

National Rural Health Alliance E-forum – 26 April 2002

In this issue

- \* Australian Story – Doctor Dave's Diary
- \* Nursing Project
- \* Seventh National Rural Health Conference – Call for Papers
- \* "Healthy Horizons" Implementation Report, March 2002
- \* Rural Workshops – Chemotherapy for Colorectal Cancer
- \* 6th Global Conference on Ageing
- \* Timetable for Nursing programs on Palliative Care
- \* "Bush Telegraph" - World Conference on Rural Health
- \* NSW Telehealth Symposium, 8 August 2002
- \* E-Healthcare Consortium
- \* Americans want online access to doctors
- \* Tasmanian Rural Health: Collaboration in Action
- \* Contribution and subscription information and disclaimer

+++++

#### AUSTRALIAN STORY – DOCTOR DAVE'S DIARY

Monday 29 April, 8pm, ABC TV is a must see for those involved in rural health. Being a doctor in a big city hospital has its pressures, but that's nothing compared to the challenges faced by country GPs working without backup in isolated towns. This week's Australian Story takes us to a tiny rural community in Northern Victoria. They believe they have the right to the same medical care as those who live in the city - and they're prepared to fight for it. Details available at <http://abc.net.au/austory/>

+++++

#### NURSING PROJECT

The Project Organising Committee of Action on Nursing in Rural and Remote Areas has released three draft papers for comment and consultation. These papers are:

- \* Issues Paper, available at <http://www.ruralhealth.org.au/nursingissues220402.htm>
- \* Vision and Required Conditions, available at <http://www.ruralhealth.org.au/nursingoutcomes220402.htm>
- \* Key Recommendations, available at <http://www.ruralhealth.org.au/nursingrecommendations220402.htm>.

Comments should be sent to [conference@ruralhealth.org.au](mailto:conference@ruralhealth.org.au) by the end of June 2002

+++++

#### SEVENTH NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH CONFERENCE – CALL FOR PAPERS

A Call for Papers has now been made for the Seventh National Rural Health Conference to be held in Hobart in March 2003. The Call for Papers brochure is available at <http://www.ruralhealth.org.au/seventhconf/callforpapers.htm>. Deadline for receipt of abstracts is 14 June 2002.

+++++

"HEALTHY HORIZONS" IMPLEMENTATION REPORT, MARCH 2002

The latest NRHA report on the implementation of Healthy Horizons by the Alliance and its member bodies has been posted to the Alliance website at <http://www.ruralhealth.org.au/hhimp2.htm>

+++++

From: Franca Marine <[fmarine@bigpond.com](mailto:fmarine@bigpond.com)>  
Subject: Rural Workshops – Chemotherapy for Colorectal Cancer

The Medical Oncology Group of Australia (MOG) is inviting expressions of interest from health workers and organisations in rural Australia who wish to hold a workshop in their region to improve the skill of health professionals in the management of adjuvant chemotherapy for colorectal cancer. Supported by the Commonwealth's Rural Health Support, Education and Training Program, MOG will offer to hold five 1 ½ day weekend workshops between July 2002 and February 2003. MOG will organise and pay for the workshop. Local assistance will be required with the organisation of the venue and promotion to potential participants. For more information, contact Franca Marine tel (02) 9279 4980, fax (02) 9299 6626, email [fmarine@bigpond.com](mailto:fmarine@bigpond.com). Expressions of interest should be submitted by 31 May 2002.

+++++

From: Nic Lanyon <[niel@dcd.wa.gov.au](mailto:niel@dcd.wa.gov.au)>  
Subject: 6th Global Conference on Ageing  
I would like to draw your attention to the International Federation on Ageing, 6th Global Conference "Maturity Matters" to be held in Perth in October 2002.

This must attend conference has themes within the conference that profile all aspects of life as we age and will include independence, Employment, Education and Training, Positive Ageing, Care & Support, Indigenous Matters, Policy, Politics and Ageing, Social Justice, Equity and Change and capacity building through global networks.

Discussions will also be encouraged in the important areas of Universal Design, inclusive communities and ageing in remote and harsh geographical environments.

The conference will be an excellent opportunity to present papers and have discussion on ageing in indigenous cultures throughout the world but in particular Australia.

For further information please do not hesitate to contact me by email or telephone, my contacts follow. Alternatively our webpage is available on <http://www.congresswest.com.au/IFA>

Nic Lanyon  
Senior Projects Officer  
Office of Seniors Interests  
32 St Georges Terrace  
PERTH WA 6000  
Tel: 61 08 9220 1104  
Fax: 61 08 9220 1133  
email: nicl@dcd.wa.gov.au

+++++

From: John Anderson jaa.rhef@a1.com.au  
Subject: Timetable for Nursing programs on Palliative Care

RHEF has now finalised dates for the palliative care series. Please promote the program as much as you can.

Palliative Care: A Nursing Perspective:

- \* May 15 2002: Lecture 1: Palliative Care – Philosophy and Practice, presented by Helen Walker RN
- \* May 22 2002: Lecture 2: Palliative Care – Pain Management, presented by Dr Andrew Dean, Consultant Physician Palliative Medicine
- \* May 29 2002: Lecture 3: Palliative Care – Management of Distressing Symptoms, presented by Geoff Duggan RN
- \* June 5 2002: Lecture 4: Palliative Care – Psychosocial Care, presented by Frankie Needham (Counsellor, RN) and Karen Anderson (Counsellor, Psychotherapist, Family Therapist)
- \* June 12 2002: Lecture 5: Palliative Care–The Terminal Phase of Care, presented by Helen Walker RN & Geoff Duggan RN.

