

The CCRE 'Wake Up Call' Bulletin No. 30

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Related Items

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Hello all,

Apologies for items that may have passed by the time that you receive this. Please share this others who may be interested.

Kind Regards,

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Some key items in this edition :

➤ "Australian Aboriginal people have the worst ear disease rate of any race in the world by a multiple of two or three. It's a national shame." – see item 7 in **Research & News** section.

➤ The latest edition of **Flinders Aboriginal Health Research e-news** - now available – item 9 of **Research & News** section.

➤ **CCRE Pilot Run of Research Course for Indigenous People in Health**

The CCRE and the AHCSA ran the first week long workshop for the Certificate IV in *Indigenous Research Capacity Building*, in early September (last week). We are piloting the course for James Cook

University, which accredited the course but have not run it themselves.

There are 12 students enrolled, in this first year, from a range of backgrounds including senior Aboriginal Health Workers and administrators, Board members of Aboriginal Health Services, community based volunteers and a free lance journalist. Alwin Chong, Kim O'Donnell, Georgie Stamp and Geraldine Anderson are among the researchers who spoke to the class about their work. Jerry Moller and the Flinders University librarian Jess Tyndall demonstrated some useful internet sites where the students could find material of relevance to their projects.

The process of research is learned by actually conducting a small research project in the students' areas of personal or professional interest. For example, two of the topics being pursued are:

- 'An Aboriginal cardiovascular patient's journey through the health system: what Health Workers skills are needed to ensure a safe trip?' and

- 'Why aren't women coming any more to a regional Aboriginal Women's Group? How can they be engaged again while maintaining a partnership with the local hospital.'

We will learn from the experiences of this first group about how to improve the course for future offerings.

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1. **Interventions to halt child abuse in Aboriginal communities**

Editorial about the Commonwealth Intervention in Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory, in Medical Journal of Australia (MJA) by Ian T Ring and Mark Wenitong (MJA 2007; 187 (4): 204-205):

"The discussion that followed the Howard Government's announcement has not been about whether there is a need to act — some of these interventions, in particular increased policing and better health services, have been called for by these NT communities for many years — but there has been debate about the way in which action should be taken."

http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/187_04_20_0807/rin10803_fm.html

2. **Doctor criticises Indigenous child health checks**, 31.8.07, ABC News Online

"A doctor from a Northern Territory Indigenous community has spoken out against the Federal Government's child health checks.

"More than 200 people packed into a Darwin church last night to voice concerns over the Commonwealth's intervention in Northern Territory Indigenous communities."

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2007/08/31/2020269.htm>

3. **New articles in Rural and Remote Health**

'GP perceptions of workforce shortage in a rural setting'

The shortage of GPs in rural and remote Australia is well known to readers of this Journal. Is this just the whinging of a profession that has had it pretty good in recent years? This study from a regional centre in New South Wales, Australia, suggests otherwise. Using a unique before-and-after design, the researchers find the local GPs are very sensitive to increases in the total GP workforce. The addition of a modest number of extra GPs and surgeries, among other workforce changes, improved their perception of their workload. This suggests that monitoring GP perceptions could be a value tool in workforce planning.

<http://www.rrh.org.au/articles/showarticlenew.asp?ArticleID=720>

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'Diabetes screening of children in a remote First Nations community on the west coast of Canada: challenges and solutions'

Extreme makeovers are popular today. Extreme makeovers are also required when research involves the extremes of climate and geography. Readers should enjoy this walk through problem solving far beyond the usual statistical dimensions.

<http://www.rrh.org.au/articles/showarticlenew.asp?ArticleID=771>

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'Child abuse and the 'Little Children are Sacred' Report: a rural paediatrician's perspective'

Where are the children? That is the question rural paediatrician Dr Peter Jones wants answered. This letter is a part of the series from people with personal or professional insight into the emergency measures imposed on remote Aboriginal communities in response to charges of child abuse. Peter reflects on his 18 years of professional experience and questions how the 'emergency response' will actually improve the situation for abused and neglected children and their families.

