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Dear all,

Please find below, on the next few pages, our latest CCRE Email Bulletin, ***The Wake Up Call***.

Kind Regards,

Glenn Giles,

CCRE Translation Officer

You may be interested to know that the Margaret Tobin Awards were announced on October 10, 2007. Here is information about the award in the Aboriginal section:

Margaret Tobin Awards
Aboriginal Award
Excellence in the Provision of Mental Health
Services for Those Most In Need or Most At
Risk
Winner:
The Regional Aboriginal Men's Support
Group (Riverland)

AHCSA - MEDIA RELEASE

19 October 2007

Howard's Backflip on Indigenous Recognition is NOT the Key to Reconciliation

John Howard's decision to overturn more than a decade of resisting the recognition of

Australia's Indigenous people is welcome news for many Indigenous Australians but it is not an apology says Chief Executive Officer of the Aboriginal Health Council of SA Inc., Mary Buckskin.

The symbolism of a nation saying 'Sorry' for past wrongs against its Indigenous people is vital to the process of reconciliation.

From the very outset of colonisation, Indigenous Australians have been subject to laws which have been specifically designed to dispossess them of their lands, prevent them from practising their culture and basically to wipe out a race of people.

Many Indigenous Australians continue to suffer from the policies of previous Australian governments and the current Howard government has the perfect opportunity to set the healing process in motion.

The recent judgement in favour of Bruce Trevorrow, a victim of the Stolen Generations, did not open a flood-gate of litigation. Similarly, the symbolic gesture of apologising to the nation's Indigenous people for the wrongdoings of past governments won't result in a flood of litigation.

The Prime Minister has two choices. One is to withhold an apology and wait until someone like Bruce Trevorrow is successful in bringing action against the Australian government. The other is to apologise and let the healing and reconciliation process begin.

Then the Prime Minister should genuinely engage with all Indigenous Australians. The Aboriginal Health Council of SA Inc. along with other National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation affiliates would be pleased to introduce John Howard and his government to the real Aboriginal Australia.

It's time for an apology!

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Research & News Items

1. Please find below a link to the 10th edition of the **CRCAH** (Co-operative Research Centre in Aboriginal Health) **newsletter, Gwalwa-Gai**.
This edition has a strong editorial by Dr Chris Sara, Aboriginal educator and leader from and in Cherbourg, Queensland.
<http://www.crcah.org.au/communication/Enews/Gwalwa-Gai10/qwalwagai10.html>
2. The **latest edition of Flinders Aboriginal Health Research e-news** is now available for down loading at
<http://aboriginalhealth.flinders.edu.au/Newsletters/2007/News1407b.html>
3. **New articles in *Rural and Remote Health***

'Training rural and remote therapy assistants in Western Australia'

Therapy assistants, often solely responsible for the delivery of therapy health services to rural clients, are an essential part of the Australia rural health workforce. This project report that documents a scheme for their appropriate training is long overdue, and may be applicable to other states - and countries - outside its West Australian origin.

<http://www.rrh.org.au/articles/showarticlenew.asp?ArticleID=774>

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'Clinical skills day: preparing third year medical students for their rural rotation'

For decades the Rural Physician Associate Program has been preparing physicians for the American heartland with a nine month longitudinal rural experience. Fewer medical students have had rural experiences, and even fewer have a clue regarding the challenge of transitioning from the passive basic science and clinical roles of medical centers to the wide open interactions and opportunities provided in rural practice environments. University of Minnesota rural medical educators have developed some tools to ease this transition.

<http://www.rrh.org.au/articles/showarticlenew.asp?ArticleID=788>

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'Could we care for Amillia in rural Australia?'

In rural areas, working with children who have special needs can be frustrating. The resources that parents can access in the city to help maximise their child's development often do not exist. This personal view reflects on the recent case of "Amillia", an extremely preterm infant born in the USA, where such access for children with disabilities is enshrined in law. While Amillia would not have been so fortunate if she had been born in Australia, this commentary encourages those who advocate for rural children with special needs to keep the issue in the spotlight.

