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NRHA Fact Sheets now online

The Alliance has prepared fact sheets on a variety of issues relating to health in rural and remote areas. The full list of fact sheets are available at <http://nrha.ruralhealth.org.au/factsheets/?IntContId=14751&IntCatId=41>. We hope you find them useful and informative and we are happy to work in collaboration with other organisations on new issues.

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10th NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

Have you visited the post-Conference website yet? Recommendations, transcripts, photographs and presentations will be uploaded as they become available. <http://10thnrhc.ruralhealth.org.au/?IntContId=38>

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June 2009 issue now available. Contents include:

Editorial - 'A fair go' in rural areas: What progress since 1991?

Review Article - Sixteen years on: Has quality of care for rural and non-compensable traumatic brain injury clients improved?

Original Articles

Funding for rural health research from the Australian Research Council: A missed opportunity?

The frontline and the ivory tower: A case study of service and professional-driven curriculum

Loss of income and levels of scholarship support for students on rural clinical placements: A survey of medical, nursing and allied health students

Relationships between body fatness, small-screen sedentary activity and regionality among schoolchildren in Victoria, Australia

Stress and help-seeking for drought-stricken citrus growers in the Riverland of South Australia

Promoting mental health care in a rural paediatric unit through participatory action research

Adults with intellectual disability in regional Australia: Incidence of disability and provision of accommodation support to their ageing carers

Short Report - Exploration of the preconceptions of living in a rural community by general practitioner registrar partners

Letter to the Editor - Trichiasis: Out of mind, out of sight

From the Journal Associates - Providing a voice for rural nurses and midwives: Rural Nursing and Midwifery Faculty, Royal College of Nursing Australia

Further information at <http://www.blackwell-synergy.com/loi/ajr>

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RURAL HEALTH EDUCATION FOUNDATION UPCOMING PROGRAMS (From <http://www.rhef.com.au/upcoming-programs/>)

Tue 14 Jul 2009 8 pm 911 4

Fri 17 Jul 2009 12.30 pm 911: End of Life Care Channel 23

Tue 28 Jul 2009 8 pm RPT 816: Open Wide: Oral Health in the Bush Channel 23

Fri 31 Jul 2009 12.30 pm RPT 816: Open Wide: Oral Health in the Bush Channel 23

Tue 11 Aug 2009 8 pm 912: A Program on Men's Health Channel 4/Live Webcast

Fri 14 Aug 2009 12.30 pm 912: A Program on Men's Health Channel 23

Tue 25 Aug 2009 8 pm 913a: T2DM Guideline Series: Primary Prevention, Case Detection and Diagnosis Channel 4/Live Webcast

Fri 28 Aug 2009 12.30 pm 913a: T2DM Guideline Series: Primary Prevention, Case Detection and Diagnosis Channel 23

Tue 22 Sep 2009 8 pm 913b: T2DM Guideline Series: Blood Glucose Control, Patient Education in Type 2 Diabetes Channel 4/Live Webcast

Fri 25 Sep 2009 12.30 pm 913b: T2DM Guideline Series: Blood Glucose Control, Patient

Education in Type 2 Diabetes Channel 4/Live Webcast  
Tue 13 Oct 2009 8 pm 913c: T2DM Guideline Series: Diabetic Retinopathy, Chronic Kidney Disease  
Fri 16 Oct 2009 12.30 pm 913c: T2DM Guideline Series: Diabetic Retinopathy, Chronic Kidney Disease Channel 23  
Tue 10 Nov 2009 8 pm 913d: T2DM Guideline Series: Diabetes and Indigenous Australians Channel 4/Live Webcast  
Fri 13 Nov 2009 12 am 913d: T2DM Guideline Series: Diabetes and Indigenous Australians Channel 23

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#### RURAL HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE BOOST

The Rudd Government will invest \$5 million in 27 rural and regional health infrastructure projects under the National Rural and Remote Health Infrastructure Program (NRRHIP). The Minister for Rural and Regional Health, Warren Snowdon, said each project aimed to improve rural and regional access to essential health infrastructure and equipment. Further information at <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/mr-yr09-ws-ws002.htm>