<http://www.rrh.org.au/articles/showarticlenew.asp?ArticleID=856>

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'Out back and out-of-whack: issues related to the experience of early psychosis in the New England region, New South Wales, Australia'

A rural setting can add an layer of complexity to detecting early psychosis, potentially delaying treatment, with implications for immediate and long-term outcome. This project report from rural New South Wales, Australia, describes a novel approach to harnessing existing rural community strengths to assist those on the brink of psychosis.

<http://www.rrh.org.au/articles/showarticlenew.asp?ArticleID=715>

4. **NT womens shelter runs out of funding**, 22.8.07, ABC TV Lateline

Locals in the central Australian community of Yuendumu say a program protecting women from domestic violence is under threat because of uncertainty over government funding.

<http://www.abc.net.au/lateline/content/2007/s2012611.htm>

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5. "An analysis of the training and information options to support chronic condition prevention and self-management in primary health care"

National survey of primary health care workers
Dear Colleague,

We are conducting a national project for the Commonwealth regarding training and information options to support chronic condition prevention and chronic condition self-management (CCSM). An important part of the project is finding out what training is already available for PHC workers and what they would like to have available. A national electronic survey is being widely distributed to primary health care workers via professional bodies and key PHC organisations and we encourage you to go have your say, but your involvement is completely voluntary.

We expect that the survey will take about 5 minutes for primary health care (PHC) professionals who have no or little training in prevention and chronic condition self-management and a maximum of 20 minutes for those who do have some training. If you wish to check on the ethics approval letter, you can view this when you go to the website below.

If you do not wish to complete this survey online you can print it off as a document from the website and send the completed survey to us at:

C/o PHC Survey, FHBHRU, GPO Box 2100, Adelaide, SA, 5001.

We look forward to receiving your response. Please note that the final date for return of the survey is 3rd October 2007.

Please click on the link:

<http://flinders.andreaslustig.com/surveys/needsassessment/> (primary health care worker)

We are also conducting an audit of what is currently available from a wide variety of training organisations that provide professional development in the areas of chronic condition prevention and self-management. If you are a training provider we would welcome your responses to the following survey:

<http://flinders.andreaslustig.com/surveys/needsassessment2> (training provider)

Thank you for your time and interest.

Regards, Merelyn

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6. Northern Territory 'Bush Book'

The first edition of this book was produced in 1999, by the Northern Territory government.

From the web site where you can access, and or order copies, it says:

"The Northern Territory Public Health Bush Book is a valuable resource of two volumes, for those who work in remote Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory. It is written by those who have worked in and with remote community health care teams."

The web-site address is

http://www.nt.gov.au/health/healthdev/health_promotion/bushbook/bushbook_toc.shtml

The following is a link to the chapter about alcohol and other drugs:

http://www.nt.gov.au/health/healthdev/health_promotion/bushbook/volume2/chap1/index.html

provides access to the 'Bush Book' a valuable resource for health care workers dealing with the specific problems associated with understanding of the range of health issues in the indigenous population including a chapter on alcohol and other drugs.

7. Falling on deaf ears, 10.9.07, Courier Mail

Queensland ear, nose and throat surgeon Chris Perry said nine in 10 Aboriginal children had significant hearing loss because of chronic ear infections yet the problem had been largely ignored by governments for half a century.

And, "Australian Aboriginal people have the worst ear disease rate of any race in the world by a multiple of two or three. It's a national shame."

And "You need to train up indigenous healthcare workers to look after a discharging ear and to know when a child should be referred on to surgery."