<http://www.rrh.org.au/articles/showarticlenew.asp?ArticleID=768>

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'Health message for smokers: preaching and practice'

Can rural doctors who smoke play a part in stopping their patients from smoking? This question is raised in relation to rural India.

<http://www.rrh.org.au/articles/showarticlenew.asp?ArticleID=861>

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'John Flynn meets James Mackenzie: developing the discipline of rural and remote medicine in Australia'

Rural and remote medicine is a "broad church" and although we may believe that it is a recent academic speciality, this essay tells the story of how a Clergyman, Reverend John Flynn, developed a lasting rural clinical service in Australia nearly 100 years ago. It also reveals that the father of modern cardiology, James Mackenzie, was really a generalist at heart. The essay offers a way to use the infrastructure established by the Rural Clinical School program in Australia to guide the vocational training pathways for the rural generalists and specialists of tomorrow.

<http://www.rrh.org.au/articles/showarticlenew.asp?ArticleID=726>

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'Correlations suggest low magnesium may lead to higher rates of type 2 diabetes in Indigenous Australians'

Research over the past two decades is building evidence of a clinical correlation between diabetes and low magnesium intake. In this paper Queensland researcher draw on a range of ecological data and convenience samples to argue that low magnesium in water, and through poor dietary intake and sweat loss may be responsible for the high rates of diabetes in Indigenous Australian populations. With greater international attention on the importance of magnesium, readers will find this article's implications for rural health thought provoking.

<http://www.rrh.org.au/articles/showarticlenew.asp?ArticleID=843>

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'Aboriginal women caregivers of the elderly'

It is humbling to attempt to summarize in sentences what has taken a lifetime to compile and understand. Crosato, Ward-Griffin and Leipert have devoted such an effort to understanding the Aboriginal women caregivers of the elderly. For practitioners, systems and nations to understand health care, they must understand the richness of variation and context, simplified by the concept of Circles of Caring illustrated in the article.

<http://www.rrh.org.au/articles/showarticlenew.asp?ArticleID=796>

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'Understanding Australian rural women's ways of achieving health and wellbeing - a metasyntesis of the literature'

Qualitative studies provide rich insights into the lives of informants and increasingly rural

health research can offer many such studies. This article pulls together the findings of six qualitative studies on Australian rural women's strategies to maintain health to create a new and deeper understanding of the issues then is possible in single case studies. The article is not only about an important topic but it is also provides a clear explanation of a technique known as metasyntesis which is increasingly being used to create robust and generalisable results from multiple qualitative studies.

<http://www.rrh.org.au/articles/showarticlenew.asp?ArticleID=823>

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'The experience of new graduate nurses in rural practice in New South Wales'

What is it really like to be new graduate nurse in rural New South Wales, Australia? This article uses qualitative methodology to allow the reader an insight into the real stresses that confront our junior nurses, making it a "must read" for rural health service managers who want to retrain new and much needed new recruits.

<http://www.rrh.org.au/articles/showarticlenew.asp?ArticleID=814>

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'Individual resilience in rural people: a Queensland study, Australia'

What does resilience mean for a rural community? A group from Queensland, Australia, provide us with some interesting clues.

<http://www.rrh.org.au/articles/showarticlenew.asp?ArticleID=620>

4. Research with Indigenous women for BreastScreen Australia

The Cultural and Indigenous Research Centre Australia (CIRCA) is conducting research with Indigenous women aged 50 to 69 for a project commissioned by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing.

The results of the research will be used to assist in the development of strategies to assist in engaging and supporting Indigenous women in accessing BreastScreen Services.

If you are female, aged 50 to 69 and regularly access screening services (or have mammograms) we invite you to be part of a discussion group. Here are the details:

- Participants will be asked to take part in a 1.5 / 2 hour informal discussion group
- Participants will be given a \$50 cash incentive for their time.
- The research is completely anonymous and we will not identify individuals.

