

COOPERATIVE RESEARCH CENTRE FOR ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH e-BULLETIN — 27 APRIL 2010

This fortnightly bulletin is distributed by the Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (through its Link people and website) to provide you with information on what's happening at the CRCATSIH and on issues of interest to Aboriginal health research.

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CONFERENCES

SNAICC National Conference: For Our Children – Ampe Anwernekenheke, in Alice Springs, 27–29 July 2010. The objectives of the conference are around sharing and celebrating, growing our knowledge, challenging others to acknowledge history and respect culture, and foster leadership. Registrations are now open; early bird rates available until 31 May. For more information: <www.snaicc.asn.au/policy/conference> or Ian Sweeney, T: 03 9489 8099.

ARMS 2010 Australasian Research Management Society, 12th Annual Conference, in Freemantle WA, 22–24 September. More information: <<http://www.promaco.com.au/2010/arms/index.htm>>.

OMOZ 2010, Australian Otitis Media Workshop, in Darwin, 25–26 May. The workshop aims to bring together new and established Australian OM researchers to enhance collaborations and provide up-to-date information on OM research within Australia. More information: <www.ichr.uwa.edu.au/omoz2010>, or E: <omoz2010@ichr.uwa.edu.au>.

Healing Our Spirit Worldwide (HOSW), The Sixth Gathering, Hawaii, 3–10 September 2010, to be hosted by the Hawaiian Indigenous health organisation Papa Ola Lokahi focusing on successes, best practices and common issues in health, healing and addictions in Indigenous populations. Registrations close on 30 April: <<http://www.hosw.com/>>; CRCATSIH contact is Vanessa Harris, E: <Vanessa.Harris@menzies.edu.au>.

The Sixth World Conference on the Promotion of Mental Health and Prevention of Mental and Behavioral Disorders, in Washington DC, 17–19 November 2010. A major focus will be to deepen our understanding and promote the mental health assets and needs of Indigenous peoples worldwide in a culturally appropriate way. A small number of scholarships will be available to support the participation of indigenous people, consumers and families: <<http://wmhconf2010.hhd.org>>.

British Sociological Association Medical Sociology Group Annual Conference 2010, Durham University, UK, 1–3 September 2010. Presentations will be structured around 18 streams including: Embodiment and Emotion, Experiences of Health and Illness, Health Policy, Service Delivery & Organisation, Inequalities, Social Movements and Health, and Open Stream. Abstract submissions (by 30 April) for oral presentations, poster presentations, workshops and symposia are welcomed: <www.britsoc.co.uk/events/medsoc> and <bsamedsoc@britsoc.org.uk>.

JOBS

Eye Health Program Manager, in Darwin, at the Fred Hollows Foundation, to develop and manage the implementation of an eye health strategy for the Foundation's Indigenous program. For more information contact Annette Laurie, M: 0438 826 686, W: <<http://www.hollows.org.au/employment/>>. Closing date: COB 3 May. Indigenous people are strongly encouraged to apply for this position.

Several positions at VACCHO:
<http://www.vaccho.org.au/about/about_jobs.asp>.

Workforce Issue Unit: Indigenous Health Project Officer. Queries to Tyson Murphy, T: 03 9419 3350

Health Programs Unit: Alcohol and Other Drugs Project Officer, Spiritual and Emotional Wellbeing Project Officer, Senior Team Leader, Health and Wellbeing Team Leader, Koori Maternity Strategy Project Officer, Mental Health Workforce Development Officer. Queries to Nicole Cassar, T: 03 9419 3350.

Policy Unit: Policy Officer. Queries to Timothy Moori, T: 03 9419 3350.

MEDIA

Targeting aspiring Indigenous doctors, by Michael Cavanagh, ABC Rural, 12 April 2010. 'It's hoped that a new medical school at Charles Darwin University will boost the number of Indigenous graduates. There are currently only two Aboriginal doctors from the Northern Territory, both of whom trained interstate...' Full item at: <<http://www.abc.net.au/rural/nt/content/201004/s2870541.htm>>.

Media release from the Institute of Urban Indigenous Health: Don't neglect urban Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples – a plea to

COAG from the Institute of Urban Indigenous Health, 19 April 2010. 'A Brisbane-based Indigenous health expert is calling on the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) meeting in Canberra [on 20 April] to ensure efforts to close the Indigenous health gap in Australia reflect the realities of Aboriginal demographics; that the largest proportion of Indigenous peoples live in urban and regional, not remote Australia...' Full media release is available at: <<http://www.crcah.org.au/>>.

GPs to ask all patients if they're Aboriginal, by A. Cresswell, *The Australian*, 8 April 2010. 'Doctors and health workers will be expected to ask all their patients if they are of Aboriginal origin regardless of their appearance or country of birth as part of the push to lift standards in indigenous health...' Full report: <<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/in-depth/aboriginal-australia/gps-to-ask-all-patients-if-theyre-aboriginal/story-e6frgd9f-1225851120249>>.