<http://www.news.com.au/couriermail/story/0,23739,22389143-5003426,00.html>

8. Gynaecologist urges more health support for indigenous women, 10.9.07, ABC Message Stick

A Northern Territory gynaecologist has called on the Federal Government to provide more health support for indigenous women. A national fertility conference ...

http://abc.net.au/message/news/stories/ms_news_2029063.htm

9. The latest edition of Flinders Aboriginal Health Research e-news - now available at

<http://aboriginalhealth.flinders.edu.au/Newsletters/2007/News1207.html>

Please feel free to forward this on to others who might be interested, and let us know about other relevant items. Previous issues are available on our website. If you would like to be added to our mailing list or do not wish to receive Flinders Aboriginal Health Research news in future, please contact theresa.leach@flinders.edu.au

10. Hundreds protest against intervention,
16.9.07, Northern Territory News

HUNDREDS of people rallied in Darwin yesterday to protest against the Federal Government's indigenous intervention.

Larrakia people, elders, legal professionals, the anti-discrimination commissioner, and aspiring and current parliamentarians spoke explaining the legislation's legal and social implications.

http://www.ntnews.com.au/article/2007/09/16/2069_ntnews.html

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Conferences / Forums

1. Don Dunstan 2007 Human Rights Oration - Presented by Tom Calma

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner and Acting Race Discrimination Commissioner

Join us on *National Close the Gap Day* to hear how, with long term and practical solutions, we can close the 17-year life gap between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and other Australians.

DATE: Tuesday 18th September 2007

TIME: 6.45pm for 7.00pm start

VENUE: Union Hall, University of Adelaide (enter off Victoria Drive)

COST: \$20, \$15 DDF Subscribers, concession and groups 5+

ONLINE BOOKINGS:

<http://mybookingmanager.com/projects/index.cfm?pid=380>

2. The Combined APSAD and Cutting Edge Addiction Conference, 2007

Aotea Centre, Auckland, New Zealand, 4-7 November, 2007

The Combined APSAD and Cutting Edge Addiction Conference ("The Combined Conference") has come about through the vision of Professor Ann Roche in Australia and Dr Murray Hunt in New Zealand. It represents the

coming together of the main treatment-orientated addiction conferences in the two countries; a special one-off trans-Tasman cooperative event for 2007. Every country can be considered a natural experiment on how to best cope with modern human problems, such as addiction. Combined national meetings, such as The Combined Conference, present a unique opportunity for comparing and contrasting national understandings and solutions to these problems.

The Main Theme of The Combined Conference is "Two Nations, Ten Cultures?"

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3. For Our Children 'Ngadluko Ngartunnaitya', Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC), 2007 National Conference

19 to 21 September 2007 Adelaide Convention Centre

Early bird registration until 31 July

For program and registration details see <http://www.snaicc.asn.au/>

Contact the Conference Secretariat :Sharyn Low Phone: 02 4572 3079, Fax: 02 8580 5089, Email: sharynlow@pacific.net.au

Post: SNAICC, PO Box 4242, Pitt Town, NSW 2756

Conference features:

Keynote speakers – international and Australian
Choose from 30 concurrent sessions including stories, case studies, papers and workshops
Displays, children's art space, audiovisuals

Invited International Keynote Speakers:

Cindy Blackstock from Canada is a member of the Gitksan Nation. Cindy is the Co-convenor of the Indigenous Sub Group of The NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Terry L Cross from the United States is an enrolled member of the Seneca Nation of Indians and is the founder, and Executive Director of the National Indian Child Welfare Association.

Invited Australian Speakers:

Muriel Bamblett - Chairperson of the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care and Chief Executive Officer of the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency.

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Jack Beetson - former Executive Director of the Tranby Aboriginal College and now runs 'Linga Longa' to make a difference in the lives of Street-kids.

Brian Butler - interim Chairperson of the National Indigenous Disability Network Working Party and State Representative of the Aboriginal Disability Network.

Tom Calma - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner and acting Race Discrimination Commissioner.

Tania Major - Youth Development Project Officer at the Cape York Institute for Policy and Leadership and 2007 Young Australian of the Year.

Dr Helen Milroy - Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist at the Bentley Family Clinic and Families At Work residential programme and Associate Professor and Director for the Centre for Aboriginal Medical and Dental Health (CAMDH) at UWA.

