NRHA EXTERNAL EVALUATION: ONLINE QUESTIONNAIRE

If you haven't already done so, please fill out the NRHA External Evaluation Questionnaire

http://www.ys2.net.au/surveys/nrha.asp

It will be available online until early January. You can also download a hardcopy from the front page of our website at http://www.ruralhealth.org.au, or phone us and we'll put one in the mail to you.

JANUARY FEBRUARY TIMETABLE RURAL HEALTH EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Rural Health Education Foundation will be broadcasting four programs over the months of January and February 2008. All details including program information, panellists, broadcast times and other viewing options can be found on the Foundation's website http://www.rhef.com.au or contacting the Foundation office on 02 6232 5480.

HIV/AIDS Update: Holding the Ramparts - Live Tuesday 29th January 8:00pm AEDT (repeated Friday 1st February 12:30pm AEDT)
Continence: Children and Adolescents - pre recorded Tuesday 12th February 8:00pm AEDT (repeated Friday 15th Feb 12:30pm AEDT)
Improving Bowel Continence - pre recorded Tuesday 19th February 8:00pm AEDT (repeated Friday 22nd Feb 12:30pm AEDT)
An Ounce of Prevention: MBS Item 717, the 45-49 year old health check - pre recorded Tuesday 26th February 8:00pm AEDT (repeated Friday 29th February 12:30pm AEDT)

Note the Continence: Children and Adolescents, Improving Bowel Continence and previously broadcast Continence and Men's Health are all part of a series that will be available on DVD or VHS video. Contact the Foundation to order your copy continence@rhef.com.au

NACCHO STATEMENT
NACCHO WELCOMES NEW COMMITMENT TO INDIGENOUS REFORM

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RAMUS 2008 APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN
The 2008 round for RAMUS applications is open until 14 January 2008. Apply Online Now at https://www.nrha.net.au/ei/rs.esp?id=51&scriptid=ramlogin

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RDAA STATEMENT

Go for good health in 2008, doctors urge rural Australians

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Join friends of the Alliance in 2007. By joining friends you will receive the updated CD 'Rural and Remote Health Papers 1991-2007', a 2007 friends certificate, and regular issues of PARTYline newsletter. Membership of friends would also give you the opportunity to be involved more closely with the Alliance's information dissemination and policy work. You will become part of a group of people who contribute to and support the work of the National Rural Health Alliance.

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PARTYline Newsletter

The Alliance's newsletter, PARTYline, is a means of exchanging information between those with an interest in rural health, including friends of the Alliance, health consumers, health professionals, students and policy makers. Contributors report on their personal rural experiences, on programs with which they have been involved, provide information on new initiatives and resources, and it is a vehicle for opinions on rural health issues and events.

PARTYline has a print circulation around Australia of 13,000 and is also available on-line below. PARTYline readily accepts contributions from readers - articles (up to 500 words) and photographs can be sent to partyline@ruralhealth.org.au

Partyline No 31 is now available. It contains articles from the Minister for Health and Ageing and Shadow Minister for Health, as well other material related to the election. It includes success stories in health service delivery in rural areas, reports on the Croc Fest and Garma Festival, community health education programs and other resources and news. Included with Partyline is a hardcopy of the Alliance's Key Priorities document as well as our 2008 calendar.

The electronic version of Partyline is also available in the 'Publications' section of our website at http://nrha.ruralhealth.org.au/publications/?IntContId=57&IntCatId=6
If you don't receive Partyline but would like to, send your contact details to nrha@ruralhealth.org.au and let us know if you'd prefer a hard copy in the mail or email notification of its availability on the webpage.