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Should you wish to take part or want further information, please contact:

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5. National Aboriginal Alliance

This recently established group has now got a web-site, with information on key issues, on the legislation and measures introduced by the Commonwealth Government, and more. They can also be contacted by email, secretariat@nationalaboriginalalliance.org <http://nationalaboriginalalliance.org/>

6. Media Release - International Indigenous Health Leaders call for Improvement in the Health of Australia's Aboriginal Peoples and Torres Strait Islanders, 19 October, 2007

Late yesterday at the close of the 4 day international conference of the International Network of Indigenous Health Knowledge Development (INIHKD) in Rotorua the Network issued the **Aotearoa Declaration**.

Mr Henry Councillor, Chairperson of the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO), welcomed the declaration saying he hopes that both parties will react positively to its call for change.

Check the full release at following NACCHO web-page <http://www.naccho.org.au/Media/mediareleases.html>

7. What indigenous health experts think of the NT intervention

A report on the Crikey web-site, 18 October 2007, from Health journalist Melissa Sweet, refers to an article in the latest *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health* from "Indigenous researchers with expertise in Aboriginal child protection ... that the [Federal Government Northern Territory] intervention may do more harm than good".

These researchers also raise concerns that the Intervention is not consistent with guidelines for the ethical conduct of health research involving Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders, for instance as adopted by the National Health and Medical Research Council.

Among the concerns raised are that the Intervention does not treat Aboriginal people equally or with appropriate respect, and it is a top-down patronising approach.

8. Indigenous affairs 'hit by red tape', 18.10.07, The Age.

"THE work of Government departments handling indigenous affairs since the demise of

the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission has been panned by the national auditor, which says it has led to Aboriginal communities being drowned in red tape and confronted with inflexible bureaucrats.

"And there is no way of telling whether the approach has improved life in indigenous communities, because the departments involved don't provide proper performance reports, it says."

<http://www.theage.com.au/news/national/indigenous-affairs-hit-by-red-tape/2007/10/17/1192300859145.html>

The Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) is a specialist public sector practice providing a full range of audit services to the Parliament and Commonwealth public sector agencies and statutory bodies. On 17 October, 2007 it released its Audit Report No.10 2007-08, *Whole of Government Indigenous Service Delivery Arrangements*. This is the report referred to in The Age article above. The ANAO report is available from this web-page:

<http://www.anao.gov.au/>

9. What's the Score? A survey of cultural diversity and racism in Australian sport

A new report put out by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (HREOC) reinforces that sport is for everyone and highlights how Australian sporting organisations and government and non-government agencies are working in practical, effective ways to make this happen, Race Discrimination Commissioner Tom Calma said today (16 October 2007).

A Media Release from Tom Calma, and the report, can be downloaded from this web-page: http://www.humanrights.gov.au/about/media/media_releases/2007/84_07.html

10. Indigenous homeowners on the rise, 19.10.07, ScienceAlert.

"A new report released 18 October 2007 by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare shows that not only is Indigenous homeownership increasing, but other areas of Indigenous housing are also showing improvement.

"According to the report, Indigenous housing indicators 2005-06, the number of Indigenous households who owned or were purchasing their home increased by almost 10,000 from 46,224 in 2001 to 56,027 in 2006, or from 32% to 34% of all Indigenous households." Full report at -

<http://www.sciencealert.com.au/news/20071910-16468.html>

The AIHW report, *Indigenous housing indicators 2005-06*, their second national report on Indigenous housing, is available from their web-site :

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10485>

and an AIHW media release about its report release is available from

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/mediacentre/2007/mr20071018.cfm>

11. Praise all around for healthy take on indigenous care, 20.10.07, Courier Mail

"TO most Australians the task is insurmountable but at Inala, on Brisbane's outskirts, one man is proving the health of indigenous Queenslanders can be turned around."

<http://www.news.com.au/couriermail/story/0,23739,22615546-3102,00.html>

12. Red tape bogs Aboriginal deals, 23.10.07, Sydney Morning Herald

"A CENTRAL element of the Federal Government's mutual responsibility policy in indigenous affairs is being undermined by governments that fail to keep to the deals, says the first independent review of all 80 Shared Responsibility Agreements that governments have signed with Aboriginal communities."

