

National Rural Health Alliance E-forum – 21 June 2002

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A CRITICAL SIX MONTHS FOR ACTION ON RURAL AND REMOTE NURSING

On 20 June 2002 the National Rural Health Alliance released a statement about the critical six months coming up for action on rural and remote nursing. The statement is available at <http://www.ruralhealth.org.au/20602.htm>.

Remember also that 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 by the end of June 2002

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From: Michele Foley Michele@ruralhealth.org.au
Subject: "friends", PARTYline and AJRH

Interested in becoming a "friend" of the Alliance? Become more involved with the work of the Alliance by becoming a "friend". "friends" support the Alliance by being an integral part of the Alliance's policy and evaluation process. They also receive other benefits. For more information on membership see <http://www.ruralhealth.org.au/friends.htm>

PARTYline is the official newsletter of the National Rural Health Alliance. Keep up to date with rural health policy information and good news stories on living and working in the rural health community. Available online on <http://www.ruralhealth.org.au/partyline.htm> or receive a hard copy by emailing michele@ruralhealth.org.au

The "Australian Journal of Rural Health" is a refereed journal with a national and international reputation for quality scholarship. Its focus is multi-disciplinary and it includes articles of interest to general practitioners, nurses, allied health professionals, pharmacists,

health administrators, universities and rural health units. Reduced rates apply to members of some organisations. For more information see <http://www.blackwell-science.com/ajr>

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CRANA 20th ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE

This year's conference focuses on the globalisation of remote area nursing, in keeping with the current worldwide movement towards the internationalisation of professions and services.

The Conference will be held from 27-30 OCTOBER 2002 in Adelaide, South Australia. For details contact CRANA, PMB 203, Alice Springs NT 0872. Ph (08) 8953 5244, fax (08) 8953 5245, <http://www.crana.org.au>, email admin2@crana.org.au

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From: Robyn James <robyn.m.james@health.gov.au>
Subject: Innovative Rural Projects - Call for Project Proposals

The Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing is seeking applications from capable and experienced individuals and organisations to undertake projects funded by the Innovative Rural Projects Funding Pool of the Rural Chronic Disease Initiative (RCDI).

The objective of the RCDI is to assist people in rural Australia, especially those in small rural communities, to prevent and better manage chronic diseases such as asthma, heart disease, stroke, hypertension, type 2 diabetes, osteoporosis, chronic airways disease, certain cancers, and depression resulting from chronic disease, as well as depression and disabilities caused by preventable injuries such as farm accidents.

The Innovative Rural Projects Funding Pool will provide funding for up to 25 Projects that actively seek to pilot new and innovative ideas, demonstrating local solutions for the prevention and better management of local health issues concerning chronic disease and injury. Project proposals must show broad support for the Regional Health Strategy and objectives of the RCDI, have a budget of no more than \$50,000 and be completed within 12 months (a limited number of Projects may receive funding of up to \$70,000).

An Application Pack including Guidelines, to assist with the preparation of Project Proposal(s), can be downloaded via www.health.gov.au/tenders.htm or obtained by contacting the RCDI Senior Project Officer:

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More information about the RCDI is available at <http://www.chronicdisease.health.gov.au>

Applications close 5:00pm Eastern Standard Time on Friday 9 August 2002 in Canberra.

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From: Kevin GARNHAM <KGARN@doh.health.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: NSW Telehealth Symposium

The Stamford Sydney Airport Hotel, Thursday 8th August 2002.

Telehealth has excited consumers, clinicians and health professionals by dramatically expanding access to health care delivery. Telehealth uses the latest telecommunication, imaging and data sharing technology, to deliver fast, direct access to top quality health services. The NSW Telehealth model supports the delivery of quality healthcare, offering new opportunities and meeting the challenges associated with change.

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.

Further information contact Kevin Garnham Tel. (02) 9391 9857 or see <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au> (then click on Telehealth logo).

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From: Gabrielle Crowe <gabrielle.crowe@mhca.com.au>
Subject: MHCA Website Redevelopment

The Mental Health Council of Australia would like to advise that we have launched our website, which has undergone redevelopment. Please visit the "new look" MHCA website at <http://www.mhca.com.au>

If you have any comments or suggestions regarding the website, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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Country life keeps your bones in better shape
(Extract from The Canberra Times, 15 June 2002)

University of Melbourne's department of clinical and biomedical sciences research fellow Kerrie Sanders has found that rural residents suffer up to a third fewer fractures through osteoporosis compared to city dwellers.

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HEALTH AND HINDRANCE ONLINE
(Extract from ABC Health Minutes: 10/6/2002)

Accessing health information is one of the most common reasons for people using the internet. But how reliable is the internet as a source of information? Are there serious risks from health on the net? Full story available at
<http://www.abc.net.au/health/minutes/stories/s581038.htm>

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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.

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