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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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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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CURRENT ISSUE OF eMJA, 19 November 2007
(Available at http://www.mja.com.au/)
Rapid online publication, 19 November 2007
α-Hydroxybutyrate poisoning from toy beads

Double Christmas issue: 3/17 December 2007
MJA 2007: gaining momentum
It's time for change and resolve
The first 100 days: an open letter to the new Minister for Health
4th International AIDS Society Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention
The Northern Territory Emergency Response: a chance to heal Australia's worst sore
The Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory: engaging with the intervention to improve primary health care
Protecting little children's health - or not?
In the name of the children
The Northern Territory intervention: voices from the centre of the fringe
Shamed by the lack of a meaningful dialogue
Emergency department overcrowding: dying to get in?
Characteristics and outcomes of patients who "did not wait" after attending Perth public hospital emergency departments, 2000-2003
Deck the halls with rows of trolleys . . . emergency departments are busiest over the Christmas holiday period
Inside the emergency department
Cardiac arrest and chewing gum - an unfortunate combination
Health care down the drain
Sharing the secrets of success: conversations with the Medical Journal of Australia / Wyeth Research Award winners, 1995-2006
The forgotten successes and sacrifices of Charles Kellaway, director of the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute, 1923-1944
The Oxford Health Alliance: a risky business?
What are governments for?
Is caffeine in soft drinks really necessary?
Can food and beverage companies help improve population health? Some insights from PepsiCo
The way we live in our cities
Morbidity and mortality during heatwaves in metropolitan Adelaide
Arthroplasty tourism
Personal carbon trading: a potential "stealth intervention" for obesity reduction?
Ingredient and nutrition information labelling of alcoholic beverages: do consumers want it?
Mitigating the health impacts of a natural disaster - the June 2007 long-weekend storm in the Hunter region of New South Wales
A food "lifeboat": food and nutrition considerations in the event of a pandemic or other catastrophe
Hospital pandemic preparedness: health care workers' opinions on working during a pandemic
The deaf and doctors: a shepherd's two flocks
Reaching out with a hand of help
Education programs at the new Australian School of Advanced Medicine at Macquarie University
Medical specialist education and training in Australia
Patient privacy and Latin
Snow - at Christmas
An outbreak of illness in poultry and humans in 16th century Indonesia
The colonoscope strikes back: a diverticular Darth Vader
"Australian" lymphoma
A beginner's guide to criticism
On the breeding of coauthors: just call me Al
Memoria manuum - handprints
Clinical examination is still good: suck it and see
Recently in the emergency department: chest x-ray of a repeatedly resuscitated object
Doctors in satirical prints and cartoons
We three kings and Christmas trees: pharmacotherapy from presents and diseases from decorations
Teaching Tamil Tigers
The fight for a life-saving drug: a personal perspective
From the diary of a novice physician

DIVERSITY IN HEALTH CONFERENCE

The Diversity in Health 2008: Strengths and Sustainable Solutions Conference (DIH 2008)
will be the major event in diversity health in Australia for 2008.

The international conference will be held at the premier conference site at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, from 10-12 March 2008. DIH 2008 will bring national and international leaders in the health industry together to showcase new and innovative approaches to providing quality health care for Australia's diverse communities. The conference will consider, review and develop strengths and sustainable solutions in the overall approach to health and well-being of culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

To register or to find out more about this momentous event, please go to: http://www.dhi.gov.au/conference. Brochures can be downloaded off the website or you can contact the Conference Secretariat on Tel +61 2 9840 3800 Fax +61 2 9840 3319, or email dhi@swahs.health.nsw.gov.au

2008 NATIONAL NUTRITION NETWORKS CONFERENCE

The National Nutrition Networks '08 Conference
11 - 14 March 2008
Alice Springs Convention Centre, Northern Territory

This conference will be of interest to those working in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nutrition. Mark these dates in your diary now!


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THE WORLD CONGRESS OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
Perth, March 26 to 29, 2008.

You are invited to register for the World Congress of Health Professions, to be hosted by the Metropolitan Allied Health Council Inc and the Allied Health Alliance of WA at the Perth Convention Centre in Perth, March 26th to 29th 2008.

The title of the congress is "The Future Now : Challenges and Opportunities in Health". The congress philosophy is to open possibilities for health professionals from around the globe, inclusive of all cultures and disciplines, through the dissemination of information, the development of networks and forums, and the evolution of cultural and professional exchange.
The Congress has five themes:
Global Challenges and World Health
Innovations in Service Delivery
Workforce and Training Developments
Demands and Opportunities
The Impact of New Technology on Health Care

Who should attend: Allied Health, Diagnostic and Scientific Professionals, Medical Practitioners, Nurses, Health Educators & Researchers, Clinical Managers, Health Executives, Community Based Clinicians, Population Health Professionals, Policy Makers, Private Health Industry Providers and Health Promotion Practitioners.