<http://www.smh.com.au/news/national/mixed-report-on-funding/2007/10/22/1192940986349.html>

13. Call to protect all children, 23.10.07, The Age

"PROTECTING children from abuse should receive the same Federal Government leadership as the recent intervention in the Northern Territory, the national child protection chief of the Anglican Church said yesterday....

"These radical remedies have not been applied to dysfunctional, abusive communities, families or individuals in the rest of Australian society. Some might call this a form of racism."

<http://www.theage.com.au/news/national/call-to-protect-all-children/2007/10/22/1192940985076.html>

14. NT intervention a crisis for schools, 23.10.07, The Age

THE Howard Government's intervention in remote indigenous communities is pushing thousands of children into already underfunded schools that do not have enough teachers or facilities, teachers say.

<http://www.theage.com.au/news/national/nt-intervention-a-crisis-for-schools/2007/10/22/1192940985070.html>

15. Gains made in health of Indigenous mothers and babies, but more improvements needed

24.10.07: new report released by Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW).

"Over the period 2001-2004, the perinatal death rate of babies born to Indigenous mothers declined significantly (from 16 to 11 per 1,000 births). Despite this improvement, babies born to Indigenous mothers still had twice the neonatal death rate of other babies according to a new report released today by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW)."

Go to this page for the full media release and link to the report:

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/mediacentre/2007/mr20071024.cfm>

16. One policy, two camps - the takeover rift, 27.10.07, The Sydney Morning Herald

The Prime Minister may have driven a wedge between prominent Aboriginal activists over the Federal Government's intervention in remote communities. Joel Gibson reports.

<http://www.smh.com.au/news/national/one-policy-two-camps--the-takeover-rift/2007/10/26/1192941339555.html?page=fullpage#contentSwap1>

17. Delivery of Preventative Health Services to Indigenous Adults: Response to a Systems Oriented Primary Care Quality Improvement Intervention

The Medical Journal of Australia recently published an article on the delivery of preventative health services to Indigenous Australians. You can access the article at

http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/187_08_151007/si10656_fm.html

18. Heart Foundation Report - Ensuring Quality Use of Medicines among Indigenous Australians: Key Directions for Policy Research and Practice for Cardiovascular Health

AIDA (Australian Indigenous Doctor's Association) member, Dr Alex Brown recently prepared a report on the use of medicines in managing cardiovascular health.

An abstract of Dr Brown's paper is at:

http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/document/NHF/res_Indigenous_QUM_Executive_Summary.pdf

For the full report please refer to:

http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/document/NHF/res_Indigenous_QUM_Report.pdf

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Conferences / Forums

1. 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.

On October 31st – 1st November, the program until lunch will consist of - Official, guest and keynote guest speakers such as –

- His Excellency Dr. Jose' Ramos – Horta. Nobel Peace Laureate, President of Timor-Leste.
- Tom Calma – Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commission & National Race Discrimination Commissioner and
- Shane Kawenata – Director Te Reo Marama Maori Smokefree Coalition New Zealand

http://www.kamsc.org.au/kahs_home.html

After lunch there will be plenary sessions on an array of health topics which will consist of presentations, panels, discussions, question and answer time. Some of the main themes are: Health and human rights, effective and appropriate Indigenous health research, effective tobacco control methods, health and housing, youth and men's health.

On November 2nd - 8am till 12md, there will be a variety of health education stalls such as - Vibes Australia, Health info net, and KAMSC health promotion unit resources. The program is full of exciting social events such as traditional dancers, a summit dinner book launches, Aboriginal bands and performers.

If you want to know more about our Aboriginal Health Summit please ring – Anom Wade & Sue Laird on 0891 921970 or summitadmin@kamsc.org.au or visit KAMSC web site www.kamsc.org.au

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. 2007 Joint National Australian Association of Infant Mental Health (AAIMHI) & Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Perinatal & Infant Mental Health (APN) Conference

You are invited to register for the 2007 Joint Australian Association Infant Mental Health & Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Perinatal & Infant Mental Health Conference to be held at the Novotel at Sydney Olympic Park from 31 October – 3 November 2007.

