

National Rural Health Alliance E-forum 29 August 2008

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AUGUST E-NEWS FROM THE NRHA (including the 10th Conference)

Call for abstracts: 10th National Rural Health Conference

Abstracts are being sought until 3 October 2008 for papers to be presented at the 10th National Rural Health Conference to be held in Cairns in May 2009. Abstracts can be submitted online via the Alliance's website at <http://www.ruralhealth.org.au>

The five themes of the Conference are conquering health disadvantage, constructing resilient responses, consulting our communities on health, collaborating in health care teams and on service models that work, and celebrating 20 years of the rural and remote health sector. There will be special community skills sessions as part of the Conference.

The Conference website contains all the information you might need, including abstract guidelines, registrations, program, sponsorship, exhibition and travel.

Discounted Registration for the 10th Conference for *friends*

Remember that *friends* of the Alliance are eligible to receive a discounted registration fee to attend the 10th Conference. You can find a membership form on the *friends'* page of the Alliance's website.

Partyline #33 Out Now

The latest edition of Partyline has hit the press and is also available on the Alliance's website. It includes an article on the current challenges in Indigenous health by Tom Calma, a report on the National Survey of Adult Oral Health and a look at the progress on health reform.

There are articles on rural optometry, nursing and research, student reports on rural experiences, as well as readers' stories and latest news from friends of the Alliance, including the new friends Advisory Committee.

National Planning for Rural and Remote Health

The National Rural Health Alliance will be holding its annual public symposium at 2pm on Monday, 22 September 2008 at University House in Canberra. If you would like to attend register your details at nrha@ruralhealth.org.au. Speakers include Rob Knowles of the Health

and Hospitals Reform Commission; Pat Anderson, Chairperson of the Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health; and Tony Hobbs, Chair of the External Reference Group for the National Primary Care Strategy.

Latest rural health clips

The NRHA website has a new "In the Media" section that contains up-to-the minute news about rural health issues in the media. There is also a "Quick Links" section that will take you directly to current projects on the Alliance's website as well as to external websites.

Defining research quality

The Alliance is pushing for the government's new Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) framework to be broad enough to accommodate the sort of evidence required by policy makers and practitioners - including those involved in rural and remote health. See the Media Releases section of the Alliance's website for further details.

'A picture of rural health'

The Alliance is following up its meeting with the National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission by providing further ideas about what a reformed rural and remote health system might look like.

Dubbo hearing on obesity

Following its written submission (available in the Publications section of the website) the Alliance is presenting evidence at Dubbo to the House of Representatives Inquiry into Obesity. The Inquiry is looking at how to prevent and manage the obesity epidemic.

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Sustainability of small rural and remote communities

The Alliance is preparing a position paper on the sustainability and viability of Australia's outback communities. It will include consideration of the economic, cultural and social losses that would result if remote communities were simply cast adrift.

National registration for health professions

The Alliance is attending a meeting on national registration and accreditation for health professions.

NRHA Council Meeting and AGM

CouncilFest, the annual face-to-face meeting of Council of the Alliance, is in Canberra 21-24 September 2008. It includes the 17th AGM of the NRHA and delegations to Parliamentarians, as well as much discussion of the shape and direction of the organisation's work.

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NRHA Symposium - 'National planning in the rural and remote health sector'

Monday 22 September 2008

The Great Hall, University House, ANU

2.00pm Welcome to Country - Matilda House
2.05pm NRHA Welcome - John Wakerman, Chairperson
2.10pm Preliminary views of the National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission - tbc
2.40pm Reconciling national planning and Indigenous health in rural and remote areas - tbc
3.00pm Discussion
3.30pm Rural people and a new National Primary Care Strategy - Tony Hobbs, Chair of the External Reference Group for the Strategy
3.50pm Involving rural consumers - Tony McBride, Chief Executive Officer, Health Issues Centre
4.10pm Oral and dental health: a case study in better national planning - Bruce Simmons, Rural Interest Group of Australian Dental Association
4.30pm Discussion
5.30pm Close

To Register: Please provide your name, organisation and contact details to leanne@ruralhealth.org.au or 02 6285 4660

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10th NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH CONFERENCE
17-20 May 2009, Cairns, Qld

Cairns is the place to be next May

Don't forget 17-20 May 2009 for the 10th National Rural Health Conference in Cairns, Qld. The Conference belongs to everyone in the rural and remote health sector - which also includes many who work in capital cities.

