

## ***The CCRE 'Wake Up Call' Bulletin No. 35***

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Related Items

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Dear all,

Please find below our latest CCRE Email Bulletin, ***The Wake Up Call***.

Please note that we welcome any input from our readers.

Kind Regards,

Glenn Giles,

CCRE Translation Officer

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## Research & News Items

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 Providing feedback to communities about studies of cannabis use in Arnhem Land, Northern Territory  
 K S Kylie Lee, Muriel J Jaragba, Alan R Clough and Katherine M Conigrave  
 (An article published in the MJA – Medical Journal of Australia.)  
[http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/188\\_02\\_21\\_0108/lee10664\\_fm.html#0\\_CACFADGH](http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/188_02_21_0108/lee10664_fm.html#0_CACFADGH)
2. **Aboriginal child index launched in WA,** 18.1.08, The West Australian  
 An index to monitor the development of indigenous children from birth to school age will be rolled out in Western Australia this year  
<http://www.thewest.com.au/default.aspx?MenuID=145&ContentID=55220>  
 and a report of the same on the ABC Message Stick,  
[http://www.abc.net.au/message/news/stories/ms\\_news\\_2142432.htm](http://www.abc.net.au/message/news/stories/ms_news_2142432.htm)
3. **New articles in Rural and Remote Health**

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4. **Scrymgour 'receptive' to teaching improvement proposals,** 18.1.08, ABC News

A discussion paper co-authored by the Cape York Institute and Macquarie University advocates paying bonuses of up to \$50,000 to lift standards for Indigenous students.  
<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2008/01/18/2141691.htm?section=justin>

5. **Eat Well Be Active Campaigns Briefing Session**

[ from the Health Promotion Branch; the web-page below has the presentations from the day available for people to look at ]

Session organised by the Department of Health, Health Promotion Branch on Thursday, January 24, 2008. The rationale for the session was to ensure that those who are working on the healthy weight agenda in South Australia are briefed on the campaigns that are currently running (or in the planning stages) and the resources that are/will be available for distribution. The session identified opportunities for how stakeholders can get involved at the community level to support the campaigns. The session also provided an opportunity for questions/discussions.

<http://www.dh.sa.gov.au/pehs/branches/health-promotion/hp-eat-well-be-active-briefing.htm>

6. **Social determinants of oral health: conditions linked to socioeconomic inequalities in oral health in the Australian population**

A publication from the Australian Research Centre for Population Oral Health in 2007 – available from the web-page indicated below. The next two paragraphs are also from that page:

“Social determinants of oral health: conditions linked to socioeconomic inequalities in oral health in the Australian population illustrates the social distribution of oral health status in the Australian adult population. It draws links between material, psychosocial and behavioural factors with oral health status. Among adults in the labour force it highlights

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links between socially produced work conditions and oral health status. It looks back in time to social and psychosocial conditions of childhood and links those experiences with contemporaneous outcomes in adulthood.

"This thought provoking publication leaves one wondering to what extent society should help people cope with the social conditions of their lives and to what extent those social conditions themselves should be addressed to improve oral health."

[http://www.arcpoh.adelaide.edu.au/publications/report/population/html\\_files/social\\_determinants.html](http://www.arcpoh.adelaide.edu.au/publications/report/population/html_files/social_determinants.html)

#### **7. Oral health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children**

*AIHW Dental Statistics and Research Unit*

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in Australia are disadvantaged in terms of oral health. This publication provides a summary of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child oral health using information from the Child Dental Health Survey, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Receipt of Hospital Dental Care Investigation and the Study of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Oral Health in Remote Communities.

[http://www.arcpoh.adelaide.edu.au/publications/report/statistics/html\\_files/ATSI\\_children.html](http://www.arcpoh.adelaide.edu.au/publications/report/statistics/html_files/ATSI_children.html)

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### **Conferences / Forums / Workshops**

#### **1. Aboriginal Researcher Forum**

February 27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> 2008

UniSA, Whyalla, South Australia

#### ***Invitation for ideas, topics and presenters***

A forum for Aboriginal people doing research or who are interested in doing research is being planned for early 2008. The forum is being sponsored by the Spencer Gulf Rural Health School and will provide people an opportunity to meet, talk and learn about research and explore ways they can get involved in research.

At the forum you will hear from SA and interstate Aboriginal researchers and see examples of the types of research being done. The aim of the forum is to identify research questions that are important to Aboriginal people in country South Australia and work out ways some of these questions might be answered.