This is a great opportunity for us to share our achievements and learn from others at home and abroad during this exciting period of reform and significant change.

The World Congress of Health Professions Organising Committee is pleased to announce that EARLY BIRD REGISTRATIONS have been extended to JANUARY 31st 2008.

To register for the Congress please visit http://www.worldhealthcongress.org/info-registration.php. Queries about registration should be directed to Events WA on 9248-5788.

10th INTERNATIONAL PAEDIATRIC AND CHILD HEALTH NURSING CONFERENCE

The 10th International Paediatric and Child Health Nursing Conference is to be held at the Holiday Inn Esplanade and Darwin Entertainment Centre, Northern Territory, from Wednesday, 30 April to Friday, 2 May 2008. The conference is being hosted by the Australian Confederation of Paediatric and Child Health Nurses. The conference is expected to attract between 200 and 400 delegates from across Australia and abroad.

Through the implementation of the theme "Crossing barriers", this conference aims to illustrate that barriers can and must be crossed to improve health outcomes for children and young people. The conference aims are: to advance paediatric and child health nursing's contribution to health care and facilitate the dissemination of evidence highlighting effective nursing interventions to arise the profile of the benefits of interdisciplinary collaboration to identify future directions for paediatric and child health nursing to provide a forum that stimulates debate and collegiality.

For more information please visit the conference website at http://www.ipchnconference.com.au or by contacting the conference secretariat via email at info@ipchnconference.com.au or by telephone +61 7 3858 5503.

ETHICAL RESPONSIVENESS - 2008 NATIONAL CONFERENCE
You are invited to attend the third national conference for the Australian College for Child and Family Protection Practitioners in Adelaide.

The conference theme "Ethical Responsiveness" reflects the broad contexts of Australian child and family practice. Workers in the child and family welfare sectors are generally ethical and responsive. This conference celebrates the work done by both statutory and non-government agencies alike in supporting vulnerable children, young people and their families. As debates continue within the child and family welfare system about the effectiveness of strategies to support vulnerable children, the professions are instead struggling to reconcile the need for appropriate supportive relationships with clients against ever increasing compliance bureaucracy. This conference supports the presentation and testing of practice frameworks and is interested in hearing about approaches which make a real difference to people's lives. Conversely presentations on practice issues are also welcomed to improve the evidence base of the profession.

Early bird Registration closes 7 March, 2008

The Conference secretariat is based at the Mackay Offices of Relate Human Services, PO Box 1401, Mackay 4740, Phone 07-49575400 Fax 07-49575488
Email: accfpp@bigpond.net.au

From: Rogan McMahon-Hogan
Subject: National Deafness Summit 08

The Deafness Forum of Australia is pleased to announce that registrations are now open for the 2008 National Deafness Sector Summit which will be hosted in Canberra 24-25 May 2008. These biennial summits are a fantastic opportunity for disability professionals, carers and the Deaf and hearing impaired community to learn about new developments in the sector, a chance to discuss issues, network and catch up with old friends. The previous summit held in Perth in 2006 was very successful, and we look forward to more success in 2008. Further information is available through the Deafness Forum Website, http://www.deafnessforum.org.au or via email info@deafnessforum.org.au

INAUGURAL RURAL AND REMOTE HEALTH SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM

6-8 July 2008, Brisbane

POPULATION HEALTH CONGRESS 2008
A Global World - Practical action for health and Well-being

The Population Health Congress 2008 will be held on July 6-9 in the Brisbane Convention
and exhibition Centre. Regular updates on Congress 2008 will be available at http://www.populationhealthcongress.org.au - log on to register your interest.

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2008 SARRAH CONFERENCE

27-30 August 2008, Yepoon. Details can be found on SARRAH’s website at http://www.sarrah.org.au

10th NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH CONFERENCE
The 10th National Rural Health Conference will be held in Cairns in May 2009. Keep an eye on our website at http://nrha.ruralhealth.org.au/conferences/docs/10thNRHC/10thNRHC.htm for up-to-date information about the Conference. The first announcement will be the Call for Abstracts in early 2008.

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