

National Rural Health Alliance E-forum – 12 April 2002

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3rd VICTORIAN SMALL RURAL COMMUNITIES HEALTH CONFERENCE

16-17 October 2002, The Springs Retreat, Hepburn Springs.

Following on from the 2001 conference in Lakes Entrance, this year's conference has the focus of local community. The three themes of the conference are

- * Local Community & Local Government
- * Local Investment & Local Ownership
- * Local People and Environment & Local Models of Health.

Expressions of interest are sought for people to run workshops around each of these themes. It is intended to again run 2 hour workshops with 2 presentations in each and ample time for questions and discussion.

To register for further information to be sent (email or post) or for any questions in regard to the conference, please contact Neil Smith, Small Rural Communities Health Consortium, Tel 03 5122 6392, Fax 03 5122 6978 email Neil.Smith@education.monash.edu.au

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AIHW Report "Child Protection Australia 2000-01"

Child Protection Australia 2000-01 shows that 19,783 children were on care or protection orders in June 2001 compared with 15,718 children in 1997. Overall, Indigenous children were over-represented in the child protection system as the rate of Indigenous children on care and protection orders was six times the rate for other Australian children. The AIHW media release is at <http://www.aihw.gov.au/inet/media/2002/mr020404.html> and the full publication is available at <http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/cws/cpa00-01/index.html>

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Project Officer: National Rural and Remote Allied Health Advisory Service

SARRAH, and collaborating partner ARRAHT, have recently received funding to establish the National Rural and Remote Allied Health Advisory Service. An exciting opportunity awaits a suitably qualified person in this newly created, Canberra-based position.

The person we are looking for will have a comprehensive understanding and knowledge of rural and remote Allied Health Professions and practice; high level communication skills; the capacity to develop networks; project management skills and proficiency in the use of information technology for research, documentation and communication.

Enquiries concerning this position can be made to SARRAH President, Robyn Adams, 0409 243 108 or ARRAHT Chair, Shelagh Lowe on 0418 374 105. Copies of the position description and selection criteria are available by contacting Robyn Adams or email paddyjoe@lisp.com.au. Applications close on 30 April 2002 and should be mailed to SARRAH at PO Box 639 Bathurst NSW 2795.

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REGIONAL HEALTH AND EDUCATION ONLINE

Applications to deliver improved health and education services in regional communities through the \$50 million National Communication Fund (NCF) will be assessed by a six member advisory panel announced by Senator Alston, Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts. The NCF was established to support large-scale telecommunications projects in the education and health sectors in regional Australia. It aims to improve service delivery in these sectors, and will also encourage the development of high bandwidth data services in regional communities. The advisory panel will assist in the assessment of applications to the fund and provide independent advice to the Government on shortlisted applicants. Applications closed on 28 February 2002, and 59 applications have been received. The Minister's media statement is available at http://www.dcita.gov.au/nsapi-graphics/?MIval=dca_dispdoc&ID=6332&template=N

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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.

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Or visit our website at www.ruralhealth.utas.edu.au/wonca2002

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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 Eiszle. 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>

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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 1,147 recipients. Please forward a copy to any colleague you think may be interested.

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