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Join *friends* of the Alliance now for 2009 and get discounted registration for the 10th Conference in Cairns in May. People who pay the *friends* fee after 1 September are members for the whole of the following calendar year. *friends* members will also receive the updated CD 'Rural and Remote Health Papers 1991-2009' (due out in late 2009), connection with the Alliance's policy work and regular issues of the *Partyline* newsletter. Above all, membership of *friends* gives you the opportunity to support the Alliance and its work. The *friends* Advisory Committee is: Alicia Eaton (Vic), John Ferguson (Qld), Jane Fisher (ACT), Janet Fletcher (NT), Pauline Glover (SA), Nigel Jefford (WA), Marie Lally (SA), Suzanne Little (Qld), Irene Mills (WA), Beth Smith (TAS), Janie Smith (NSW), Janet Struber (NT), David Templeman (ACT), David Thompson (Vic) and Robin Toohey (NSW). Members of the Committee are soon to elect a Chairperson, who will be a Member of the NRHA Council.

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#### INDIGENOUS DRUG AND ALCOHOL COMMITTEE PAPER WELCOMED

A report calling for new efforts to improve Indigenous health, and thereby reduce Indigenous incarceration has been launched by the Minister for Indigenous Health, Rural and Regional Health and Regional Services Delivery, Warren Snowdon, and the Minister for Home Affairs, Brendan O'Connor.

The paper, *Bridges and Barriers: Addressing Indigenous Incarceration and Health* was prepared by the expert National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Committee (NIDAC), which is a sub-committee of the Australian National Council on Drugs.

The report reinforced the link between poor health and substance abuse, and incarceration.

The Ministers' statement is available at <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/mr-yr09-ws-ws003.htm>  
The report is at <http://www.nidac.org.au/>

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#### LIFELINE INFORMATION SERVICE - 1300 13 11 14

Your Rural Mental Health Information Service Lifeline's Information Service 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.lifeline.org.au/infoservice> and further information is available at [infoservice@lifeline.org.au](mailto:infoservice@lifeline.org.au) and <http://www.lifeline.org.au>

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#### PROGRESS ON THE NT EMERGENCY RESPONSE

The last two years has seen a marked improvement in service delivery for the 73 prescribed NT communities, town camps and associated outstations, bettering the quality of life in Indigenous communities, according to the Rudd Government.  
<http://www.alp.org.au/media/0609/msia220.php>

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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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From: Alastair Harris <[alastair.harris@crcah.org.au](mailto:alastair.harris@crcah.org.au)>  
Subject: CRCAH News

The nineteenth edition of the CRCAH's bi-monthly newsletter is out now.

This edition includes stories on:

- \* a recent analysis of the economic benefits of CRCAH research
- \* new CRCAH reports and other publications
- \* the upcoming AIATSIS Conference on urban Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander experiences
- \* new research on cannabis use and its impact
- \* and the latest on the Healing Our Spirit Worldwide meeting in Hawaii next year.

To view the newsletter click on <http://www.crcah.org.au/communication/Enews/Gwalwa-Gai19/gwalwagai19.html>

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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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#### RURAL HEALTH ON THE ABC

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

#### Aboriginal communities 'at risk of swine flu'

The Australian Medical Association (AMA) is warning there could be many deaths from swine flu in communities of indigenous Australians.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/06/24/2606756.htm>

#### Flying Doctors gets \$180K for Longreach program

The Federal Government has allocated \$180,000 to the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) to fund a series of field days supporting Longreach's families.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/06/24/2606875.htm>

#### Mental health fix 'short-term'

The wheatbelt town of Narrogin says the Western Australian Government has only offered short-term solutions to serious mental health issues in the community.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/06/23/2605810.htm>

#### 2 years on, intervention 'causing confusion'

An anti-intervention campaigner, Barbara Shaw, says many Aboriginal people still do not understand the full extent of the Northern Territory Emergency Response and only associate it with welfare quarantining.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/06/19/2602690.htm>

#### Visa restrictions on overseas doctors may be eased

The Federal Government says a new incentive program to recruit health practitioners to the bush will be rolled out by the middle of next year.

<http://www.abc.net.au/rural/news/content/200906/s2602969.htm>

#### Swine flu death 'shows gap in health standards'

Health workers say the death of an Aboriginal man with swine flu magnifies the huge gap in health standards between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/06/20/2603788.htm>

### More money for outback medical facilities

Medical clinics and surgeries across rural and regional Australia will share in \$5 million of Federal Government money to upgrade and improve facilities.

