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APPOINTMENT OF NEW ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION AT THE LOWITJA INSTITUTE

We are very pleased to announce the appointment of Dr David Thomas as the Associate Director Research and Innovation at the Lowitja Institute. This senior position will also lead the Institute's Northern Australian Health Research Unit (NAHRU). David has an outstanding health research background and is currently a Division Leader with the Menzies School of Health Research. His extensive research and management experience will be of considerable value to the Lowitja Institute.

NEW RESOURCES PAGE ON THE LOWITJA INSTITUTE WEBSITE

We are continuing to develop the Lowitja Institute website and have added a new page listing our website resources and containing links to useful external websites such as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clearinghouses, health research and peak bodies: <<http://www.lowitja.org.au/resources>>.

INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF CRITICAL INDIGENOUS STUDIES CALL FOR PAPERS: Special Edition Focused on Critical Indigenous Health

This is a fully refereed international journal published twice each year where Indigenous peoples from around the world share common experiences of colonisation and have been involved in the struggle for self-determination at the global level. As Indigenous studies is a multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary field the editors are seeking articles, review essays and book reviews from a variety of disciplines including Indigenous methodologies and research Indigenous identity: <<http://www.isrn.qut.edu.au/publications/internationaljournal/>>.

CELEBRATE!

* National Aboriginal and Islander Children’s Day 4 August 2010: <http://www.snaicc.asn.au/news/view_article.cfm?loadref=8&id=269>

* NAIDOC Week 4–11 July: <<http://www.naidoc.org.au/index.aspx>>.

CONFERENCES

The Mental Health Services (TheMHS) 20th Annual Conference, in Sydney, 14–17 September. This year TheMHS is joined by the NSW Transcultural Mental Health Centre (TMHC) who will be holding their conference within TheMHS: <<http://www.themhs.org/home>>.

2010 Primary Health Care (PHC) Research Conference, Darwin, 30 June–2 July. For the latest information on the conference, including the conference program, ‘must-attend’ sessions, abstracts, and the opportunity for late registrations: <www.phcris.org.au/conference/2010/>.

Rural Health West: Aboriginal Health Conference 2010, in Perth, 3–4 July. The theme of this year’s conference is about the journey, in particular, the healing journey that will improve the health of Aboriginal communities. It will include a strong clinical focus, showcase successful programs and projects and provide an opportunity to share ideas with other medical professionals. For more information, contact Leesa Foote, E: <events@ruralhealthwest.com.au>, W: <<http://www.ruralhealthwest.com.au/go/education/weekend-conferences/aboriginal%20health%20conference%202010>>.

SACOSS Conference 2010: Defining Strength, Delivering Innovation, in Adelaide, 5–6 August. The biennial SACOSS conference is one of the largest gatherings of social service practitioners, policy makers, consumers, program providers, non-profit organisations and non-government community service providers of its kind. See website for details: <<http://www.sacoss.org.au/events/conference2010/registration.html>>.

JOBS

Aboriginal Smoking Research

Menzies has been funded to set up a new major national research project which will follow-up a group of Indigenous smokers to see how different policies and programs impact on their smoking and attempts to quit. It is linked to the International Tobacco Control Policy Evaluation Project that operates in 20 countries.

Research Officer/Senior Research Officer to be involved in all aspects of setting up this major new study, especially negotiating with Aboriginal community controlled health organisations. The Officer will be working with a team with extensive research experience in Aboriginal health and tobacco control. This is a great opportunity for an early career researcher. This position is based in Darwin but will involve considerable travel. Initial 9-month contract for the Establishment Phase with the opportunity to extend.

Administration officer (half-time) to provide administrative support to the project: assisting with reports, meetings, travel bookings, and keeping track of the progress of the project. Initial 9-month contract for the Establishment Phase with the opportunity to extend.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply. For more information, contact David Thomas on T: 08 89227610, E: <david.thomas@menzies.edu.au>. Applications close 2 July.

Aboriginal Community Worker, 'Healthy Starts' Project. Menzies, in partnership with Danila Dilba Health Service is looking to expand their research team for the Australian "Healthy Starts" Project—a research study to trial the effect of a family-centred tobacco control program on respiratory health outcomes and second-hand smoke exposure in Indigenous infants. The Worker will be responsible for helping to recruit mothers and their babies for the project, and visiting the homes of families to deliver the program to reduce infants' second-hand smoke exposure. Twelve-month contract based and employed at Danila Dilba Health Service in Darwin. For more information, contact Darren Westphal on T: 08 8922 7972, E: <darren.westphal@menzies.edu.au>. Applications close 2 July.

Expression of Interest: Leader, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cardiovascular Health Program. The Heart Foundation is seeking expressions of interest from experienced individuals to undertake the role of leading our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cardiovascular Health Program. This leadership position is responsible for driving the prioritisation and integration of Heart Foundation work relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cardiovascular health across a range of programs and strategic initiatives. This will include a key role in helping develop and promote policy proposals for government action. **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to submit expressions of interest.** Closing date: 5 July. A copy of the position description can be found at (click on the Vic tab)

http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/About_Us/Employment/Careers/.