We would like your ideas about what form the forum should take, who should be invited and the kinds of things participants would like to hear about.

**YOUR COMMENTS AND IDEAS VERY WELCOME**

Do you want to come to the Research Forum?

Do you have any topics or guest speakers you want included?

Input welcome about the format and structure of the forum

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#### **2. 2008 - 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.

Conference registration will open in **mid November 2007** on the conference website through [www.ruralhealth.org.au](http://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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### 3. Population Health Congress 2008 A Global World – Practical Action for Health and Well-being

Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre  
July 6-9 2008

Call for Papers (see web-site for more details; closing date is 28 February, 2008).

Major Themes:

Environment and Health, Social Cohesion, Social Capital and Health, Food and Health

Australasia's four population health professional organisations working together to strengthen the focus on Population Health in the region.

Come to Brisbane and join in Australia's population health event of the decade. For this inaugural event four organisations are working together to provide a line-up of international and national speakers that promises to be excellent.

As well as an exciting range of speakers, this congress will have major trade displays for companies and products which will have a significant future role in addressing governmental and individual lifestyle responses to environmental and nutritional issues.

The Population Health Congress 2008 will be held in the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre - one of Australia's best conference venues.

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www.populationhealthcongress.org.au  
Congress Registration

Registration will be available on-line or through the Congress registration brochure commencing January 2008.

To ensure you are kept up to date with Congress developments in the meantime, please register your interest on-line at <http://www.populationhealthcongress.org.au/>

### 4. UniSA Psychology and Indigenous Australians workshops and conferences papers available online

Dear colleague,

Most of the individual papers and presentations from the Psychology and Indigenous Australians workshops and conferences held in Adelaide in 2005, 2006 and 2007 are now accessible individually from our website:

<http://www.unisanet.unisa.edu.au/pia>

Click on the folder called 'Workshops and conferences' to access the clickable bibliography. The first file is a brief explanation of what is in the folder, followed by the papers in

alphabetical order. Together they represent a wealth of experience from people working towards more effective teaching and practice in relation to Indigenous Australians. More papers will be added as they become available.

Also, a reminder about our conference in Adelaide this year: Mon and Tue July 14-15, followed by a Cultural Competence workshop on July 16-17 (limit 50 participants). The call for papers for the conference will be sent out in a few weeks.

Yours truly

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### 5. Strong Foundations...Strong Future : CRIAH (Coalition for Research to Improve Aboriginal Health) is pleased to announce the 2nd Aboriginal Health Research Conference!

Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 30 April 2008  
Dockside at Cockle Bay Wharf, Sydney

The conference will bring together Aboriginal communities, researchers and policy makers to consider how research can assist in improving the health of Aboriginal people.

#### **Extension of Deadline for Call for Abstracts**

Please note the deadline for abstract submissions has been extended to **Friday 29 February 2008**.

The Scientific Program Sub-Committee for the 2<sup>nd</sup> CRIAH Aboriginal Health Research Conference is pleased to invite abstracts about research across all areas of Aboriginal health. In particular, we encourage submissions from across a wide spectrum of people involved in research, including masters and PhD students, Aboriginal health and community workers, and experienced health researchers.

For further details please refer to the attachment or visit [www.saxinstitute.org.au](http://www.saxinstitute.org.au)

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The conference will showcase Aboriginal health research and promote community, research and policy engagement and exchange in Aboriginal health, to allow communities to describe their health and research priorities and to provide opportunities for sharing information and establishing collaborations among Aboriginal community members, researchers and policy makers.

Confirmed speakers include:

Ms Sandra Bailey - CEO, Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council of NSW

Professor Sandra Eades - Director Aboriginal Programs, The Sax Institute

Professor Bruce Armstrong - Professor of Public Health and Medical Foundation Fellow, Sydney Cancer Centre

Professor Kerin O'Dea AO - Professorial Fellow, University of Melbourne and Baker Heart Research Institute

Professor Fiona Stanley AC - Director, Telethon Institute for Child Health Research

There will be a very engaging program around the conference themes:

- Child Health
- Chronic Disease
- Priorities in Aboriginal Health Research
- Building Systems for Linking Researchers and Communities

There will be keynote addresses, invited papers, proffered papers, joint presentations, forums, posters and opportunities to exchange ideas in less formal settings. Contributions from researchers who are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander are particularly welcome.

