

The CCRE 'Wake Up Call' Bulletin No. 37

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Related Items

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Dear all,

Please find below our latest CCRE Email Bulletin. Please let us know of any items you would like to include in the next issue.

Kind Regards,

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Statement from PM Kevin Rudd : 5 April, 2008

ANNUAL PRIME MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON CLOSING THE GAP

Closing the life expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians is a core priority of the Government I lead.

That is why on the first working day of every parliamentary year that I am Prime Minister, I will report to the Parliament on the progress my Government has made closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

This annual Prime Ministerial statement on closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians will report on;

- Progress in closing the life expectancy gap;
- Progress in closing the gap on infant mortality and mortality of children up to five years of age; and
- Progress on closing the literacy and numeracy gap.

There is no reason that the Australia of today, a successful developed nation with a modern and prosperous economy, should accept a 17 year life expectancy gap between

Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

There is no reason that Indigenous children in Australia should have less opportunity for education or health care than the opportunities provided to non-Indigenous kids.

This gap has no place in a modern Australia.

Each year we must know as a Government, as a people, and as a country if we had made progress closing this gap.

Every leader knows that accountability brings with it the risk of criticism of failure, as the Prime Minister of Australia I accept that risk.

NACCHO Media Release 18-4-2008 A 2020 vision for Aboriginal Australia

2020 summit participant, Dr Mick Adams, Chair of the Aboriginal Medical Services' peak body, NACCHO*, says he'll be calling for a five year capacity building plan in his sector to, for the first time, match the level of need in the Aboriginal community.

NACCHO's submission to the 2020 Summit** also calls for a new National Health Equity Council of representatives from the health sector to be co-chaired by the NACCHO chair and the Minister for Health and Ageing to monitor and evaluate progress against a series of targets designed to close the gap in life expectancy.

"Aboriginal people suffer levels of illness three times higher than other Australians but the primary health care services provided by Aboriginal community controlled health services have never been properly funded to match this level of need" Dr Adams said.

"Aboriginal Medical Services need to be controlled by their local communities in setting priorities and practices, to be upgraded to 21st century standard of facilities and resources and to be funded to offer salaries that are competitive with other health organisations to attract the staff they need.

“Aboriginal health services are an important part of the community development needed along with improvements in education, housing and economic development that will ensure Aboriginal people are a vital part of the Australia’s future” Dr Adams said.

*National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO)

**NACCHO’s 2020 submission is number 7599 on the 2020 website and can be viewed at: <http://www.australia2020.gov.au/submissions/viewTopic.cfm?id=7599&count=1>

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Research & News Items

1. **Causes of Death, Australia, 2006**

ABS

Presents statistics on the number of deaths for year of registration by state or territory of Australia, sex, selected age groups, and cause of death classified to the World Health Organisation's International Classification of Diseases (ICD). Includes deaths of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

<http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/3303.0?OpenDocument>

2. **Key national indicators of children's health, development and wellbeing: indicator framework of 'A picture of Australia's children 2009'**

AIHW bulletin no. 58 (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare)

[following text from the AIHW web-site]

This bulletin previews the reporting framework and key national indicators that will be the basis of the report, 'A picture of Australia's children 2009', scheduled for release in 2009. This bulletin also contains the Headline Indicators for Children's Health, Development and Wellbeing. The indicators cover a broad range of areas of children's health, development and wellbeing, including: morbidity, disability, mortality, health risk and protective factors, early learning and education, the influences of family, neighbourhood and community factors, safety and security, economic and social influences, and measures of system performance.

Authored by AIHW.

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10561>

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

'Forty years of allocated seats for Sami medical students - has preferential admission worked?'

Appropriate medical care for minority rural populations requires consideration of the linguistic and cultural origins of the health workforce. This article traces the development

of a 1963 Norwegian medical education initiative to provide appropriate physicians for the Sami people. Do you have an interest in the impact of medical education on improving the health indicators of First Nations or other minority rural groups? Read this article.

