

newsletter click on <http://www.craah.org.au/communication/Enews/Gwalwa-Gai18/gwalwagai11.html>

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AUSTRALIAN ORGAN DONOR REGISTER ONLINE

The Australian Organ Donor Register is Australia's only national organ and tissue donor register and serves as a lifeline to the people on the organ transplant waiting lists. Register online at <http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/public/services/aodr/register.jsp> to be an Australian Organ Donor now!

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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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AIDA NEWS

Indigenous doctors: Moving on with the journey of healing a year after the Apology
13/2/2009
<http://www.aida.org.au/news.asp?id=44>

Submission to the National Preventative Health Taskforce
11/2/2009
<http://www.aida.org.au/news.asp?id=43>

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RURAL HEALTH ON THE ABC

(See <http://www.abc.net.au/health/healthyliving/yourhealth/ruralregionalhealth/>)

Health takeover plan fails to impress rural doctors

Rural doctors in Queensland say they are not impressed with a proposed Commonwealth takeover of parts of the health system.
<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/02/17/2493199.htm>

Indigenous, mining leaders working to ease poverty
Indigenous communities could soon have a much greater say in uranium mining developments.
<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/02/17/2494028.htm>

Lock-up reforms aimed at preventing further deaths
The Territory Government says police are now directed to take people to hospital if they complain of chest pain or shortness of breath while in custody, following the death of a man two years ago.
<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/02/19/2496459.htm>

Riverina GP group backs single-body health care plan
A group representing Riverina GPs has welcomed a proposal for primary health care to come under one Federal Government body.
<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/02/17/2493264.htm>

AMA says Qld regional hospitals in crisis
The Australian Medical Association (AMA) says Queensland's regional hospitals are in crisis.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/02/13/2491382.htm>

'Red tape' discouraging new doctors
The Australian Medical Association says tighter regulations brought in since the Jayant Patel saga in Bundaberg are discouraging good doctors from practising in Queensland.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/02/11/2488326.htm>

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RDAA NEWS

Rural doctors welcome Maternity Services Review Report

21 February 2009

http://www.rdaa.com.au/uploaded_documents/Maternity%20Services%20Review%20report%20--%20February%202009.pdf

Health commission overlooks "priority number one" for rural health

16 February 2009

http://www.rdaa.com.au/uploaded_documents/ACF1EA9.pdf

Victorian GPs urged to assist rural doctors in fire ravaged areas

9 February 2009

http://www.rdaa.com.au/uploaded_documents/ACF1C40.pdf

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RURAL HEALTH ON THE WEB

Thank you for your encouragement and support for the Indigenous Allied Health Network project. We are really pleased to be able to now invite you to visit our website Indigenous Allied Health Australia <http://www.indigenouslyalliedhealth.com.au>. We would be pleased to receive any feedback on the website and also to be provided with additional information, resources or links which you feel would be useful to be included on it.

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AMA NEWS

AMA statement on the interim NHHRC report

16 February 2009

The Australian Medical Association congratulates the National Health and Hospital Reform Commission (the Commission) on its interim report.

<http://www.ama.com.au/node/4480>

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From the Editor's Desk: Real rest and recreation

Editorials

The medical care of people with psychosis

Break-out sessions will offer a range of skills development opportunities with hands-on electives, such as emergency skills training and tips for managing chronic disease. The program includes ideas on writing about health for the media and health advocacy, while other electives will focus on rural leadership and caring for carers.

"A highlight of the workshop will be the opportunity to participate in creative health activities, such as theatre sports and clowning or singing for health," Dr May said.

A healthy place to be: community skills workshop is not restricted to residents from North Queensland and will provide those who attend with a range of skills to use in their own lives and their communities. It will run from 9am to 3.15 pm on Sunday, May 17, at the Cairns Convention Centre. The program is available on-line and registration is now open.

Registration for the workshop includes lunch and is free to students, Conference delegates and anyone not in the paid workforce. The fee for all others is \$22. To register, go to <http://www.ruralhealth.org.au> and select 10th National Rural Health Conference / Program / Preconference meetings.