Media release from the Minister for Indigenous Health, 14 April 2010: Indigenous Health Project Officers Placed In General Practices Across Australia. 'The Rudd Government has allocated more than 80 Indigenous Health Project Officers to general practices across the nation to help close the life expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians...' Full text: <<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/mr-yr10-ws-ws028.htm?OpenDocument&yr=2010&mth=4>>.

Experts focus on Indigenous health, by KenOrr, ABC News, 7 April 2010. 'Chronic diseases in Indigenous communities will be analysed over the next few months in two Rural Health Education Foundation (RHEF) initiatives...' Full report: <<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2010/04/07/2865896.htm>>.

PUBLICATIONS

Through APO:

Indigenous Perpetrators of Violence: Prevalence and Risk Factors for Offending, J. Wundersitz, Australian Institute of Criminology: <<http://www.apo.org.au/research/indigenous-perpetrators-violence-prevalence-and-risk-factors-offending>>.

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Performance Audit of Residential Aged Care for Indigenous Australians, Australian National Audit Office: <<http://www.apo.org.au/research/performance-audit-residential-aged-care-indigenous-australians>>.

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Strengthening Evidence-Based Policy in the Australian Federation, Productivity Commission: <<http://www.apo.org.au/research/strengthening-evidence-based-policy-australian-federation>>.

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Health and Wellbeing of Young Australians: Indicator framework and key national indicators, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare:
<<http://www.apo.org.au/research/health-and-wellbeing-young-australians-indicator-framework-and-key-national-indicators>>
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A Snapshot of Men's Health in Regional and Remote Australia, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare: <<http://www.apo.org.au/research/snapshot-mens-health-regional-and-remote-australia>>.

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Report on Government Services 2010: Indigenous compendium, Steering Committee for the Review of Government Service Provision, Productivity Commission: <<http://www.apo.org.au/research/report-government-services-2010-indigenous-compendium>>.

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Indigenous Homelessness, C. Birdsall-Jones, Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute: <<http://www.apo.org.au/research/indigenous-homelessness>>.

SUPPORT Tools for Evidence-Informed Health Policymaking (STP), A. Oxman & S. Hanney (eds), *Health Research Policy and Systems*, Vol. 7 Suppl. 1: <<http://www.health-policy-systems.com/supplements/7/S1>>.

The Prevalence and Causes of Vision Loss in Indigenous Australians: The National Indigenous Eye Health Survey, H R Taylor, J Xie, S Fox, R A Dunn, A-L Arnold & J E Keeffe, *Medical Journal of Australia*, 2010, vol. 192 (6), pp. 312–318.

The New “Indigenous Health” Incentive Payment: Issues and challenges A Iannuzzi, *Medical Journal of Australia*, 2010, vol. 192 (6), p. 354.

High Rates of Amputation among Indigenous People in Western Australia, P E Norman, D E Schoen, J M Gurr & M L Kolybaba — *Medical Journal of Australia*, 2010, vol. 192 (7), p. 421.

Working and walking together: supporting family relationship services to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and organisations, Secretariat of National Aboriginal & Islander Child Care, North Fitzroy, Vic. Available through HealthInfoNet at: <<http://www.healthinonet.ecu.edu.au/health-resources/promotion-resources?id=18058>>.

Nationwide Review of Investment into Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Programs, commissioned by the National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Committee with funding from the Department of Health & Ageing, has reviewed the actual level of expenditure on specific Indigenous specific drug and alcohol

across the country. Full media release, facts sheet, and report recommendations at: <<http://www.nidac.org.au/news/media12.html>>.

Indigenous Issues in Australian Universities: Research, Teaching, Support, Jack Frawley, Maggie Nolan & Nereda White (eds), Charles Darwin University Press, 2010. This is a collection of essays exploring Indigenous issues in Australian universities written by Indigenous and non-Indigenous scholars. It is the first publication to come from the Centre for Indigenous Education Research at ACU, which was established in 2009.

RESOURCES AND WEBSITES

Indigenous Human Rights Network Australia:

<<http://www.apo.org.au/website/indigenous-human-rights-network-australia>>

DVD: Depression Yarns Tackling Depression, Anxiety and Related Disorders in Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Communities, produced by Beyond blue: The National Depression. Available at no charge from <www.beyondblue.org.au> or T: 1300 22 4636.

SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS, FUNDING, GRANTS & TENDERS

Standing Strong Together Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Award. This award provides recognition for partnerships between GPs and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People in improving the health of Indigenous Australians. The award is made to any fellow or member of the RACGP and any Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person who, in the opinion of the award committee, has worked together to produce substantial outcomes in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health. Nominations welcome, but no later than 12 June 2010: <<http://www.racgp.org.au/standingstrongtogether>>.