<http://www.rrh.org.au/articles/showarticlenew.asp?ArticleID=845>

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'Rural parents' perspectives about information on child immunization'

The explosion of information about immunization (and sometimes mistakes) creates uncertainty. This is multiplied by alternative viewpoints and anecdotes spread across the web, where information is much more accessible than actual data and research. However often absent is the perspective of the patient (or, in this case, the parent of the patient). Our authors collaborate with rural nurses to explore this perspective.

<http://www.rrh.org.au/articles/showarticlenew.asp?ArticleID=863>

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'Alcohol harm and cost at a community level: data from police and health'

Community intolerance to alcohol abuse is increasing. In Australia, the new Labor government has called for greater efforts to discourage irresponsible alcohol use. But how do we measure alcohol harm in a community? If we cannot answer that, we cannot tell if interventions are successful. This paper from rural New South Wales, Australia, describes lessons from a pilot to compile data on alcohol harm from emergency departments and policy records.

<http://www.rrh.org.au/articles/showarticlenew.asp?ArticleID=878>

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'West African refugee health in rural Australia: complex cultural factors that influence mental health'

If rural communities have not been exposed to the diversity of cultures typical of major cities, the resettlement of refugees can bring challenges to effective healthcare delivery. This article eloquently describes some of the complex cultural factors underpinning the belief systems of West Africans. As such it is a valuable resource for promoting the understanding of a patient who is also refugee.

<http://www.rrh.org.au/articles/showarticlenew.asp?ArticleID=884>

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'A new inter-professional course preparing learners for life in rural communities'

Adapting curricula to rural training is common, but it is possible to fail to prepare professionals for the unique aspects of life in rural locations. The developers of the Professionals in Rural Practice course share their unique blend of community action research and interprofessional training as they attempt to bring professionals even closer to a rural decision.

<http://www.rrh.org.au/articles/showarticlenew.asp?ArticleID=836>

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'Health behaviors and weight status among urban and rural children'

As obesity reaches epidemic proportions, new perspectives can be valuable. This urban versus rural comparison of fifth grade children does identify differences in nutrition, activity levels, and degree of obesity.

<http://www.rrh.org.au/articles/showarticlenew.asp?ArticleID=810>

4. Rural, regional and remote health: indicators of health status and determinants of health

[following text from the AIHW web-site]

This report focuses on a comprehensive range of health issues concerning people living in rural, regional and remote Australia. It includes information relating to health status (such as rates of chronic disease, injury and mental health) and determinants of health (such as tobacco smoking, alcohol consumption, nutrition and physical activity) and is the 9th report in the AIHW's Rural health series.

AIHW catalogue number PHE 97.

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10519>

5. SENATE COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL AND REMOTE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

The Senate has established a Select Committee on Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities to inquire and report on:

- * the effectiveness of Australian Government policies following the Northern Territory Emergency Response, specifically on the state of health, welfare, education and law and order in regional and remote Indigenous communities;
- * the impact of state and territory government policies on the wellbeing of regional and remote Indigenous communities;
- * the health, welfare, education and security of children in regional and remote Indigenous communities; and

* the employment and enterprise opportunities in regional and remote Indigenous communities.

Further information is at

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/indig_ctte/index.htm

6. New report: changes to young offender programs recommended

[following text from the web-site link below]

In 2006-07, 500 young people spent varying lengths of time in South Australia's youth training centres at Magill and Cavan. A new report, prepared for the Guardian for Children and Young People by Dr Andrew Day and Dr Sharon Casey of the University of South Australia, draws on the published literature, consultation with residents, and interviews with experts in youth justice to review the programmes provided and propose directions for change.

The Review of Programmes in Youth Training Centres, released today, finds that significant re-development of youth training centre programmes is required. This includes clarification of purpose, a well supported case-management tool, development of age, gender and culturally appropriate services and ongoing monitoring of the social climate of the centres.

The review is available on the Guardian's website in two parts. Part 1 is a comprehensive review of human developmental theories and programmes to address re-offending in young people. Part 2 contains details of the consultations and recommendations.

A summary of the literature review and a summary of the recommendations are also available.