Dr Chris Sarra - is a leader in Indigenous education, and Director of the Indigenous Education Leadership Institute based at Cherbourg, Queensland.

Some Workshop Presenters - Kathy Abbott - established the Health Workers Association of the Northern Territory and operates Akeyulerre a traditional healing service.

Professor Judy Atkinson - Chair of the College of Indigenous Australian Peoples at Southern Cross University and author of Trauma Trails – Recreating Songlines: The Transgenerational Effects of Trauma in Indigenous Australia.

Craig Hammond - Engaging Fathers Program, Family Action Centre University of Newcastle

4. 4th National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Male Health Convention

1st & 2nd October 2007

Hyatt Regency Adelaide, North Terrace, Adelaide

Contact: Bookabee Australia Pty Ltd

Ph/Fax: (08) 8235 9954 Mobile: 0408 209 593 / 0434 161 421

Email: lele@bookabee.com.au

MC: Professor Peter Buckskin PSM, FACE

Theme: 40th Anniversary of the 1967 Referendum - 40 Years of Rights

Early bird registrations - \$400 plus GST per delegate (If paid on or before 31 July 2007)

Standard registrations -\$450 plus GST per delegate (If paid after 31 July 2007 and before 31 August 2007)

Single Day only: Monday or Tuesday \$250 (includes GST) per delegate

Convention Dinner: \$55 per head (includes GST)

Standard and Day only registrations close on 31 August 2007

Program, registration form and other details available at this web-page:

<http://www.ahcsa.org.au/content/30>

5. National Conference on Racism in a Global Context

Deadlines for submissions and early bird registrations for the National Conference on Racism in a Global Context have been extended.

* New submission deadline: 17 Sept 2007.

* New early bird registration deadline : early bird registrations must be received before 24 September 2007.

See the web site for more information

<http://ncrgc.murdoch.edu.au/>

On November 9 to 11 this year Murdoch University and partners are hosting the National Conference on Racism in a Global Context (NCRGC).

This unique three day conference aims to inform and encourage broad thought and debate about racism and discrimination, and to spark positive action to advance the fight against racism in Australia.

Conference sessions will be grouped around three key thematic areas - Contexts, Narratives, Experiences - and include a series of plenary addresses, individual presentations, panel discussions, interactive workshops, and community forums.

6. Healthy Weight Short Course

Are you concerned about the growing problem of overweight and obesity in South Australia?

Would you like to do more about:

- 1. prevention of overweight and obesity*
- 2. best practice in promoting healthy eating, physical activity and breastfeeding and*
- 3. combating chronic diseases related to overweight and obesity?*

The ABHI (Australian Better Health Imitative) Healthy Weight Short Course is for health professionals who work with children, families and communities at risk of overweight and obesity, especially in primary health care and community care settings.

The course aims to build capacity to respond to the issue of healthy weight by building knowledge about the issues, exploring best practice approaches and identifying opportunities for incorporating these into your work. It will:

- Explore individual, environmental and social issues associated with overweight and obesity;
- Introduce guidelines and recommendations for healthy eating, physical activity and breastfeeding;

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- Improve knowledge of the relationship between physical activity, healthy eating and breastfeeding and improved health of the population;
- Give an overview of South Australian healthy eating, physical activity, breastfeeding and healthy weight programs;
- Consider opportunities for integrating healthy weight thinking into existing practice.

Date and time: Wednesday September 26th 2007 9.00 am-5.00 pm.

Venue: Staff Lounge, Block C, TAFE SA Port Adelaide Campus, Mundy St Port Adelaide

Lunch and refreshments provided, parking off Nile St. free all day.

