

regions than elsewhere. The AIHW statement is at <http://www.aihw.gov.au/media/2004/mr041125.html> and the publication is at <http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10071>

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LIFELINE'S JUST ASK - 1 300 13 11 14

Your Rural Mental Health Information Service
Lifeline's Just ask is a rural mental health information service. Information provided includes: referral to services and web sites, printed material and a range of self help resources. The self-help resources focus on practical steps to help promote mental health in a range of areas. For information and copies of resources call or visit <http://www.justask.org.au>

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Extract from ABC Health Updates
(Subscribe can be found at <http://www.abc.net.au/health/maillinglist.htm>)

SWAN HILL LOCALS FIGHT FOR MORE COUNSELLORS TO COMBAT RISING SUICIDES (Stateline Victoria: 19/11/2004)
<http://www.abc.net.au/stateline/vic/content/2003/s1247521.htm>

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BUSH CRISIS LINE - 1800 805 391

Bush Crisis Line is a twenty-four hour confidential telephone support and debriefing service for multi-disciplinary remote and rural health practitioners and their families. It is staffed by qualified psychologists with remote and cross-cultural experience, is toll free and available from anywhere in Australia. For more information <http://www.bushcrisisline.org.au>

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From: Eileen Willis
Subject: Contemporary Nurse

Indigenous healthcare: advances in nursing

Papers are invited from practitioners, education, research and policy scholars for a special issue of Contemporary Nurse dealing with Indigenous healthcare: advances in nursing. Papers should be around 4000-5000 words and address one of the following topic areas:
· History of nursing involvement in Indigenous health using theoretical framework informed by critical, post-colonial, feminist or other relevant nursing perspective - where have we been and where do we need to be going? For example what has been colonial; what is neo-colonial or what would it mean in engage in de-colonizing practices?
· Aboriginal policy and its impact on nursing practice.
· Nursing approaches to Indigenous healthcare informed by traditional and/or contemporary perspectives. For example partnerships and/or best practice approaches in the areas of mental health/wellness, diabetes, cardiac or other clinical practice areas;
· Papers are welcomed in both acute care and community health nursing.
· Case studies, research reports and literature reviews are welcome on all topic areas.

Further guidelines can be found by contracting the Guest Editors:
For Australia: Dr Eileen Willis <EILEEN.WILLIS@FLINDERS.EDU.AU.
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For New Zealand: Maria Rameka

Author Guidelines for Contemporary Nurse can be found at <http://www.contemporarynurse.com>

Articles should be sent directly via e-mail to editorial@contemporarynurse.com and arrive no latter than 30th April 2005 standard time for the country of origin. Papers will be peer reviewed by international experts in the field.

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Rural Doctors Association of Australia/Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine Annual Meetings

Over 60 rural doctors from around Australia met in Launceston from Friday 19 to Sunday 21 November 2004, as part of the Annual General Meetings and annual conference of the Rural Doctors Association of Australia (RDAA) and Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM). Key issues discussed included:
* Small rural hospitals and maternity services
* Rural complexity loading
* Recognition of Rural and Remote Medicine as a medical specialty
* Rural and Remote Medicine Register
* Indigenous health
* After-hours medical care in rural and remote areas
* Other workforce issues
* Recognition of Federal Government initiatives to-date
* Executive appointments

The Joint Communique is available at <http://www.rdaa.com.au/default.cfm?action=docviewer&DocID=202>

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Challenges to midwifery practice in rural and remote areas

2.35pm Dr Sally Tracy, Research Associate, NPSU

The safety of small (low volume) maternity services

2.55pm Dr Jenny May and Ms Susan Stratigos, RDAA

Essential elements: procedural GPs and small hospitals

3.15pm Dr Peter Bland, obstetrician

Rural obstetrics: a specialized, not a specialist service

3.30pm Dr Barbara Vernon, Exec. Officer, Australian College of Midwives

Improving recruitment and retention of midwives through continuity of care

3.45pm Victoria Gilmore, Australian Nursing Federation

The ANF and maternity services

4.00pm Discussion:

Where to from here? What are the priorities for attention?

4.25pm Sue McAlpin

Close

4.30pm Drinks for Forum delegates and invited guests