Visit the web-site of the Guardian for Children and Young People, at

<http://www.gcyp.sa.gov.au/cgi-bin/wf.pl>

7. Flinders Aboriginal Health Research e-news

The latest edition of Flinders Aboriginal Health Research e-news which is now available for downloading at

<http://aboriginalhealth.flinders.edu.au/Newsletters/2008/News0408.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 Also, if you are not already an official member of Flinders Aboriginal Health Research, please complete

the form on our website at <http://aboriginalhealth.flinders.edu.au/>

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8. Gwalwa-Gai: CRC for Aboriginal Health's bi-monthly newsletter

Please find a link below to the CRC for Aboriginal Health's bi-monthly newsletter.

In light of the signing of the historic declaration on closing the gap at the recent Indigenous Health Equality Summit the regular Gwalwa-Gai guest editorial is being replaced in this edition with the full Statement of Intent signed by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and others.

Other highlights from this edition include:

- Bringing evidence to policy makers' - The recent CRCAH Parliamentary Showcase held in Parliament House Canberra
- CRCAH and CEITC welcome funding announcement on tobacco control
- Research into emergency presentations reveals an Indigenous health care gap in Victoria
- A new discussion paper - Racism Undermines Indigenous Health by Dr Yin Paradies
- A new book on Aboriginal men's health
- Good news on increased Indigenous enrolments at UNSW

<http://www.crcah.org.au/communication/Enews/Gwalwa-Gai13/gwalwagai13.html>

9. Study seeks to find reason for 20-year life expectancy gap, 9.4.08, National Indigenous Times

The lives of 2,200 Indigenous children will go under the microscope in a new study, which aims to close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

<http://www.nit.com.au/news/story.aspx?id=14582>

10. Diabetes: Australian facts 2008

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, published 28 March 2008

Diabetes series no. 8. 'Diabetes: Australian facts 2008' is a concise summary of the latest data and trends relating to diabetes in Australia. It is the second report by the National Centre for Monitoring Diabetes to present available data across the spectrum of the disease: its levels in

the population, the factors that contribute to it, its major complications and its impact.

11. Elected Indigenous Body for ACT

10.4.08: The Government today introduces a Bill that will see an Indigenous representative body elected, to give a stronger political voice to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Canberrans and to advise the Government on the delivery of services.

<http://www.chiefminister.act.gov.au/media.asp?media=3615§ion=24&title=Media%20Release&id=24>

12. Auseinet series "Settings and Populations: Mental health promotion and illness prevention" now has a paper on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mental health issues.

The paper explores the meaning of social and emotional wellbeing for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and looks at influences, data, policy and practice.

<http://www.auseinet.com/ppei/atsi.php>

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Conferences / Forums / Workshops

1. Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Men's Sexual Health Care Course

WHO: For men with an interest in Indigenous men's sexual health.

WHEN: 9am to 5pm for 6 days

Wed. 30th April, Thurs. 1st May, Fri. 2nd May, Mon. 5th May, Tues. 6th May, Wed. 7th May, 2008

WHERE: SHine SA

64C Woodville Road, Woodville SA 5011

Car park entry to Shine SA from Bower Street, off Woodville Road.

(at 'GP Plus Health Care Centre' sign)

WHY: an overview can be seen on our website www.shinesa.org.au

INVESTMENT: \$350.00 for the six days (negotiable)

REGISTRATION: forms can be obtained from our website www.shinesa.org.au

must be in no later than Friday, 25th April, 2008

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2. ETHICAL RESPONSIVENESS - 2008 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Stamford Grand, Adelaide, 23-25 May 2008

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.