The conference theme, "When Minds Meet: Pausing, Connecting, Relating" has developed from our desire to bring remote, local, national and international participants together to share their experience and plan for the future.

The conference committee invites you to register for this important infant mental health conference. You have a number of options when registering. You may register electronically or download the Conference Invitation brochure and / or registration brochure by going to:

<http://www.aimhi.org/conferences.htm>

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4. 5th Health Services and Policy Research Conference

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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/confere
nce2007/index.php](http://chsrp.fmhs.auckland.ac.nz/health/confere
nce2007/index.php)

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Email: hsr07@tcc.co.nz

5. National Conference on Racism in a Global Context

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. 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

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7. AIATSIS Conference 2007, Canberra, 5-8 November 2007

This event analyses the 1967 referendum
changes and whether or not they have improved
the lives of Aboriginals and Torres Straight
Islanders. Themes from this year's conference
will include national language problems, unfair
discrimination, developments in the arts and
how well services such as health and education
are being delivered. Conference organisers
welcome new ideas and invite others to
participate in the forum.

For more information on the conference,
including the themes of the conference, please
visit the conference website

[http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/research_program/eve
nts2/aiatsis_conf2007](http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/research_program/eve
nts2/aiatsis_conf2007)

8. 2008 - Call for Abstracts - Good Tucker, Good Health Nutrition Networks Conference

The Good Tucker, Good Health Networks
Conference will be held at the Alice Springs
Convention Centre from **11 – 14 March 2008**.

The conference will be relevant to anyone
working in or interested in the area of food and
nutrition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
People. A call for abstracts for the conference
has been placed. If you would be interested in
presenting at the conference please see the
flyer on the web-site indicated below for further
information. The closing date for abstracts has
been extended to Wednesday **14 November
2007**.

Conference registration will open in **mid
November 2007** on the conference website
through www.ruralhealth.org.au. Also on the
conference website in **mid November 2007** will
be information on trade display spaces,
sponsorship, travel and accommodation.

Requests for assistance to attend the
conference should be sent to for consideration.

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Scholarships

1. Good Shepherd Reconciliation Scholarships

In 2006 the Good Shepherd Sisters formalised a Reconciliation Scholarship Program for Indigenous women. The Scholarship Program is an expression of Good Shepherd's commitment to reconciliation. In keeping with the Good Shepherd spirit, the Scholarship aims to advance reconciliation by building the capacity of individual Indigenous women and by making a significant difference in their lives.

Reconciliation Scholarships are open to Indigenous women of any age who are eligible for or enrolled in a course of study leading to a certificate, diploma or degree at an accredited Australian University or TAFE.

The Scholarships assist students with their HECS liability and provide a small living allowance of \$1,500 per semester. Students who have made other arrangements to cover their HECS fees and those who face additional financial, social, geographic or emotional challenges in undertaking study can request assistance for the purchase of computing equipment, child care, transport, tutoring and counselling to the value of \$5,000 per year.

The value of each scholarship will be determined by the individual student's needs to a maximum of \$7,500 per year. Scholarships can be renewed each year, if progress is satisfactory; but one-off grants for special assistance can also be made.

Good Shepherd Reconciliation Scholarships are funded by the Good Shepherd Sisters and administered by the Mary MacKillop Foundation.

More detailed information and application forms are available from the Mary MacKillop Foundation. Please contact the Project Co-ordinator at:

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North Sydney, NSW, 2059
Telephone: (02) 9929 7344 or (02) 8912 4860
Email: info@mackillopfoundation.org.au
Website: www.mackillopfoundation.org.au

2. Grants of up to \$4000 per child are now available in WA, SA, QLD, VIC, TAS, and the ACT to assist children impacted by parental drug and alcohol use

Since the beginning of 2006, Odyssey House Victoria's Counting the Kids Brokerage Fund has been helping to create opportunities and to provide material resources to children impacted by parental drug and alcohol use. The fund is now available in 6 states and territories, offering grants of up to \$4000 per child. Grants can be used to engage children in activities and services that will enhance their health, their connectedness to the community and family, their education and employment prospects, and their self-esteem and well-being. Grants can also be used to support the provision of essential material needs.