<http://www.abc.net.au/rural/news/content/200906/s2601898.htm>

### RFDS 'happy' with radio base sale

The Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) says it is happy with the \$460,000 paid yesterday for its original radio base in Port Augusta.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/06/18/2601910.htm>

### Govt accused of Country Health mismanagement

The South Australian Opposition says the Government is mismanaging the country health system, meaning more patients will have to travel to Adelaide for treatment.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/06/18/2601944.htm>

### TALKING STICK - HEALTH (Message Stick: 14/06/2009)

Three dedicated people share their views on how to close the gap in health between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. Tom Calma is the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner with HREOC and chairs the 'Close the Gap Campaign for Indigenous Health Equality' Steering Committee. Dr Ngiare Brown became one of the country's first Indigenous doctors in 1992, is founder of the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association and is co-director of Sydney University's Poche Centre for Indigenous Health. Dr Mick Adams has worked in the health sector for more than 30 years, is current chairman of the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation, and is the Deputy-Chair of the National Indigenous Health Equity Council.

<http://abcmail.net.au/t/496712/614869/10242/0/>

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### AIHW REPORT

#### 'Doing well' but 'could do better' for Australia's kids

The latest report on Australia's children, released today by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, shows a continuing fall in child death rates - mostly due to fewer injury deaths - as well as declining asthma hospitalisations, teen births and smoking rates in older children. Combined with favourable trends in some risk and protective factors, such as immunisation coverage, these factors suggest that overall Australian children are doing well.

In terms of international comparisons however, Australia doesn't measure up to other OECD countries on infant and under 5 mortality rates, teenage birth rates and jobless families with children. And there are other areas that also need improvement.

According to the report, *A picture of Australia's children 2009*, far too many children spend more than the recommended time of 2 hours a day in front of a video screen (including television and computers), are overweight or obese, and are not eating recommended amounts of vegetables.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are far more likely to be disadvantaged across a broad range of health and socioeconomic indicators. Indigenous children are 2 to 3 times as likely as other Australian children to die, be of low birthweight and have dental decay. They are 5 times as likely to be born to teenage mothers; 8 to 9 times as likely to be in the child protection system; and 24 times as likely to be under juvenile justice supervision.

AIHW statement at <http://www.aihw.gov.au/mediacentre/2009/mr20090617.cfm>  
AIHW publication is at <http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10704>

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## RDAA NEWS

RDAA drops support for 10-Year Moratorium  
23 June 2009

[http://www.rdaa.com.au/uploaded\\_documents/RDAA%20drops%20support%20for%2010%20year%20moratorium%20on%20OTDs.pdf](http://www.rdaa.com.au/uploaded_documents/RDAA%20drops%20support%20for%2010%20year%20moratorium%20on%20OTDs.pdf)

Rural Doctors welcome recognition of rural and regional health by Rudd Government  
15 June 2009

[http://www.rdaa.com.au/uploaded\\_documents/ACF85.pdf](http://www.rdaa.com.au/uploaded_documents/ACF85.pdf)

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## ARTICLES IN 'RURAL AND REMOTE HEALTH'

'Internet tool box for rural GPs to access mental health services information'  
Translating new government health policy initiatives into improvements in clinical care is easier said than done. These researchers have helped GPs in rural Victoria, Australia to achieve this in mental health care through the development of an "Internet Tool Box".  
<http://www.rrh.org.au/articles/showarticlenew.asp?ArticleID=1094>

'A critical review of interventions to redress the inequitable distribution of healthcare professionals to rural and remote areas'  
By reviewing over 120 articles, this paper provides an up to date global view of what works and what doesn't in relation to increasing the numbers of health professionals working in rural and remote communities.  
<http://www.rrh.org.au/articles/showarticlenew.asp?ArticleID=1060>

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CURRENT ISSUE OF eMJA, 15 June 2009  
(Available at <http://www.mja.com.au/>)

Rapid online publications, 17 June 2009 - 18 June 2009  
ASID/TSANZ guidelines: treatment and prevention of H1N1 influenza 09 (human swine influenza) with antiviral agents  
Australia's influenza containment plan and the swine flu epidemic in Victoria

Swine flu update: bringing home the bacon

Rapid online publications, 1 May 2009  
Update on swine influenza: A pandemic that's not bird flu? Pigs might fly  
Notice from the Chief Medical Officer, 1 May 2009  
Urgent information from the AMA on swine influenza for medical practitioners

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From the Editor's Desk: Modern medical resorts

Editorials

Duration of anticoagulant therapy for venous thromboembolism

Is *Clostridium difficile* a threat to Australia's biosecurity?