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

<http://www.relatehumanservices.com.au/events.htm>

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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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. Psychology and Indigenous Australians: Teaching, Practice and Theory

Mon 14th - Tues 15th July 2008

Venue: UniSA City West Campus, Hawke Building

Followed by a two day workshop: 'Working with Indigenous Australians: Essential Foundations of Cultural Competence', Wed 16th – Thurs 17th July

Following the successful inaugural annual conference in 2007, and the workshops on Effective Teaching and Practice in 2005 and 2006, this conference will present current advances in teaching cultural competence in relation to Indigenous Australians. Featured themes for 2008 include:

- Indigenising psychology: What could a truly Australian psychology look like?
- Indigenising treatment: Can a combination of Indigenous healing practices and Western psychology work?
- Mapping the terrain of cultural competence training in Australia: Where do different models fit into the overall picture?
- Murky spaces: Exploring discomfort in teaching and training
- Barriers to systemic change
- What works, or doesn't work, in teaching and practice?

The conference brochure and registration form will be distributed by the end of May

5. Indigenous Family Violence Research

Flinders Aboriginal Health Research Unit, Faculty of Health Sciences presents -

Dr Kyllie Cripps

Kyllie Cripps is a Pallawah woman and has joined the VicHealth Koori Health Research and Community Development Unit and the Centre for Study of Health and Society as a Post Doctoral Research Fellow. Her work at the unit includes an analysis of data relating to family violence from the 2002 National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Social Survey.

Kyllie has been involved in teaching Aboriginal Health to first year nurses at the University of South Australia and has spent a number of years working in Indigenous education with the Department of Education, Science and Training.

on Monday, 26 May, 2008

at 12:30pm until 2:30pm

To be held in Room N110 Sturt North Wing Faculty of Health Sciences (Accessed from Car Park 14)

A light lunch will be provided

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6. The Australian Association for Infant Mental Health Conference

Australian Association for Infant Mental Health and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Perinatal and Infant Mental Health

Angels in the Nursery Conference

- Supporting Parent-Child Relationships
- Supporting benevolent parental influences

5-8 November 2008

Adelaide Hilton Hotel

Themes

- Parent Infant Therapy
- Mentalisation
- Supporting Families/Communities/Carers/Cultures
- Healing/Reparation *Ghost busting in the Nursery*

Keynote Speakers:

- Prof Anthony W Bateman
- Julie A. Larrieu

For more details, see

<http://www.sapmea.asn.au/aaimh08/>

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.

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>

8. Rural & Remote Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Chronic Disease Conference – Broken Hill, May 2008

In May, Greater Western Area Health Service, Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation, University of Sydney Department of Rural Health, Broken Hill, Royal Flying Doctor Service and NSW Health will host a *Rural and Remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Chronic Disease Conference* in partnership with Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services in western NSW.

The conference will be held on Thursday 15 and Friday 16 May 2008 at the Broken Hill Entertainment Centre. It is anticipated that the two day Conference will attract 300 participants, predominantly from the health care sector.

The Conference will focus on the successes in managing the challenges of Chronic Disease for Aboriginal people in remote and rural settings, and provide an opportunity for health professionals to showcase success and share best practice.

9. Managing Co morbid Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders - 5 Day Intensive Workshop

being conducted - 28/4/08 to 2/5/2008

For more information on the Workshop please do not hesitate to contact myself or Rachele Davies on 8404 2538.

Cheers, Gabby Sheppard

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Mental Health Sciences Postgraduate Programs

<http://som.flinders.edu.au/FUSA/Psych/>

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10. Health at the Heart of Australia Conference, 13 - 15 August 2008

The joint Australian Cardiovascular Health & Rehabilitation Association & Chronic Diseases Network (NT) Conference will be held in Alice Springs on 4 & 15 August 2008, with the welcome function being held on Wednesday 13th August. The conference will attract multi-

disciplinary health professionals involved in cardiac rehabilitation and secondary prevention and the management of chronic disease. Challenges for Indigenous health and remote health service delivery will be core underlying themes of the conference.

Abstracts are due by 31 March.

More information can be found at

http://www.thebestevents.com.au/html/index_current.htm

11. CATSIN Annual Conference 2008

Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses (CATSIN)

Annual Conference – 10 - 12 September 2008

Adelaide - Mercure Grosvenor Hotel

The theme of the conference is: 'CATSIN DREAMING'

Abstract Submissions must be no longer than 200 words. If your presentation is selected, your allocated time will be 30 minutes (including 10 minutes for any questions).