CRIAH is a partnership between the Sax Institute and the Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council. Please see

The Sax Institute website for more information on CRIAH

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

There is a conference page on this web-site – click on Aboriginal Programs, under 'Quick Links', and look for CRIAH 2008 Conference.

Also, you can register your interest or obtain further information by phone (02 9514 5950) Nicole Cockayne or email, [aboriginal.health@saxinstitute.org.au](mailto:aboriginal.health@saxinstitute.org.au)

## 6. Involving People in Research

A national symposium on consumer and community participation in health and medical research

The University Club, Perth, Western Australia  
March 5th and 6th 2008

This inaugural national meeting is an event for everyone who is interested in supporting and promoting consumer and community participation in health and medical research.

For more information contact : Email:  
[involvingpeopleinresearch@meddent.uwa.edu.au](mailto:involvingpeopleinresearch@meddent.uwa.edu.au)

Phone: 61 08 9221 3422 or 61 08 6488 8176

Fax: 61 08 9221 5435

Web address:

<http://www.meddent.uwa.edu.au/go/sph/involvingpeopleinresearch>

Post: GPO Box C134 PERTH Western Australia 6839

## 7. 2008 General Practice & Primary Health Care Research Conference – Health for All? & Call for Abstracts

4 – 6 June, 2008; Hobart, Tasmania

The aims of the conference are to address and reflect on what we have (and have not) done towards achieving the goal of Health for All?, whilst also acknowledging the significant 30 year anniversary of the Declaration of Alma-Ata.

Keynote speakers; Professor Trisha Greenhalgh OBE (Programme Director of the OLU at PCPS and Professor of Primary Health Care at The University College London), Dr Tikki Pang (Director, Research Policy & Cooperation Department, WHO, Geneva, Switzerland), Professor Frances Baum (Professor and Head of Department of Public Health at Flinders University and Foundation Director of the SACHRU), and Dr Mark Wenitong (the immediate past president and founding member of the AIDA and the medical advisor for Apunipima Cape York Health Council).

They will speak on

- 1) Health for All? and
- 2) how to have a greater impact on improving primary health care.

**Call for abstracts are now OPEN on-line, closing Friday 22 February**

(Check the web-site link, to submit on-line.)

Building on from previous conferences and taking into account the increase in primary health care research, we have provided more opportunities for presentations as well as providing some longer time slots for presentations of completed projects. We expect presentations at the Conference to build on the conference theme and topic areas for papers and posters.

Six pre-conference workshops have been confirmed:

1. Linkage & exchange: researchers and policy makers working together to improve health
2. Men's Health: A missing chapter in Australia's health narrative
3. How to improve evaluations of complex interventions in primary care
4. Youth Health Research

5. From evidence to practice: a multi-faceted approach to implementing evidence – a case study approach

6. Indigenous Research Capacity Building  
Further information regarding the Conference, program, workshop details and the abstract submission process are all available on the PHC RIS website

<http://www.phcris.org.au/conference/2008/index.php>

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From 10.00 till 12 noon

Christie Downs

Community House, Cnr Flaxmill & Morton Road

Christie Downs

Facilitators:

Jules van Kekem

Don Piro

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## Scholarships

### 1. Indigenous Small Grants

The Foundation for Young Australians is calling for applications for Indigenous Small Grants.

Indigenous Small Grants provide funding to Indigenous organisations and organisations that work with Indigenous young people and communities to develop new initiatives, as well as the expansion of existing successful initiatives. Indigenous Small Grants offer funds up to \$5,000 to successful applicants.

Applications for Indigenous Small Grants can be made at any time during 2008, with two funding opportunities throughout the year.

Applications need to be received by 12 May 2008 to be considered in the next round.

To find out more about Indigenous Small Grants log onto

<http://www.youngaustralians.org/>

Or call 03 9670 5436 or 1800 252 316

Applications open 8 January 2008. An Initiative Selection Committee will assess and select successful applications twice a year. Applications (and support letters) sent after 6pm (in your State/Territory) on the closing date will not be considered until the following grant round.

**Closing dates are: 12 May 2008 and 14 October 2008.**

## Other Notices

### 1. Mens's Cancer Support Group

A group for men who have been diagnosed with cancer or have family or friends who have a cancer diagnosis.

6 week course

Commencing Wednesday

5th March 2008

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