Aboriginal Education Program Coordinator, Cancer Council Victoria, in Melbourne, full-time. The Coordinator will be responsible for developing and implementing initiatives targeting Aboriginal communities for PapScreen Victoria. They will provide advice and direction for other programs within the Cancer Council and promote our services and programs within Aboriginal networks. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply. For more information, please contact Kate or Lea, T: 03 9635 5258. Applications close Friday 11 June.

Medical Advisor—Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health, in Melbourne, part-time (0.4) 2-year contract. The Advisor will coordinate the education and quality improvement initiatives of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners' National Faculty of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health: <http://www.racgp.org.au/jobs/37761>. Closing Date: Monday 28 June.

MEDIA

Melbourne Demons join fight against Trachoma. 'The Melbourne Demons have joined the fight against trachoma led by the University of Melbourne's Harold Mitchell Chair of Indigenous Eye Health, Professor Hugh Taylor. After accompanying Professor Taylor up to Yuendumu in Central Australia, Melbourne Demons President Jim Stynes gave the ok for Indigenous players Liam Jurrah and Aaron Davey to work with Professor Taylor as he endeavours to eliminate trachoma, from Indigenous communities...': http://www.mdhs.unimelb.edu.au/news/melbourne_demons_join_fight_against_trachoma.

Milestones Mean Congress Is in Business, 8 June 2010. 'The National Congress of Australia's First Peoples says establishment of the organisation is on track, with the appointment this week of a CEO and announcing a national roadshow of community meetings. The National Congress Co-Chairs Kerry Arabena and Sam Jeffries, welcomed Mr Lindon Coombes on board as the first Chief Executive Officer, beginning his new role as of today. Mr Coombes is a Eualeyai man from north western NSW and has held a range of distinguished positions in the public and community sectors...': <http://www.nationalcongress.com.au/index.html>.

PUBLICATIONS

Menzies School of Health Research Annual Report 2009: [http://www.menzies.edu.au/sites/menzies.edu.au/files/file/Menzies%20Annual%20Report%202009%20web%20\(2\).pdf](http://www.menzies.edu.au/sites/menzies.edu.au/files/file/Menzies%20Annual%20Report%202009%20web%20(2).pdf).

'The Prevalence and Causes of Visual Impairment in Indigenous Australians within Central Australia: The Central Australian Ocular Health Study', J Landers, T Henderson & J Craig, *British Journal of Ophthalmology*, doi:10.1136/bjo.2009.168146, <<http://bjo.bmj.com/content/early/2010/06/05/bjo.2009.168146.abstract?sid=075a7b54-91d6-4415-a1bf-4ff7e64907b1>>.

Indigenous Community Housing 2008–09. Indigenous community housing 2008–09 includes national data collected by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare on Indigenous community housing. AIHW cat. nbr HOU 299: <<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/11528>>.

Through APO:

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey, Summary Booklets and Posters, ABS: <<http://www.apo.org.au/research/national-aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-social-survey-summary-booklets-and-posters>>.

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Stocktake of Primary Health Care Research in Australia, L. Yen, Australian Primary Health Care Research Institute: <<http://www.apo.org.au/research/stocktake-primary-health-care-research-australia>>.

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National Healthcare Agreement: Report on Performance 2008–09, COAG Reform Council: <<http://www.apo.org.au/research/national-healthcare-agreement-report-performance-2008-09>>.

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Australian Hospital Statistics 2008–09, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW): <<http://www.apo.org.au/research/australian-hospital-statistics-2008-09>>.

Select Committee on Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities: Fourth report 2010, Senate Select Committee on Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities, <<http://www.apo.org.au/research/select-committee-regional-and-remote-indigenous-communities-fourth-report-2010>>.

'Primary Health Care and the Social Determinants of Health: Essential and complementary approaches for reducing inequities in health', K. Rasanathan, E. Villar Montesinos, D. Matheson, C. Etienne, T. Evans, *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health*, doi:10.1136/jech.2009.093914: <<http://bit.ly/aOiQAT>>.

Using Evidence to Design Benefits, National Health Policy Conference

(NHPC) in Washington, D.C. in February 2010, AcademyHealth. '... Whether evidence-based research fuels the broad reforms in health care delivery that are essential to improving quality and reining in health care costs will depend not only on the strength of research efforts but also on the development of effective strategies to integrate evidence into decisions about how people use health care...': <<http://bit.ly/b7uYPD>>.

RESOURCES AND WEBSITES

BioMed Search Engine. This search engine contains all PubMed/MedLine publications, plus additional journals and a collection of theses and dissertations that are not available elsewhere for free. Visit <<http://www.BioMedSearch.com>>.

2009 Indigenous Dementia Resources Project. This is a suite of themed resources called 'Looking out for Dementia' developed to inform Indigenous people living in remote communities of Northern Territory about dementia. More details of contents and costs are available at:

<<http://www.alzheimers.org.au/content.cfm?infopageid=5974>>.