The Conference is a major opportunity for you to say where you want rural and remote health to be in two and five years' time. And hopefully you will come with imaginative ideas about how communities, professions and governments can be recruited to the belief that rural health is a good place to be.

The five themes of the 10th Conference are: conquering health disadvantage, building a resilient response to political and environmental climates, consulting our communities on health, working together in health care teams and on service models that are effective, and celebrating 20 years of the rural and remote health sector. There will also be a special Community Day.

Call for abstracts

Abstracts are being sought until 3 October 2008 for papers to be presented at the 10th Conference. Abstracts can be submitted via the Conference website at <http://10thnrhc.ruralhealth.org.au/> or faxed to 02 6285 4670.

The website will be regularly updated and contains all information about the 10th Conference, including abstract guidelines, registrations, program, sponsorship, exhibition and travel.

We look forward to seeing you in Cairns in May 2009.

Owen Allen
Conference Convenor, Atherton

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WORLD HAILS INDIGENOUS HEALTH EFFORTS
(AAP, August 29, 2008)

The apology to indigenous people and new efforts to close the nation's yawning health gap have won Australia praise in a major international report which aims to redesign world health. The WHO report has highlighted Australia's poorest health statistic - the 17-year gap in life expectancy between Aboriginal men and other males - while at the same time giving a global endorsement to new initiatives under federal Labor. The full AAP article is at <http://au.news.yahoo.com/a/-/latest/4973187>

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From: Luz Dow
Subject: New Dentistry Courses Available for Scholarship

The new 5 year undergraduate degree courses for dentistry at James Cook University, "Bachelor Dental Surgery" and Charles Sturt university "Bachelor of Dental Science" and the 3 year "Bachelor Oral Health" undergraduate degree in Oral Health have been approved for eligibility for RAHUS. Rural original students applying for any of these courses are invited to apply for a \$10,000 per year Rural Allied Health Undergraduate Scholarship. Please visit the scholarship website at <http://www.sarrah.org.au/site/index.cfm?display=74992> for more details about the application.

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From: Rupa Ranasinghe
Subject: ARRHPS Scholarship funding

The Australian Rural and Remote Health Professional Scholarship Scheme is now open for application.

Applications are invited from eligible health professionals (excluding doctors and nurses) who work in rural and remote communities for scholarships to assist continuing professional education. Scholarships may be granted for a range of activities, including clinical placements, short courses, postgraduate tertiary courses and attendance at professional conferences. The application package including application form, scholarship guidelines and frequently asked questions can be downloaded from the SARRAH website - <http://www.sarrah.org.au>

The closing date for applications is 29th September 2008.

Applicants are encouraged to apply online as this greatly assists the SARRAH staff to process the application form information.

Further information is available from Rupa Ranasinghe, Scholarship Program officer, phone:

(02) 6162 0321 or at the email arrhpss@sarrah.org.au

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RDAA STATEMENTS

Time for a revolution on rural health too, Mr Rudd
27 August 2008

http://www.rdaa.com.au/uploaded_documents/Rural%20health%20revolution%20--%20August%202008.pdf

Key role for rural practices in helping relieve medical training pressures
27 August 2008

http://www.rdaa.com.au/uploaded_documents/Medical%20training%20places%20--%20August%202008.pdf

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The Australian Journal of Rural Health is a multidisciplinary journal, which aims to facilitate the formation of interdisciplinary networks to build and advance rural practice for all health professionals.

Get published in the *Australian Journal of Rural Health!*

The Journal welcomes short reports and letters to the editor as well as review articles, original research articles and clinical perspectives. For useful tips on submitting your manuscript, read the FREE editorial, *How to get published in the Australian Journal of Rural Health*.