National alcohol policy after "alcopops": what next?

Research

Pathology processes and emergency department length of stay: the impact of change

Chronic hepatitis B and C infection in children in New South Wales

Health Care

Who is responsible for the care of patients treated with warfarin therapy?

Stroke prevention and stroke thrombolysis: quantifying the potential benefits of best practice therapies

An integrated and coordinated approach to preventing recurrent coronary heart disease events in Australia

Health Care Reform

Are we ready for the next big thing?

Health care workforce crisis in Australia: too few or too disabled?

Clinical Update - Anti-citrullinated peptide antibody: death of the rheumatoid factor?

For Debate - Infection control, ethics and accountability

Viewpoint - Paired kidney donations to expand the living donor pool: the Western Australian experience

Personal Perspective - Stop taking warfarin? No way!

Notable Cases - First Australian isolation of epidemic *Clostridium difficile* PCR ribotype 027

Lessons from Practice - Life-threatening pelvic osteomyelitis: pelvic destruction in an 8-year-old boy

Letters

Health experts reject industry-backed funding for alcohol research

Alcohol taxation policy in Australia: public health imperatives for action

Septic shock from penetrating leg injury with *Vibrio vulnificus* infection

Schistosomal appendicitis in a Sudanese immigrant

A maggoty scalp

Avoiding common problems associated with intravenous fluid therapy

Telemedicine across the ages

Mandating sustainability in Australian hospitals

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What's New in Regional Statistics, June 2009

(ABS 1386.0 - <http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/1386.0?OpenDocument>)

Welcome from the Director

Regional Population Growth - An article highlighting some of the key findings from the recently released Regional Population Growth publication, including regions of growth within each state and territory

Estimates of Personal Income for Small Areas - An article exploring personal income in Australia based on data from the Estimates of Personal Income for Small Areas publication.

Economy - Key findings from the recently released Regional Wage and Salary Earner Statistics publication and details of changes to Regional Labour Force Statistics dissemination regions.

Population and People - Find out how you can assist with preparations for the 2011 Census, highlights from the Statistician's Report on the Census and key findings from the Household Use of Information Technology publication.

Industry - Recent releases including the Australian Wine and Grape Industry and the Motor Vehicle Census and information papers relating to the ABS Agriculture Statistics Collection Strategy.

Environment and Energy - The recent releases of Land Management and Farming in Australia and Water Use on Australian Farms

Other News and Contacts - Information about the upcoming release of the Australian Standard Geographical Classification, the Community Indicators Summit, ABS Outpostings and Small Area Estimates of Household Wealth.

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NAIDOC Week celebrations for 2009 will be held from 5 to 12 July. Further information at <http://www.naidoc.org.au/>

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General Practice & Primary Health Care Research Conference 2009: Driving Change  
15-17 July, Melbourne VIC

This conference is a must for anyone with an interest in primary health care research, evaluation and development. It will provide essential opportunities for researchers, decision makers, practitioners and consumers to share ideas, form collaborations and network with speakers and other delegates.

<http://www.phcris.org.au/conference/2009>

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Catholic Health Australia 2009 National Conference - Hand in Hand Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart, 17 - 19 August 2009 <http://www.cha.org.au/>

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Linking Indigenous policy with service delivery 2009  
Tuesday 25 August 2009 9:00 am - Wednesday 26 August 2009 5:00 pm  
Cairns, Queensland

<http://www.indigenous-policy.com/>

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Indigenous Policy Forum 2009  
26th - 28th August 2009, the Mercure Hotel, Brisbane

Indigenous Policy Forum 2009 will address the core issues surrounding the development and implementation of Indigenous policy nationwide.

Tel: +61 2 9224 6060

Email: [conferences@TonkinCorporation.com](mailto:conferences@TonkinCorporation.com)

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7<sup>th</sup> Australasian Conference on Safety and Quality in Health Care  
6-9 September 2009  
Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre  
Darling Harbour, Sydney

<http://www.aaqhc2009.org.au>  
[aaqhc2009@tourhosts.com.au](mailto:aaqhc2009@tourhosts.com.au)

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The Rural Medicine Australia 2009 Conference

Conference Hosts:

Rural Medicine Australia 2009 is the tenth annual conference jointly hosted by the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM), and the Rural Doctors Association of Australia (RDAA). This year, we welcome the participation of the Rural Doctors Association of Victoria (RDAV) and the National Rural Medical Family Network.