Lowitja Institute News and Events page for the latest information on activities related to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research:

<<http://www.lowitja.org.au/announcements>>.

SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS, FUNDING, GRANTS & TENDERS

APHCRI Centre of Research Excellence research grants. The Australian Primary Health Care Research Institute (APHCRI) is seeking applications for Centre of Research Excellence research grants. Each centre will receive \$2.5 million over four years. APHCRI's Centres of Research Excellence program will align research with the priorities of the National Primary Health Care Strategy. Details, including selection criteria and how to apply, can be found at www.anu.edu.au/aphcri <<http://www.anu.edu.au/aphcri>>.

Further, the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) may fund one Centre of Research Excellence in primary care, funded at \$2.5 million over five years. The NHMRC is aiming to advertise its Centre of Research Excellence on 9 July 2010. Details of the NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence grants will be available at www.nhmrc.gov.au <<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/>>.

2010 Chronic Diseases Network Recognition Awards. The Chronic Diseases Network invites you to nominate an individual, team or organisation for the following Awards: Chronic Disease Program Delivery Award; Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health & Leadership Award (Individual – Male and Female Awards); Individual outstanding Contribution to the Field of Chronic Disease; Conference Theme Award. For more information:

<http://www.cdnconference.com.au/awards.html>. Closing date: 30 July. Don't

forget the Chronic Diseases Conference in Darwin on 9–10 September.

SEMINARS, COURSES AND SYMPOSIA

Issues in Indigenous Health Research, in Darwin, 19–22 July 2010, offered by the Menzies School of Health Research. Indigenous people seeking assistance with airfares: please contact Catherine Richardson, T: 08 8922 7873, F: 08 8927 5187: <<http://www.menzies.edu.au/education-and-training/short-courses/workshops>>.

Diabetes Care at the Centre: Grassroots care and prevention, in Alice Spring, 13–14 August 2010. The main aim of the meeting is to create greater engagement between health professional, educators and researchers. This will provide the practitioners with an opportunity to learn about the latest treatment and care, empowering the health care professionals in the region. **Registration is free:** <http://www.bakeridi.edu.au/alice_springs/events/>. To obtain more information and registration details contact Priya Ranganath at T: 1300 738 900, E: <Priya.Ranganath@bakeridi.edu.au>, or visit W: <<http://www.bakeridi.edu.au/>>.

and REMINDERS

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>.

Aboriginal Health Conference, in Perth, 3–4 July, Rural Health West: <http://www.healthinfonet.ecu.edu.au/health_resources/conferences?cid=414>.

2010 'Are You Remotely Interested?' Conference, in Mount Isa, Qld, 20–22 August: <<http://micrrh.jcu.edu.au/conferences-workshops/2010-remotely-interested/>>.

The Pacific Region Indigenous Doctors Congress 2010 'Sharing Our Stories: Building Strength through the Circle of Knowledge Translation', in Whistler, British Columbia, Canada, 26–29 August hosted by the Indigenous Physicians Association of Canada: <http://www.pridoc.org/>>.

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>.

Australasian Evaluation Society (AES) International Conference , Wellington NZ, 30 Aug–3 Sept: <<http://www.aesconference2010.org.nz/drupal/node/41>>.

Chronic Diseases Network Annual Conference, in Darwin, on 9–10 September: <<http://www.cdnconference.com.au/>>.

Healing Our Spirit Conference, Hawaii, 3–10 September:
<<http://www.lowitja.org.au/announcements/crcatsih-funding-healing-our-spirit-worldwide-conference>>.

Participatory Action Research and Action Learning: Appreciating our Pasts, Comprehending our Presents, Prefiguring our Futures: 2010 Action Research World Congress, Melbourne, 6–9 September:
<<http://www.alara.net.au/worldcongress/2010/objectives>>.

14th Annual NT Chronic Diseases Network Conference, in Darwin, 9–10 September: <<http://www.cdnconference.com.au/>>.

NatStats Conference ‘Measuring what Counts: Economic Development, Wellbeing and Progress in 21st Century Australia’, in Sydney, 15–17 September: <<http://www.nss.gov.au/natstats2010>>.

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

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

The 2nd Rural & Remote Mental Health Symposium ‘Winds of Change: New Perspectives on Rural and Remote Mental Health’, in Sydney, 29–30 September: <<http://www.ausot.com.au/newsArticle.asp?id=208>>.

Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives (CATSINM), 12th Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting, in Sydney, 29 September–1 October. Abstracts are invited by 16 July. For more information contact CATSINM at E: <catsin@bigpond.net.au>.

The inaugural National Indigenous Policy and Dialogue Conference ‘Indigenous Policy and Dialogue: New Relationships, New Possibilities’, in Sydney, 18–19 November. For more information:
<<http://nipdc.arts.unsw.edu.au/>> or E: <nipdc@unsw.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: <<http://wmhconf2010.hhd.org>>.

Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and other Drugs (APSAD) 2010 Conference, Canberra, 28 November–1 December:

<<http://www.apsadconference.com.au/program/call-for-abstracts/>>;

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