RSVP: Jill.Hadley@tafesa.edu.au by Monday September 17th

Australian Better Health Initiative: A joint Australian, State and Territory government initiative

7. Cultural Heritage, Social Justice and Ethical Globalisation - A World Archaeological Congress Symposium

28 – 29 Sept., Hetzel Lecture Theatre, Institute Building, State Library, North Terrace, Adelaide, South Australia

"There is far too little sense that we are all in this together. Failure to establish shared values and ethical standards in national and international decision-making is at the heart of the divides and controversy surrounding globalization. Although global markets, transportation and communication increasingly connect us, we are increasingly divided between rich and poor, North and South, religious and secular, them and us." (Mary Robinson, UN Human Rights High Commissioner, 31st December, 2003)

This symposium will address the issues raised by Mary Robinson within the context of archaeology, cultural heritage, and related disciplines. This public symposium will consider the shape that might be taken by an archaeology that engages more directly with social justice and ethical globalization issues.

While presentation in this symposium is by invitation only, we encourage members of the general public to attend these important discussions. Drawing on case studies and theoretical developments in countries as diverse as Nigeria, Poland, Ireland, South Africa, Cameroon, Spain, the US, Australia and Argentina, this public symposium will critically examine social justice and ethical globalisation issues, with an eye to the development of World Archaeological Congress policy.

More information at the web-site:

http://www.worldarchaeologicalcongress.org/site/symposium_07.php#top

8. Asthma Foundation SA Health Professional Courses

The Asthma Foundation of SA invites you to participate in our range of Health Professional Courses offered from August – December 2007. The Foundation has recently expanded its services into all areas of respiratory health, and now offers the following health professional programs:

- Respiratory Management Course for Health Professionals (3-day) : August 29th – 31st , November 28th – 30th
- Spirometry Workshop for Health Professionals (1-day) : September 6th (FULL) , November 1st
- COPD Workshop for Health Professionals (1-day) : December 14th

The aim of each program is to improve awareness and understanding of asthma and other respiratory diseases, and to develop skills to effectively manage people with respiratory conditions. Keynote presenters address specialty areas such as pharmacology, spirometry, paediatric management, pulmonary rehabilitation, sleep apnoea, physiotherapy and dietetics.

For further information on Health Professional Courses, please contact me at the Asthma Foundation.

Regards

Simon

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9. 5th Health Services and Policy Research Conference

Listening to the Past. Looking to the Future: How can Health Services Research contribute to assessing fads and fashions in health policy and practice?

Convened by the Health Services Research Association of Australia and New Zealand
2 - 5 December 2007, Auckland

Conference web-site:

<http://chsrp.fmhs.auckland.ac.nz/health/conferece2007/index.php>

If you have any queries about conference arrangements, please contact:

The Conference Company, PO Box 90040, Auckland, New Zealand

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10. Closing the Gap: National Workshop on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health, Sydney Wednesday 3 October 2007

The RACGP Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Unit is pleased to announce that we will be convening another national meeting for those working in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health on Wednesday 3 October 2007 in conjunction with the RACGP ASC in Sydney, 5 to 7 October 2007. This meeting, funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing, will be convened by a reference group including representation from key Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and general practice organisations, and will provide an opportunity for participants to network with and learn from each other.

The 40th anniversary year of the 1967 referendum has been marked by a strong call from many leading organisations to 'Close the Gap' in health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This national meeting will provide a focus for grass roots health care providers in optimising the role we play in 'Closing the Gap'.

To express an interest in attending this meeting and provide us with information about your needs of the meeting as well as what you can contribute to the meeting visit www.racgp.org.au/aboriginalhealthunit/survey.

Should you prefer a faxed copy of this form, you may contact Rachel Pow on Tel: 03 8699 0524 or Email: rachel.pow@racgp.org.au

11. Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association Symposium – 2007

Date: Sat, 29 September 2007
Venue: The Shores, West Beach, Adelaide
Please refer any questions to Susan Granger by emailing susan@aida.org.au or phoning 1800 190 498
Flier available on AIDA web-site:
<http://www.aida.org.au/news.php?id=45>

12. 38th Public Health Association of Australia Annual Conference: Reality Check, Inequities & Health, Tackling the Differentials - Alice Springs 2007

