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National Rural Health Alliance E-forum – 16 July 2004

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RURAL GROUPS INVITED TO APPLY FOR GRANTS TO RUN "QUALITY USE OF MEDICINES" PROJECTS

Community groups in rural, regional and remote areas are invited to submit Expressions of Interest for project funding to promote community action to enhance the Quality Use of Medicines (QUM) in their area. Local organisations and community groups with an interest in health are encouraged to apply. Smaller community groups are encouraged to team up with others for a collaborative project. The full text of the call for applications is reprinted below.

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OVERSEAS DOCTORS DESERVE OUR SUPPORT

Overseas Trained Doctors are particularly important in rural, regional and remote areas and the Alliance is concerned that recent media coverage about them may have provoked unnecessary fears. It is appropriate to focus on the vigilance needed to maintain healthcare standards, but not to raise unnecessary concerns and to alienate a group of people who between them do so much for country areas. The full text of the NRHA statement is reprinted below.

A statement by the Rural Doctors Association on the same subject is available at <http://www.rdaa.com.au/default.cfm?action=docviewer&DocID=160> and a statement by the Federal Opposition is at <http://www.alp.org.au/media/0704/20007870.html>

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8th NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

"Central to health: sustaining well-being in remote and rural Australia", 10-13 March 2005, Alice Springs, Northern Territory

The Conference website is at <http://www.nrha.net.au/nrhpublic/publicdocs/conferences/8thNRHC/home.htm>

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From: Shelagh Lowe
Subject: 3rd round of scholarship funding opens 17th July 2004

Applications open tomorrow 17th July 2004 for the third round of Australian Government Rural and Remote Health Professional Scholarship Scheme funding with advertising nationally in major regional and some smaller regional newspapers, and in the metropolitan newspapers for WA, SA and the NT.

Applications are open to suitably qualified rural and remote clinical health professionals (not including medical or nursing professionals), including Aboriginal Health Workers, for financial scholarships to assist in undertaking a range of postgraduate professional education activities including clinical placements, short courses, postgraduate tertiary courses and attendance at professional conferences.

Application package (including eligibility and selection criteria) can be accessed at <http://www.sarrah.org.au/Scholarship/aboutus.asp>

Closing date for applications is 17th September 2004. For further information contact: Administrative Officer, email rhrs@ruralhealth.org.au, phone (02) 6162 0321.

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From: Kim Webber
Subject: Have a Say - Improving Integration between the Rural and City Health Care Sectors

Are you interested in improving the way that the rural primary health and the city hospital sectors work together? Integration of these services is most often tested when people living in rural and remote locations move between the primary health care sector in their local area and the acute care sector in a different location.

The 'General Practice / Hospital Integration Issues in Rural and Remote Australia' project is a national research project commissioned by