Rural Medicine Australia 2009 will present outstanding opportunities for doctors and other health professionals working in rural and remote medicine to connect with colleagues, learn new skills, share their knowledge - and enjoy a brief respite from the pressures of work.

The conference sessions and workshops will emphasise practical skills and knowledge with immediate application to the demands of rural medicine. The conference welcomes other professionals - including allied health workers and government representatives - who share the commitment to quality health care for Australians living in rural and remote communities.

Rural Medicine Australia 2009 will run from Thursday, 29 October to Sunday 1 November 2009 in Melbourne.

Information available at <http://www.acrrm.com.au/>

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Year of the Blood Donor 2009

An anticipated doubling of demand for blood and blood products within 10 years has led the Australian Red Cross Blood Service to launch a nationwide recruitment drive in 2009 Year of the Blood Donor. The Blood Service is appealing for more than 100,000 new blood donors this year, in addition to the 40,000 who registered across Australia to give blood in the week after the Victorian bushfires.

[http://www.healthinsite.gov.au/news/Year\\_of\\_the\\_Blood\\_Donor\\_2009](http://www.healthinsite.gov.au/news/Year_of_the_Blood_Donor_2009)

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1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Health Services Delivery Management (1<sup>st</sup> CHSDM)  
Phitsanulok Thailand 14-16<sup>th</sup> October 2009

The 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Health Services Delivery Management (1<sup>st</sup> CHSDM) is

open to all individuals interested in the field of health services delivery management. The particular focus of the conference is on strengthening the management of Primary Health Care and district rural health services. Australian (including Indigenous) speakers will feature alongside international and Thai presenters. Call for abstracts is now open.

Conference partners include WHO SEARO, Australian College of Health Service Executives (ACHSE), University of New England (UNE) Australia and Naresuan University Thailand, Thai Ministry of Public Health and Thailand Cardiac Children's Foundation.

The conference partners welcome participants from developing and developed countries who want to work collaboratively towards improving health systems to deliver quality health care by learning from each other and comparing health systems in international contexts.

For further details please go to the Conference website <http://www.health.nu.ac.th/hdm2009>

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From: Elisia Dowling  
Subject: International *Healthy Parks Healthy People Congress*

With the increasing recognition of the value of nature to human health and wellbeing worldwide, Parks Victoria will host the inaugural International *Healthy Parks Healthy People Congress* at the new Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, Australia from 11-16 April 2010.

This will be a unique opportunity to bring together delegates from all relevant sectors (i.e. planning, community development, physical and mental health, tourism, climate change, education, recreation, ecology and park management) to explore how we can take better advantage of the way nature significantly contributes to our wellbeing and broader societal benefits.

We are seeking proposals under the following themes: Healthy Communities, Healthy Parks, Healthy Participation, Healthy People and subthemes.

In addition to the partners displayed on the website, the support of the World Health Organisation, United Nations World Tourism Organisation, US Federal Centers for Disease Control & Prevention and the Australian Federal Government Department of Health & Ageing is being sought.

<http://www.healthyparkshealthypeoplecongress.org>

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## Healing Our Spirit 2010

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers and researchers are advised to start planning now for Healing Our Spirit Worldwide The Sixth Gathering, which is due to take place on the island of Honolulu in Hawaii from 3 to 10 September 2010. The goal of Healing Our Spirit Worldwide (HOSW) is to celebrate the diverse and unique cultural strengths, knowledge and talents of Indigenous peoples around the world, with a particular focus on successes, best practices and common issues in health, healing and addictions.

The Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health is a proud supporter of and committed participant in the gathering, which will be hosted by native Hawaiian healthcare organisation Papa Ola Lōkahi (<http://www.papaolalokahi.org>).

Event organisers are now accepting abstracts, presentations and proposals for the sharing of cultural practices and performing arts. These need to be submitted by 8 September 2009 via the link on the home page of the HOSW website (<http://www.hosw.com>).

For more information:

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Mick Gooda - CEO, 0409 688 403

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## CONTRIBUTION AND SUBSCRIPTION INFORMATION AND DISCLAIMER

The NRHA e-forum is published fortnightly. 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) (do not "reply" to this email - send contributions to [grovesc@winshop.com.au](mailto:grovesc@winshop.com.au)). Contributions received by the Friday of publication will be included in the e-forum.

The NRHA e-forum is edited by a third party moderator, Jim Groves. 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 views 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)

Please forward a copy to any colleague you think may be interested.

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