Manuscripts can be submitted online at <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/ajrh> Manuscript Central or posted to:

AJRH Editorial Office
Australian Journal of Rural Health
550 Swanston Street
Carlton VIC 3053

August 2008 issue now available. Contents include:

Editorial - Successful recruitment: What now?

Review Article - Harnessing the social capital of rural communities for youth mental health: An asset-based community development framework

Original Articles

Workplace stressors experienced by physiotherapists working in regional public hospitals

Retention of general practitioners in rural Nepal: A qualitative study

Creating a database to facilitate multilevel analyses of mental health determinants and outcomes in rural and remote areas

Quality of life in Hepatitis C virus infection: Assessment of rural patients living in north-western New South Wales

Rural carers online: A feasibility study

Integrated Community Policy Uptake Model: Responding to select Manitoba and Saskatchewan rural women's experiences of health reform/renewal

Public support for anti-smoking legislation varies with smoking status

Rural inpatient rehabilitation by specialist outreach: Comparison with a city unit

Short Reports

Long-term rural general practitioners: Their original interest and considerations towards a change in rural medicine
Depression in acute coronary syndrome: Has the evidence been implemented?
Practical Practice Pointers - Learning and being a first-time student supervisor: Challenges and triumphs
Grazing - PHC RIS: Snapshot of Australian primary health care research
From the Journal Associates - ARNM: Promoting nursing in general practice
Letter to the Editor - Provision of health care in a geographically isolated Australian territory

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

Students and researchers keen to learn more about the changing facts surrounding Indigenous health are encouraged to consult the 2008 'virtual issue' of the prestigious *Australian Journal of Rural Health*. Freely available through the website <http://www.blackwell-synergy.com/loi/ajr> readers can access 22 key reports published in the last decade covering some of the most pressing topics in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health.

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EXPERIMENTAL ESTIMATES OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AUSTRALIANS, Jun 2006
(ABS 3238.0.55.001)

At 30 June 2006, around one-third of all Indigenous Australians lived in Major Cities of Australia (32% or 165,800 people). A further 21% (110,600 people) lived in Inner Regional Australia and 22% (113,300 people) in Outer Regional Australia. The remainder lived in Remote Australia (9% or 47,900 people) or Very Remote Australia (15% or 79,500 people).

The full ABS publication is at <http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/3238.0.55.001?OpenDocument>

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Partyline is available in hard copy and online - go to <http://www.ruralhealth.org.au>, then to Publications, then Partyline.

If you would like to subscribe to Partyline please email your contact details to nrha@ruralhealth.org.au Subscription is free.

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AIDA SUBMISSION TO NT EMERGENCY RESPONSE REVIEW BOARD

While some aspects of working, the Indigenous Doctors' Association contends that the

Emergency Response has had a considerably negative effect on the health and social and emotional wellbeing of communities, families and individuals. The full text of the Association submission is at http://www.aida.org.au/pdf/AIDA_SubmissionNTERRB.pdf

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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.

A new *friends* Advisory Committee has now been elected. Members are: 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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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 and <http://www.lifeline.org.au>

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AIHW REPORTS

Cancer survival and prevalence in Australia: Cancers diagnosed from 1982 to 2004

Survival after cancer is improving significantly in Australia, although not for all types of cancer. Survival is also better among the more advantaged groups in the population. Like many other health indicators, cancer survival is not as good among people living in low socioeconomic status areas and in rural and remote Australia. All-cancer five-year relative survival for both men and women was lower for those in low versus high socioeconomic status areas (54% compared to 65% for men and 61% compared to 68% for women). The greatest difference was apparent in non-Hodgkin lymphoma and cervical cancer.

The AIHW statement is at <http://www.aihw.gov.au/mediacentre/2008/mr20080822.cfm> and the full report is at <http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10484>

Eye problems account for 1 in 30 hospitalisations

Eye problems accounted for nearly 250,000 (or 1 in 30) hospitalisations in 2005-06.