23-26 September 2007
Alice Springs Convention Centre
Mparntwe (Alice Springs)
Conference web-site:
<http://www.phaa.net.au/annualconference38.php>

Further information about the conference can be obtained by contacting the PHAA Secretariat via email: conference@phaa.net.au
Telephone: +61 (0)2 6285 2373
Fax +61 (0)2 6282 5438

13. Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services Council is having their Kimberley Aboriginal Health Summit, "Sharing Community Way"

31 Oct – 2 Nov, 2007, Cable Beach Club Resort Sam Male Rooms, Broome.

We are still in the early stages of summit development, yet most of the necessary information required for those wishing to attend is on the KAMSC web page
http://www.kamsc.org.au/kahs_home.html

14. THE LIME CONNECTION II, Leaders in Indigenous Medical Education

"Cultures across the Indigenous health spectrum: achieving better outcomes."

Sunday 23 – Tuesday 25 September 2007
University of New South Wales, Sydney
NEW SPEAKERS ANNOUNCED!

The LIME Connection II is delighted to announce the latest speaker additions:

DR. HELEN MILROY – Australia; Associate Professor & Director for the Centre for Aboriginal Medical and Dental Health (CAMDH) University of Western Australia.

MS. SUZANNE PITAMA – New Zealand; Maori Health Lecturer; Director, Maori/Indigenous Health Institute (MIHI); The University of Otago, Christchurch, New Zealand

PROF. KEN WYATT – Australia; Director of Indigenous Health for the Department of Health for New South Wales

For further details on the conference program go to:

<http://www.limenetwork.net.au/conference/program>

Scholarships

1. Mental Health Postgraduate Scholarship Scheme: Mental Health Nursing

The Mental Health Postgraduate Scholarship Scheme: Mental Health Nursing, is a long term initiative funded by the Australian Government to encourage and support people interested in undertaking postgraduate study in mental health nursing. The aim of the Scheme is to address the current shortage of qualified mental health professionals by increasing the number of nurses who enter and complete their study in

mental health nursing. The Scheme will assist students commencing in 2008 in meeting their accommodation, living and travel costs whilst at university.

Scholarships worth **up to \$10,000 per annum** for full time study and up to \$5,000 per annum for part time study (up to a maximum of \$40,000) are available for the usual duration of the course of study.

Application packs (including eligibility criteria) are available to download from the Royal College of Nursing, Australia website: <http://www.rcna.org.au/pages/mentalhealth.php>

Closing date for applications is **Friday 28 September 2007**.

Other Notices

1. There are **three positions** going at the **Aboriginal Elders Village** :

- one is for a person who is interested in working in Aged Care, who has their Cert 3 in Aged Care along with police clearance.
- they are also looking for an Enrolled Nurse to work in their facility. This position is Part time, it involves weekends and on call work.
- and thirdly, they are looking for a person who is interested in working as a Cook. This position is Part time. The person must have a certificate 3 in Hospitality (Commercial Cookery).

If you are interested in any of these positions please ring Lesley on 82871454.

Thank you,
Teresa Branson, CNS

2. **Little Athletics for Indigenous children**

for the first time in Australia Come & Try Little Athletics day for Indigenous children aged 3 - 17years

9am - 3pm, Thursday, October 11
SANTOS STADIUM

We urgently need to get registrations for catering purposes and the free show-bags and 'give-aways'.

Andrew McLeod: "I competed in Little Athletics as a young fella in Darwin and loved it. I think it has helped my football over the years & I encourage any young kids considering joining to give it a go. You won't be sorry"

"Little Athletics is a Sport for young athletes of all abilities and encourages all Young Athletes to 'Be Your Best'. Little Athletics promotes positive attitudes through participation in running, jumping and throwing events that are the basis for any sport.

