over the next few months.

AHA is a non-profit national industry association of hospitals and health services that works to enhance the management, quality and accessibility of healthcare for all Australians. AHA provides a professional service to members, availing them of up-to-date information, advice, policy support and representation to government so that they can deliver the best possible healthcare to their communities. We are keen to assist health professionals find jobs in the industry while at the same time helping the health industry employers access a large number of job seekers.

Milica Milanja
Client Services Manager
Australian Healthcare Association
PO Box 54
DEAKIN WEST ACT 2600
Ph. +61 2 6285 1488
Fax. +61 2 6282 2395
<http://www.aushealthcare.com.au>

+++++

NEW ONLINE MEDICARE CLAIMING

The Samford Valley Medical Centre in Queensland is the first in Australia to be able to transmit direct bill claims to Medicare over the Internet, with the Brisbane-based software vendor Genie Solutions successfully incorporating the necessary software into their existing Practice Management System.

"This is a significant milestone in HIC's online agenda," HIC Online Medical Desktop Project Manager Sue Burton said today. "Genie Solutions has taken the lead by being the first to develop the software that offers this new online method of transmitting claims."

The full HIC press release is available at <http://www.hic.gov.au>

+++++

HEALTHCARE ON THE NET

WA Health Minister Bob Kucera has announced the expansion of the \$8 million Telehealth program into the Mid-West region. Designed to improve health service delivery in rural and remote areas, Telehealth involves the transmission of health-related data between remote parts of the State and the main hospitals in Perth. It enables patients to access treatment closer to home - reducing patient expenditure and the inconvenience of travelling to Perth. The Federal Government has agreed to match State funding under the 'Networking the Nation' funds. The Minister's announcement is available at <http://www.ministers.wa.gov.au/main.cfm?MinId=13&Section=0051>

+++++

Tasmanian Rural Health: Collaboration in Action Saturday 4 May to Wednesday 8 May 2002

Head south for four days of touring Australia's only island state for a taste of rural life at its very best - gourmet food, fine wines and some of the most beautiful scenery in the world.

This multi-disciplinary program provides an insight into collaborative health projects around the state and takes you on a coast to coast tour that kicks off at Agfest - the biggest agricultural expo in the country.

See first-hand how Tasmania's health community has tapped into technology to deliver health and education services to regional areas. You'll meet with urban and rural health professionals and volunteers who are working together to provide emergency medical services to local communities. Community/local government partnerships and initiatives aimed at recruitment and retention of rural health professionals form part of a dynamic program of leisure and learning, in a unique destination.

For enquiries contact:
Janette Papps, Events Coordinator, University Department of Rural Health
PO Box 252-103, Hobart.
Phone 61 3 6226 4748 or email Janette.Papps@utas.edu.au
Or visit our website at www.ruralhealth.utas.edu.au/wonca2002

+++++

RURAL AND REMOTE NURSING SUMMIT

At a time when nursing issues are receiving a welcome priority in health debates, nine national nursing bodies have come together to plan future directions for nursing in rural and remote areas.

The Rural and Remote Area Nursing Summit will be held in Adelaide in July 2002. It will help ensure that current and proposed developments in nursing policy and practice are informed by the realities for nurses and for nursing practice in rural and remote areas of Australia.

The 2002 Summit will be a public event. Anyone interested in the contribution of nursing to health outcomes in rural and remote areas will be welcome.

The first point of contact at the Alliance for matters related to the 2002 RRANS and its related activities is Lyn Eiszele. on 02 6285 4660 or lyn@ruralhealth.org.au

The full text of the NRHA statement on the summit is at <http://www.ruralhealth.org.au/301101>. The NRHA background paper on the summit is available at <http://www.ruralhealth.org.au/nursingsummit301101.doc>

+++++

CONTRIBUTION AND SUBSCRIPTION INFORMATION AND DISCLAIMER

The NRHA e-forum is edited by a third party moderator, Jim Groves. Contributions are sought on any topic relevant to rural health concerns. Please send contributions to the moderator at grovesc@winshop.com.au.

As such, the Alliance does not control postings and the contents do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Alliance. Nor do postings necessarily reflect the view of Jim Groves or any organisation he is associated with. Jim Groves can be contacted at grovesc@winshop.com.au.

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 1,149 recipients. Please forward a copy to any colleague you think may be interested.

To subscribe, send a message saying "subscribe NRHA eforum" to grovesc@winshop.com.au. To unsubscribe, send a message saying "unsubscribe NRHA eforum" to grovesc@winshop.com.au.