Abstract submissions must contain the following information:

- Title of presentation
- Presenters/Authors (please indicate if the author/s differ from the presenter/s)
- Contact Details (including at least one telephone number, address and email address).

Abstract Submissions close COB 30th MAY 2008 (late submissions will not be considered)

Please forward your submission to: (Electronic submissions are preferred)

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Conference flier & registration forms available on : <http://www.indiginet.com.au/catsin/>

12. 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

13. 2008 AIDA Symposium - Our Culture, Our Kids, Our Future

Saturday 4 October, 2008

Darwin

Information at

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

14. 9th INTERNATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

14-16 August 2008, Holiday Inn, Gold Coast.

The revised link for access to the conference website and for abstract submissions is Conference website:

<http://www.gcimh.com.au/conference/>

Abstract Submission

http://astmanagement.com.au/gcimhforms/MH_Abstract.asp

15. 2008 SARRAH CONFERENCE

SARRAH - Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health

27-30 August 2008, Yepoon.

Details can be found on SARRAH's website at <http://www.sarrah.org.au>

16. FREE LIVINGWORKS SUICIDE INTERVENTION SKILLS TRAINING

Following the success of the 2007 Phase 1 of Suicide Intervention Training, Yaitya Purrana Indigenous Health Unit hereby invite Indigenous people or people who work with the Indigenous community to participate in 1 or both of the following:

* 1 x Half Day SafeTALK Workshop - May 22 (in which participants become more suicide alert), followed by

* 1 x 2 Day ASIST Workshop - June 12 & 13 (in which participants further develop intervention skills).

Yaitya Purrana has received funding from the Myer Foundation to deliver this LivingWorks Suicide Intervention Training. Yaitya Purrana will be evaluating participants' experiences, interpretations & understandings of the training and its effectiveness as a tool for preventing suicide in the Indigenous community.

Please register early to book your place as this could be the last chance to get this training for some time.

Regards, Snowy Day

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17. Destination Inclusion: SACOSS Stronger Communities Conference 2008

Adelaide 21-22 August

Call for Papers

The South Australian Council of Social Service (SACOSS) is the peak body representing community services in SA. As part of our ongoing remit to tackle poverty, social exclusion, economic disadvantage, deprivation and inequality, our 2008 conference aims to examine emerging issues and trends in policy and programs that may influence or inhibit a truly inclusive South Australian Community. SACOSS conferences provide for the largest gathering of social service practitioners and policy-makers of their kind in South Australia consistently attracting around 200 participants from across the state and the country.

The conference provides a key opportunity to examine the myriad of ways of travelling towards the destination of an inclusive society-are we full steam ahead or just treading water? What's our timetable? Is the inclusion/exclusion debate a distraction from taking action? Are people any better off since the introduction of the trendy concept of "inclusion"?

Submissions for individual papers, plenary sessions, workshops or poster presentations are invited on, although not restricted to, any of the following themes around the topics of social and economic inclusion:

- Diversity and Inclusion
 - Disability
 - Indigenous
 - Children and Young people
 - Rural, regional and remote
 - Multicultural and emerging
 - Older people
 - GLBT
- The Community Services Sector and inclusion
 - Capacity building
 - Democracy, representation and community engagement
 - Activism
 - Evaluation
- Breaking down the barriers to inclusion: collaboration, partnerships and networks
 - Social services innovation
 - Boom industries
 - Leadership
 - Social entrepreneurship

Contributions to the conference (250 word abstracts) should be submitted by [e-mail](#) no later than **16 May 2008**. Notification of successful contributions will occur on **30 May 2008**.

Guidelines for preparing and submitting papers are available at

www.sacoss.org.au/conference.html

18. Australia's Health 2008 conference

Australia's Health 2008 Conference National Convention Centre, Canberra, ACT 23 June 2008 - Welcome Dinner 24 June 2008 - Conference Held by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW), this conference will provide insights into what the evidence is showing on key health issues facing Australia.