The report also found the rate of hospitalisations for eye problems among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples was similar to the total Australian population. Hospitalisation rates for cataract were lower among Indigenous Australians, but eye-related injuries were higher.

The AIHW statement is at <http://www.aihw.gov.au/mediacentre/2008/mr20080821.cfm> and the full report is at <http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10638>

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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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AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH RESEARCH FUND SEEKS APPLICATIONS IN RURAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

The Australian Rotary Health Research Fund (ARHRF) invites applications from teams of researchers/service providers/clinicians/consumers and carers, for funding to evaluate new or existing interventions/services designed to restore or promote the mental or rural medical health of Australians. The closing date for applications is Friday 3 October. For application forms and more information, go to <http://www.arhrf.org.au>

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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

(From ABC Health Updates, <http://abcmail.net.au/t/73489/614869/1366/0/>)

Speech pathologist urges remote health funds boost
<http://au.news.yahoo.com/a/-/australian-news/4970475>

Shame, humiliation, anger the legacy of intervention: doctors
<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2008/08/29/2349675.htm>

Opposition put focus on country health, water
<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2008/08/28/2348525.htm>

Staff shortages hampering fight against petrol sniffing: review
<http://au.news.yahoo.com/a/-/latest/4967475>

REPORT ADDRESSES INDIGENOUS PRISON RATE ISSUE (The World Today: 20/08/2008)

<http://abcmail.net.au/t/229627/614869/4751/0/>

New research has found farm workers are twice as likely to take their own lives than many other people.

The World Today - 19/08/2008 12:20 PM

Closing the gap

The Premier, John Brumby, has committed Victoria to reducing the gap between indigenous and non-indigenous life expectancy by the year 2030.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2008/08/19/2340179.htm>

Parties urged to make regional health a priority

The Rural Doctors Association of Western Australia says the major parties must give a commitment during the election campaign to upgrading medical services in country towns.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2008/08/18/2338797.htm>

Federal intervention health checks 'largely useless'

Almost 30 doctors working in central Australia say health checks for Indigenous children under the federal intervention have largely been useless.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2008/08/18/2339280.htm>

NT intervention 'blanket approach' not working: report

Next month the board reviewing the Northern Territory intervention will hand its findings to the Federal Government, but the Central Land Council in Alice Springs has just published its own report card on the measures.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2008/08/15/2336727.htm>

Survey of Northern Territory Intervention

<http://www.abc.net.au/worldtoday/content/2008/s2336553.htm>

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CURRENT ISSUE OF eMJA, 4 August 2008

(Available at <http://www.mja.com.au/>)

From the Editor's Desk: Covert colonialism

Editorials

Alcohol sales data are essential for good public policies towards alcohol

The Peoples-uni: public health education for all

Cancer adds further urgency to prioritising obesity control

Research

Development and validation of fall risk screening tools for use in residential aged care facilities

Incidence of bariatric surgery and postoperative outcomes: a population-based analysis in Western Australia

Public Health - Strongyloidiasis in personnel of the Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands (RAMSI)

Research Enterprise - Financial disclosure and clinical research: what is important to

participants?

Medicine In the Community

Public perceptions of Australia's doctors, hospitals and health care systems

How do Australian patients rate their general practitioner? A descriptive study using the General Practice Assessment Questionnaire

Health Care Reform

Fixing the problems that beset the Australian hospital system

Primary health care reform: equity is the key

For Debate - Why we need a national registry in interventional cardiology

Notable Cases - Very late stent thrombosis after discontinuation of clopidogrel therapy

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ARTICLES IN "RURAL AND REMOTE HEALTH"

'Remote Doctors Radiation Licence Training and Manual: a review process towards enhanced professional development'

Exceptional circumstances require exceptional solutions. In Australia's remote Northern Territory, physicians from outposts can be trained to take simple X-rays. After their initial training a manual is their Bible. This article describes the process of revision for this vital document.