RACGP /APHCRI Indigenous Health Awards. The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners and the Australian Primary Health Care Research Institute are pleased to invite nominations for two Indigenous Health Awards, valued at \$4500 each. Both awards are available for a 12 month period to provide support for Indigenous medical students, medical students to gain experience in indigenous health, Indigenous medical graduates undertaking GP training, registrars and GPs undertaking research and educational projects in indigenous health, and other activities supporting the provision of high quality health care to indigenous people. Applications close 15 May 2010:

<<http://www.racgp.org.au/researchfoundation/awards/indigenous>>.

SEMINARS, COURSES AND SYMPOSIA

Seminar: Indigenous child health in Australia within an international context, in Melbourne, 28 April 2010, by A/Professor Jane Freemantle, Onemda VicHealth Koori Health Unit, Level 4/207 Bouverie Street, The University of Melbourne, Carlton.

Young, pregnant and parenting – what does the research tell us? symposium, and official launch of the Australian Young Pregnant and Parenting Network, in Canberra, on 25 October 2010. Papers and presentations will focus on: The demographics of decision-making in teenage pregnancy; Young parents and education – what works?; Teenage pregnancy in Indigenous communities; Sexuality in adolescence; and Health issues in teenage pregnancy. Register your interest by sending your contact details to <kboulden@bigpond.net.au>, or F: 03 9455 3048.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children’s Hearing Loss Partnership Symposium “Bina Together Hear Together?”, in Cairns, on 30 July 2010, showcasing ideas and strategies on what works well and promoting community-based strategies. For more information, E: <Heather_Price@health.gov.qld.au>.

Rural Health Education Foundation Webcast on Chronic Disease among Indigenous Adults “Sharing Solutions: Indigenous Communities Tackling Chronic Disease”, on Tuesday 27 April. The Foundation would encourage anyone interested to register and participate in the webcast or view the program at a satellite viewing site in your local area. The program, with an all Indigenous panel, showcases particular projects that are making a difference: the Family Wellbeing Program at Yarrabah in Queensland; a diabetes self-management program conducted by the Far North Queensland Rural Division of General Practice; and the Chronic Care Program developed by Dharah Gibinj Aboriginal Medical Service in Casino NSW. Time: 8.00pm NSW, ACT, VIC, TAS, QLD; 7.30pm SA and NT; 6pm WA. For more information:

<http://www.rhef.com.au/programs/program-1/?program_id=402>.

and REMINDERS

Australia’s Health 2010 Conference, Canberra, 23 June 2010:
<<http://www.aihw.gov.au/eventsdiary/index.cfm#ah10>>.

Australasian Evaluation Society (AES) International Conference ‘Reflecting on Evaluation’, Wellington NZ, 30 August–3 September, conference grants for emerging Indigenous evaluators are available (closing 4 June):
<<http://www.aesconference2010.org.nz/drupal/node/41>>.

Beyond Evidence on Reducing Health Inequities Symposium: What works,

why and how, Adelaide, 27–28th April:
<<http://som.flinders.edu.au/FUSA/PublicHealth/AHIP/2010/>>.

4th International Indigenous Traditional Knowledge Conference ‘Kei muri i te awe kapara he tangata ke – Behind the tattooed face a stranger stands: Recognising, engaging, understanding difference’, Auckland NZ, 6–9 June:
<http://www.traditionalknowledge2010.ac.nz>.

Inaugural National Indigenous Drug & Alcohol Conference (NIDAC 2010) ‘Listening, Learning and Leading’, Adelaide, 16–18 June:
<<http://www.nidaconference.com.au/>>.

2010 PHC Research Conference (formerly GP & PHC Research Conference) Primary health care research and health reform: Improving care, Darwin, 30 June–2 July: <www.phcris.org.au/conference/2010>.

9th World Indigenous Women and Wellness Conference, hosted by the Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation, Darwin, 22–25 August. More information from Jodie Farrow, Danila Dilba HS, E: <jodie.farrow@daniladilba.org.au>, T: 08 89435100, F: 08 89435101, W: <www.daniladilba.org.au>.

Reflecting on Evaluation, in Wellington NZ, 30 Aug–03 Sept:
<<http://www.aesconference2010.org.nz/drupal/>>.

14th Chronic Diseases Network (CDN) Conference – ‘Health Literacy: Opening doors to health and wellbeing’, Darwin, 9–10 September. More information T: (08) 8922 8280, E: <chronicdiseasesnetwork@nt.gov.au>.

2nd Australian Rural and Remote Mental Health Symposium, Canberra, 20–30 September: <<http://www.anzmmh.asn.au/RMH10/Default.ASP>>.

Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and other Drugs (APSAD) 2010 Conference, Canberra, on 28 November–1 December:
<<http://www.apsadconference.com.au/>>, or E: <apsad@wsm.com.au>.

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