Topics covered include national health priorities, children, oral health, expenditure, health and the socioeconomically disadvantaged, cancer, diabetes, plus many more. The conference includes the public release and launch of Australia's health 2008, the AIHW's flagship report on the nation's health and health services.

Further information: Conference Coordinator, Alison Diamond. Phone: (02) 6244 1000 Email: alison.diamond@aihw.gov.au or visit the AIHW website - <http://www.aihw.gov.au>

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.

2. Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme

The Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme (PHMSS) was established in recognition of Dr Arnold ('Puggy') Hunter's significant contribution to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and in his previous role as Chair of the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO). The PHMSS is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing, and administered by the Royal College of Nursing, Australia (RCNA).

The aim of the Scheme is to help address the under-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in health professions and assist in increasing the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with professional health qualifications.

Applications will be invited from students who wish to study at the undergraduate level in the areas of:

- Aboriginal Health Worker;
- Allied Health (excluding pharmacy);
- Dentistry/Oral Health;
- Health Service Management;
- Health Education/Promotion;
- Medicine;
- Mental Health;
- Midwifery; and
- Nursing.

Scholarships will be available for the start of the 2009 academic year and are worth up to \$15,000 per year for full time study and up to \$7,500 per year for part time study.

Selection will be based on criteria including demonstrated interest and experience in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, leadership qualities and financial need. This selection is not based on academic achievement.

Applications will be available to download from the RCNA website

<http://www.rcna.org.au/site/puggyscholar.php>

from **Friday 28 June 2008**.

If you have any other questions or would like further information please visit our website

<http://www.rcna.org.au/site/puggyscholar.php> or

contact Royal College of Nursing, Australia by phone: **1800 688 628**, or email

scholarships@rcna.org.au.

Thank you

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Other Notices

1. funding for NAIDOC week activities.

NAIDOC this year is 6 July to 13 July; National Theme "Advance Australia Fair".

Please pass the following information onto interested parties, as soon as possible; closing date for applications is 2 May :

Funding applications can be made to the ICC Adelaide office, up to close of business on 2 May. For more information phone 8400 2025 or email david.jennings@icc.gov.au

There are 3 "performance measures", and others can be negotiated :

- "extent of non-Indigenous audience"
- "media coverage"
- "number of activities"

2. Call for Submissions - National AOD, MH and AOD/MH Comorbidity Courses

The National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction (NCETA) has been contracted by the Australian Department of Health and Ageing to undertake a scoping exercise of Mental Health (MH), Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) and MH/AOD Comorbidity courses in Australia.

The key objectives of this project are:

1. Compiling a comprehensive data base on currently available courses
2. Identifying the strengths and deficiencies of courses in terms of content, gaps and overlaps
3. Making recommendations for future actions and directions to address the training needs of AOD and mental health workers which are not being met by existing courses.

An essential component in achieving these objectives is to obtain input from a wide range of relevant community and professional stakeholders. I would like to invite you and/or your organisation, as an important stakeholder, to make a submission.

I would also be most appreciative if you would kindly circulate this information across your organisation to extend the invitation to make a submission to relevant members of your organisation.

Please find enclosed a document containing guidelines and a submission pro-forma for a written submission. An electronic version of the submission forms can be downloaded from the NCETA website at

<http://www.nceta.flinders.edu.au/projects/comorbidity.html>

The deadline for submissions has been extended to Thursday 24 April 2008. Electronic submissions are preferred and should be forwarded to nceta@flinders.edu.au. Alternatively NCETA's fax number is (08) 8201 7535.

We look forward to receiving your input on this important matter.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Professor Ann Roche
Director, NCETA

3. NEW COMMISSION CALLS FOR SUBMISSIONS TO HELP DESIGN AUSTRALIA'S FUTURE

The recently established National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission (NHHRC) announced it is calling for submissions to help the Commission design Australia's future health system.

The NHHRC is seeking input from the public, frontline health workers, professional and consumer groups, and other interested people and organisations. Submissions will be accepted from now until the end of May.

For further details including the terms of reference of the Commission, the principles and a guide to making submissions, please visit the website at <http://www.nhhrc.org.au>