Give Little Athletics a go, develop your skills at your own pace and learn a variety of events with modified equipment and maybe one day you could be an elite Sports Person like – Cathy Freeman, Joshua Ross, Jana Pittman, Matt Shirvington, Ronald Garlett, Kyle Van Der Kuyt, Alexis Turner (Athletes) Andrew McLeod, Danyle Pearce, Brett Burton, Warren Tredrea, Nigel Smart, Shane Crawford (Football) Laura & Natalie Von Bertouch, Bianca Reddy, Kirby Mutton (Netball) Greg Blewett, (Cricket) Erin Phillips (Basketball) Lleyton Hewitt (Tennis) and many more had their start at Little Athletics.

If you need more information or assistance – contact: Lesley 8416 7387, Glennis 8416 7362 or Deb 8416 7378.

3. **Living Beyond Suicide**

Greetings,

Most people in South Australia know someone who has suicided. The Australian Government has recognised the traumatic impact this has on families and their communities and have funded a new service: Living Beyond Suicide.

I am contacting you today to request your help in letting people in your networks know about this opportunity to provide practical and emotional support to families bereaved through suicide, by joining a supportive team as a volunteer.

Free training will begin mid October, 2007 and be spread over a few days on weekends and or evenings – a time that suit the volunteers.

Brochures will be available shortly by contacting me if you'd like some fliers posted to you.

Living Beyond Suicide is a statewide service which is based at Anglicare's Loss and Grief Centre at Hindmarsh. Initial teams will work within the metropolitan area and then expand to regional, remote and indigenous communities in time.

Anglicare's website has some helpful resources and free downloads you may like to also direct people to.

THANK YOU for whatever you are able to do to 'get the word out' – we will be accepting referrals by December, 2007.

With warm regards,

Ali Laslett

Coordinator: Living Beyond Suicide

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www.anglicare-sa.org.au

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4. **Launch of the HEALTH CALL CENTRE Website**

www.health.sa.gov.au/sahealthcallcentre

CCRE "Wake Up Call" Bulletin

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Related Items

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The SA Health Call Centre Project website is being launched today.

The health call centre service is a free call service that will enable South Australians to access health information and advice 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The service is provided by the National Health Call Centre Network and is called 'Health Direct Australia.'

This website will enable the broader community to access information about the Health Call Centre Project in South Australia. It complements an intranet site about the service that was launched in early 2006, which has been a valuable information source to Department of Health employees.

The website provides an overview of the health call centre service and contains information on:

- why we are having a health call centre service
- how the service will work
- what services will be available, who it is for and when to call
- how the National Health Call Centre Network provides the service
- benefits to other health services and the South Australian community
- benefits of participating in a joint project with other states and territories.

It also includes fact sheets and provides links to other websites, media articles and related documents.

DR DAVID PANTER

Executive Director
Statewide Service Strategy

5. Unsung heroes working with you in diabetes

Nominations close Friday 28 September!

Dear healthcare professional,

Time's running out to nominate the unsung heroes working with you in diabetes! We need your completed forms faxed or mailed to us BY 5.00pm, FRIDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2007.

Don't miss this opportunity to highlight the commitment of a dedicated co-worker – they stand to win \$1,000 and certainly deserve the recognition for going the extra mile for their patients.

Completed, signed forms can be faxed or mailed to Inspirational Journeys, c/- PO Box 162, Rosebery NSW 1445.

It's easy to nominate! Simply visit www.inspirationaljourneys.com.au to download a copy of the form.

If you have any questions, you can contact the co-ordinators at Cube on ph: 02 9578 2054.

6. Aboriginal Women's Leadership & Pampering Day

Are you a young pregnant or a new Mum

Come along to an Aboriginal Women's Leadership & Pampering Day

Date: Wednesday 26th September

Time: 10am- 2.30 pm

Where: Dale Street Women's Health Centre, 47 Dale St, Port Adelaide

Limited Childcare & Transport available

Must book early

Lunch & refreshments provided

All women receive a baby's goodie bag with a gift for mum

For more information Contact Rosalie at The Aboriginal Outreach Health Service.

Ph: 8334 8417

In partnership with the department of Families, Community Service and Indigenous Affairs (FaCSIA) Indigenous Women's Community Leadership Program