<http://www.rrh.org.au/articles/showarticlenew.asp?ArticleID=865>

'Funding regimes and the implications for delivering quality palliative care nursing within residential aged care units in Australia'

Residential aged care units are often the site of end-of-life care for ageing Australians. This important task deserves appropriate funding that recognises the complexity of the work. The important background information for policy-makers in this article has the potential to improve the lot of terminally ill elderly Australians.

<http://www.rrh.org.au/articles/showarticlenew.asp?ArticleID=903>

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RURAL HEALTH ON THE WEB

(From Google Alert - <http://www.googlealert.com>)

Health : Community Development Resources : Rural Information Center

This section not only provides links to general rural health resources, but also informational topic pages on specific rural health issues.

http://riley.nal.usda.gov/nal_display/index.php?info_center=5&tax_level=2&tax_subject=211&topic_id=1157

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ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR POSITION

The Northern Rivers University Department of Rural Health (NRUDRH) is seeking to appoint a Level D academic in Aboriginal Health - Closing Date September 5 2008. The successful applicant will provide strong leadership and be an active participant in the NRUDRH Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health education and research

programme.View Details:

http://www.craah.org.au/communication/downloads/A_Prof_Candidate-Info-Pack_August.pdf

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INSIGHTS and SOLUTIONS: the combined 2nd International Conference on Alcohol and Other Drug Related Brain Injury and the Brain Injury Australia National Conference 2008 (Melbourne, Australia, Monday 1 - Wednesday 3 September 2008). As you may already know, leading acquired brain injury organisations, arbias and Brain Injury Australia, have joined forces to bring you this exciting and informative three day event. The combined conference recognises the need for innovative approaches and improved practice in the field of acquired brain injury and this will feature throughout the conference program. The overarching theme, INSIGHTS and SOLUTIONS, will provide a focal point for exploring all facets of acquired brain injury and presents an opportunity for people with acquired brain injury, their families and carers, clinicians, professional workers, researchers and policy makers to: -access cutting edge national and international research -drive education and prevention campaigns -build stronger treatment and support networks. Online registration is now open via this link <https://www.secureregistrations.com/brain08/>. For more information: <http://www.arbias.org.au> or <http://www.bia.net.au> or email events@adf.org.au or phone (03) 9728 8137

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CRANA Conference 2008
Australia's Remote Health Challenge: Is Primary Health Care the solution?
11 - 14 September 2008
Cairns, Queensland
More information at <http://www.crana.org.au/cr.php?ID=9>

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Alice Springs Renal Seminar

For all Health Professionals interested and/ or working in the prevention, early detection & management of Chronic Kidney Disease
Tues 23rd and Wed. 24th September 2008
0800 - 1630
Liebig Building Alice Springs Hospital Campus
More at http://www.crana.org.au/n_d.php?ID=401

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4th Annual National Elder Abuse Prevention Conference is on from October 1st - 3rd 2008 at the Quest East St. Kilda Function Centre; St Kilda Vic. Contact details; Elder Abuse Prevention Association 1300 884 665 <http://www.eapa.asn.au>

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health at WONCA/RACGP ASC 2008

You are invited to the 51st Annual Scientific Convention being held in Melbourne from 2-5 October 2008. This year's convention is combined with the Wonca Asia Pacific Regional Conference. The program on Friday 3 October on *Primary care and its role in the community* includes plenary presentations from Mick Adams and Ian Anderson. Also during the conference there will be Indigenous health workshops and many relevant papers presented. Further information at <http://www.racgp.org.au/aboriginalhealthunit/news/26334>

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International Society of Aeromedical Services and Flight Nurses Australia

20th Scientific Meeting
2 - 4 October 2008

We invite you to South Australia for what promises to be the most dynamic and exciting Air Medicine Conference in Australasia. Entitled "Learning from the Past - Looking to the Future".

http://www.crana.org.au/n_d.php?ID=400

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2008 AIDA Symposium - Our Culture, Our Kids, Our Future
Saturday 4 October, 2008
Darwin

Information at <http://www.aida.org.au/news.asp?id=30>

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Recruitment and Retention in the Health Workforce 08