Each lecture is of one hour duration and includes an opening presentation by Rosemary Bryant FRCNA, Executive Director of the Royal College of Nursing Australia.

For information on videos and your nearest viewing venue in the Rural Health Satellite Network, contact the Foundation on Ph: 1800 646 015 or Fax: 1800 555 501. Broadcast times on Channel 4: 3.30pm Eastern Standard Time. The program can be viewed on broadcast day or at a later date by logging onto the Foundation's web-site at <http://www.rhef.com.au> and clicking the icon "video-streaming", then selecting the appropriate program.

John Anderson  
Executive Director  
Rural Health Education Foundation  
jaa.rhef@a1.com.au  
ph 02-6232-5480  
fax 02-6232-5484  
PO Box 219, MAWSON ACT 2607

+++++

(Extract from RIRDC Online 23 April 2002. Email [murray.hansen@rirdc.gov.au](mailto:murray.hansen@rirdc.gov.au) to subscribe)

### REPORT FROM 4TH NATIONAL FARM INJURY PREVENTION CONFERENCE

This report contains information about the last five years of work in farm health and safety that has been undertaken by Work Health Authorities, Division of General Practice and University Departments of Rural Health.

There are four chapters in the report. Chapter 1 to 3 examine work undertaken by Divisions of General Practice, Work Health Authorities, and University Departments of Rural Health. The work undertaken by each of these groups is quite diverse from research to rebates and displays the commitment of the people working in each of the organisation.

At each conference a set of resolutions from the conference is collected and reported to Farmsafe Australia, these can be found in chapter 4.

Report summary - <http://www.rirdc.gov.au/reports/HCC/02-023sum.html>

Full report - <http://www.rirdc.gov.au/reports/HCC/02-023.pdf>

### AUSTRALIAN RURAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

RIRDC is pleased to again be a sponsor the Australian Rural Leadership Program, which has just opened applications for Course 10.

The program has graduated 216 people since its inception, with many participants going on to play major roles in the rural sector.

The ARLP provides a forum where participants develop leadership skills and increase their knowledge and understanding by sharing ideas and experiences.

Details about the program are available from <http://www.rural-leaders.com.au>

+++++

### BUSH TELEGRAPH - World Conference on Rural Health

Listen to ABC Radio National on Wednesday 1 May and Thursday 2 May, 11am, for a report from this major conference in Melbourne, which will be attended by almost 1,000 rural health professionals and academics from around. More information is at <http://abc.net.au/rn/telegraph/>

+++++

NSW TELEHEALTH SYMPOSIUM, 8 August 2002

The NSW Telehealth Symposium, "Outback and City Together", will be held on 8 August 2002 at the Stamford Airport Hotel, Mascot NSW.

At the 2002 Symposium experts and colleagues will discuss:

- \* Proven and integrated Telehealth clinical service networks
- \* Evaluation of Telehealth services that support clinicians, consumers, Area and Statewide Service Planners
- \* Opportunities to collaborate, research and develop new clinical service models
- \* Industry monitoring – matching the technology to support health
- \* Wireless devices offering solutions – taking the service to the consumer
- \* Interfacing with current networks and future technological developments
- \* Mobile Healthcare devices, connectivity, applications, security and integration
- \* Implementation – guaranteeing quality of service
- \* Distributed Learning Networks to support training, such as: web conferencing, video conferencing and satellite.

Cost is \$250. Contact Kevin Garnham tel (02) 9391-9857 email KGARN@doh.health.nsw.gov.au. Information is available at <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/pmd/telehealth/symposium/2002Symposium/frontpage.htm>

+++++

E-HEALTHCARE CONSORTIUM

The e-healthcare Consortium is a partnership between La Trobe University, University of Queensland and University of Southern Queensland, devoted to the research, teaching and evaluation of health information technologies. Its website is at <http://www.ehealthcourses.org>. The website provides information on the consortium, e-healthcare, and the consortium's Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma, Masters and PhD in e-healthcare courses.

+++++

EVIDENCE-BASED MEDICINE A MYSTERY TO GPS

(Extract from ABC Health News: 24/4/2002)

Australian doctors do not have a basic understanding of terminology regularly used in evidence-based medicine, according to a new study. The full story is available at [http://abc.net.au/science/news/health/HealthRepublish\\_537546.htm](http://abc.net.au/science/news/health/HealthRepublish_537546.htm)

+++++

AMERICANS WANT ONLINE ACCESS TO DOCTORS  
(Extract from NUA Internet Surveys 15 April 2002)

Most Americans would like to be able to contact their doctor online, reports CyberAtlas.  
Full story available at  
[http://www.nua.ie/surveys/index.cgi?f=VS&art\\_id=905357844&rel=true](http://www.nua.ie/surveys/index.cgi?f=VS&art_id=905357844&rel=true)

+++++

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](mailto:Janette.Papps@utas.edu.au)  
Or visit our website at [www.ruralhealth.utas.edu.au/wonca2002](http://www.ruralhealth.utas.edu.au/wonca2002)

+++++

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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

To subscribe, send a message saying "subscribe NRHA eforum" to [grovesc@winshop.com.au](mailto:grovesc@winshop.com.au). To unsubscribe, send a message saying "unsubscribe NRHA eforum" to [grovesc@winshop.com.au](mailto:grovesc@winshop.com.au).