Applications are now open. An online application form can be accessed by visiting the website below. So if you are an AOD worker, a family services worker, a teacher, psychologist or any other person formally working with a child or parent because of drug and alcohol use, visit www.odyssey.org.au/brokerage or call Jordan Trew on 03 9420 7626 for more details on how we may be able to assist

With Kind Regards,
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3. Foundation for Young Australians Tertiary Scholarships

Students entering, or already placed in tertiary education are invited to apply to The Foundation for Young Australians for an Indigenous Youth Leadership Program (IYLP) tertiary scholarship for 2008.

The IYLP provides scholarships and leadership opportunities targeting young Indigenous Australians from non-metropolitan areas studying at a tertiary level.

Scholarships of up to \$6,000 annually are available for eligible students for university course fees and other educational costs.

In addition to the scholarship, various opportunities will be offered to IYLP scholars for the development of leadership skills, personal development and work experience. Costs associated with these opportunities will be supported in addition to the scholarship.

Universities and communities are encouraged to identify and assist eligible students to apply.

Applications are now open, and close on **3 December 2007**.

Further information and application forms available on www.youngaustralians.org.au or call 03 9670 5436.

The Indigenous Youth Leadership Programme is an initiative of the Australian Government Department of Education Science and Training in partnership with The Foundation for Young Australians.

4. Indigenous Leaders in Community Health Scholarship

The Indigenous Leaders in Community Health Scholarship provides support for up to 3 Indigenous scholars studying the one-year Bachelor of Health Science/Applied Science (Honours) program or the Graduate Certificate in Health Science (Research Methodologies) program at the University of South Australia on a full-time basis leading to entry into a full-time PhD program.

Each scholarship recipient will receive a stipend of \$56,750 as well as the cost of fees for the Bachelor of Health Science/Applied Science (Honours) program or the Graduate Certificate in Health Science (Research Methodologies) program.

For further information on the scholarship please visit

http://www.unisa.edu.au/scholarship/undergraduate/ug_hsc.asp#inddevpt

Other Notices

1. Aboriginal Health Fair Day

- to held at the Murray Bridge Racecourse on November the 9th

For more information, contact Tahlia Love.

Please pass through your networks.

Thanks

Tahlia Love

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2. Tauondi College Health & Disability Day

Thursday 15 November, 10 am - 3 pm

DJ & LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Fun Activities for Children

Tauondi College, 1 Lipson Street, Port Adelaide,

8240 0300

Win a LCD TV!!

All Community Members Welcome

3. Adelaide Consultation on Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Issue

The National Indigenous Drug & Alcohol Committee of the Australian National Council on

Drugs extends an invitation to attend a Adelaide Consultation on Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Issues

On Wednesday 14th November 2007

2:00pm – 3:30pm

(Afternoon Tea provided)

To be held at:

Stamford Plaza

150 North Terrace

Adelaide

Please note that this is an informal session for those working with Indigenous people to discuss Indigenous drug and alcohol issues with members of the Committee.

The Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD) is the principal advisory body to Government on alcohol, drug policy and service issues.

The National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Committee provides advice to the ANCD and is the leading voice on Indigenous alcohol and drug policy.

Please feel free to forward this invitation to other relevant personnel

RSVP by COB Wednesday 8th November

(numbers are limited)

Tel: (02) 6166 9600

Fax: (02) 6162 2611

Email: ancd@ancd.org.au

4. 2008 Indigenous Governance Awards are now open

If you know an organisation that has strong leadership, sound management and is proud of its Indigenous ways of doing business, encourage them to apply for the awards.

All successful organisations have good governance – you only need to look.

Full information is available on the website at www.igawards.org.au

<<http://www.igawards.org.au/>> or by contacting Rowena Withers on (02) 6273-9200.

5. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Statistics, from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)

Here is a link to a page on the ABS web-site that has a range of products from the ABS on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander statistics.

<http://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/c311215.nsf/20564c23f3183fdaca25672100813ef1/9b0439a3ce3e651aca2571ff001af040!OpenDocument#Snapshot%20articles>

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