The Refectory, Holme Building, University of Sydney
October 8th and 9th 2008, Sydney, Australia

For More Information Contact the Conference Organisers Bower Bird Information Services
Tel 61 2 4962 2588 Fax 61 2 4962 2599 Email sales@bowerbird.com
Website: <http://www.recruitmentandretention.org>

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WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY - 10 OCTOBER 2008

World Mental Health Day (WMHD) is a significant annual international event that aims to celebrate and promote mental health. WMHD has been well established in Australia since 1992. The Day is internationally coordinated by the World Federation for Mental Health and cosponsored by the World Health Organisation, a specialised agency of the United Nations. In Australia, WMHD is held in conjunction with National Mental Health Week (NMHW), which is promoted by the relevant peak mental health organisations and other organisations in each State/Territory.

Information at <http://www.mhca.com.au>

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ANTI-POVERTY WEEK

12-18 October 2008

<http://www.antipovertyweek.org.au/>

JOIN IN ANTI-POVERTY WEEK 2008

Anti-Poverty Week focuses on poverty around the world, including Australia. One of the Week's focuses this year is on the relationship between health and poverty. Its main aims are to:

- * strengthen public understanding of the causes and consequences of poverty and hardship
- * encourage research, discussion and action to address these problems.

Last year, over 300 organisations and more than 10,000 people were involved around the country. Everyone is welcome to organise activities or join in something being organised by other people. The activities can be large or small, and activities at local levels are especially welcome.

The website <http://www.antipovertyweek.org.au> includes basic fact sheets, promotional material, a calendar of activities and links to other sources of info and ideas.

For more info or to list activities on the website, contact us at 1300-797-290 or

apw@antipovertyweek.org.au

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National Preventive Health Summit

15-16 October 2008

Swissotel Sydney

Information at: tel (02) 9080-4090, info@iir.com.au

<http://iir.com.au/nphs/dm>

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WA HEALTH CONFERENCE 2008 - OUR HEALTH, OUR FUTURE

You are invited to submit an abstract to be considered for a presentation and/or poster display at the WA Health Conference 2008 to be held from 15 - 17 October 2008 at the Perth Convention Exhibition Centre.

The theme of this year's conference is Our Health, Our Future. What will our healthcare needs be in 2020 and beyond? Who will be working in WA Health? What jobs will they be doing? What are we doing, or can we do, today to lay the foundations for the healthcare system of the future?

Conference web site <http://www.wahealthconference.health.wa.gov.au>

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The 2008 School of Rural Health Research Conference

Chronic Disease Management in Rural Areas

16 October 2008

School of Rural Health, Shepparton, Victoria

More information at

<http://www.ruralhealth.unimelb.edu.au/announcements/conference/index.htm>

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You are invited to attend the 2008 Rural Brain Injury Rehabilitation Program Forum
16 and 17 October 2008

Forster Tuncurry Memorial Services Club

Abstracts should be submitted by 30 July 2008 to

Hunter.BrainInjuryUnit@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/birp/bird.html>

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The biennial ACRRM Scientific Forum will be held at Brighton Beach, Sydney 23-26
October 2008. This promises to be ACRRM's largest conference to date, comprising
workshops, academic presentations and the AGMs of ACRRM and RDAA.

Details at <http://www.acrrm.com.au/>

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17th National Conference on Incontinence - 5 to 8 November 2008 - Grand Chancellor Hotel,
Hobart

Website <http://www.continence.org.au>

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ARNM's 2008 Annual Conference

Rural Nurses and Midwives: There's No Stopping Us Now

6 - 7 November 2008

Glenelg Adelaide, South Australia

More information at <http://www.arnm.asn.au/index.php?/content/view/62/99/>

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE WOMEN'S HOSPITALS AUSTRALASIA

'Minding our P's and Q's! Partnerships and Quality in Women's Healthcare'

Wed 19 November - Friday 21 November 2008

Manly Pacific Hotel Sydney NSW

<http://www.wcha.asn.au>

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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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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 (do not "reply" to this email - send contributions to 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 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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