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NEW OFFICE FOR THE LOWITJA INSTITUTE'S NORTHERN AUSTRALIAN HEALTH RESEARCH UNIT

The Lowitja Institute's Northern Australian Health Research Unit (NAHRU) has new premises in Darwin. NAHRU is now located in the Orange section, Building 2, Level 4 at Charles Darwin University. Phone lines and more details will be listed as soon as possible at: <http://www.lowitja.org.au/announcements/new-office-lowitja-institutes-northern-unit>. Meanwhile, NAHRU staff can be contacted on their individual emails. NAHRU's admin officer is contactable by email: Maria.Halkitis@lowitja.org.au.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The *Journal of Ambulatory Care Management* on community health workers in the US and internationally is calling for papers for a special issue on Community Health Workers in Primary Health Care. The Journal is encouraging a good representation of different country experiences. For more information, contact James Macinko james.macinko@nyu.edu, E. Lee Rosenthal

<elrosenthal@utep.edu> or Norbert Goldfield <nigoldfield@mmm.com>. 350-word Abstracts due 1 October:
<<http://journals.lww.com/ambulatorycaremanagement/pages/default.aspx>>.

CONFERENCES

14th Annual NT Chronic Diseases Network Conference, in Darwin, 9–10 September: SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY. If you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person working or studying in health/chronic diseases and would like the opportunity to attend as a sponsored delegate or presenter, then APPLY NOW! Sponsorship will cover conference registration costs and accommodation, if required. Note: A maximum of two sponsorships per organisation will be granted. **Applications close Friday 6 August.** More information and application forms from CDN on T: 08 8985 8280 or 08 8922 7770; E: <chronicdiseasesnetwork@nt.gov.au>; <<http://www.cdnconference.com.au/>>.

11th National Rural Health Conference: Perth, 13–16 March 2011, call for abstracts. Rural Health are seeking abstracts for refereed and general papers, workshops, multi-media and arts and health activities. More details: <<http://www.ruralhealth.org.au>>. Closing date is 23 August.

2011 Primary Health Care Research Conference, Brisbane, 13–15 July 2011: <<http://www.phcris.org.au/conference>>. SAVE THE DATE!

JOBS

Project Officer, Leaders in Medical Education (LIME), in Melbourne, full-time, fixed term. The Project Officer will be a member of the LIME Network Project and assist with planning, coordination and implementation of key projects and events of the LIME Network. These include an international conference, committee and other stakeholder meetings, development and maintenance of the LIME website, and coordination of the LIME Newsletter. This role will also involve communication tasks relating to the Project and its events. LIME is situated at the Melbourne School of Population Health, Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences, The University of Melbourne. For enquiries only, contact Odette Mazel, T: 03 8344 9160, E: <omazel@unimelb.edu.au>. Position description, selection criteria and application procedures available at: <<http://jobs.unimelb.edu.au/jobSearch.asp?stp=AW>> job number 0020815.

Director of Research – Indigenous Social and Cultural Wellbeing, in Canberra, full time, at the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS). This vacancy is a new position, with responsibility for research relating to Indigenous health and wellbeing; education, history and cultural transmission; and language arts and cultural expression. Responsibilities will include defining future research directions; providing academic leadership

and mentoring; further developing networks and collaborations with other organisations; and management of resources, including securing external funding and grants. The Director is also expected to pursue a personal research program. An ideal candidate would have an outstanding research record relevant to the areas of responsibility, together with proven high-level management, communication and negotiation skills. Position description is available at: <<http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/corporate/employment/employment.html>>. Further information: Dr Luke Taylor, E: <Luke.Taylor@aiatsis.gov.au>, T: 02 6246 1118. Closing date is 21 August 2010. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

Northern Territory Research Officer, in Darwin, for the ABCD Research Partnership at the Menzies School of Health Research. ABCD is a new national research project that aims to support efforts to improve the quality of primary health care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The project builds on the Audit and Best Practice for Chronic Disease Extension (ABCDE) participatory action research, which supports staff in health centres around Australia to engage in systematic quality improvement activities and uses data to inform broader policy and program improvement in the sector. **Indigenous people are strongly encouraged to apply.** For further information, please contact Cynthia Croft, T: 07 3010 3902, M: 0437 244 944 or E: <Cynthia.croft@menzies.edu.au>. Position description and selection criteria please: <www.menzies.edu.au> or T: 08 8943 5080/5082. **Applications close 9 August 2010.**

Health & Wellbeing Program Officer, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Peoples' Programs, Melbourne or Perth based, Oxfam Australia. Knowledge and experience of public health and Aboriginal health are essential. More information at: <www.oxfam.org.au/jobs>. **Applications close 19 August.**

Community Health Educator, in Darwin, full time, immediate start. The Aboriginal Resource and Development Services Inc. (ARDS) is a non-Government community development organisation that works in NE Arnhem Land with Yolŋu people. ARDS health education model utilises action-research processes, which respect and incorporate Yolŋu languages and knowledge in order to effectively deliver meaningful health information. The incumbent will be mentored and supported to learn Yolŋu language and culture as well as the particular in-depth health education methodology that ARDS utilises. For a position description: E: <samina.diwan@ards.com.au> or T: 08 8984 4174. Applications due 13 Aug 2010.

Two jobs [Indigenous Community Liaison Officer (part-time) and an Office Administrator (full-time)] at the Top End Women's Legal Service in Darwin will soon be advertise. If you are interested in either role, please contact T: 08 8982 3000 or E: <TEWLS@clc.net.au>.

MEDIA

Media release from the Minister for Indigenous Health, the Hon. Warren Snowdon, July 2010: **New Peak Body to Support More Indigenous Physiotherapists, Dieticians, Occupational Therapists and Optometrists.**

The health of Indigenous Australians has taken another step forward with the launch of a new peak national body to represent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander allied health professionals and students:

<<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/mr-yr10-ws-ws067.htm>>.

PUBLICATIONS

'Considering Culture in the Psychiatric Assessment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples', A. P. F. Wand, S. J. Eades & M. J. Corr 2010, *Advances in Mental Health*, vol. 9(1): <<http://amh.e-contentmanagement.com/archives/vol/9/issue/1/article/3738/considering-culture-in-the-psychiatric-assessment>>.

Goreen Narrkwarren Ngrn-toura – Healthy Family Air: A Literature Review to Inform the Smoking amongst Pregnant Aboriginal Women Research Project, by A. van der Sterren & the *Goreen Narrkwarren Ngrn-toura – Healthy Family Air (Reducing Smoking amongst Pregnant Aboriginal Women in Victoria: An Holistic Approach) Project Team* 2010, VACCHO, Melbourne: <<http://www.ceitc.org.au/system/files/Goreen+Narrkwarren+Ngrn-toura+-+Healthy+Family+Air+Lit+Review.pdf>>.

Indigenous Smoking Project Report, J. Goodman, M. Stoneham & M. Daube 2010, Public Health Advocacy Institute of Western Australia. This report on the outcomes of the Indigenous tobacco advocacy workshops and consultations, also provided recommendations on future funding directions for Indigenous tobacco control in Western Australia:

<<http://www.apo.org.au/research/indigenous-smoking-project-report>>.

Better Hospital Care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People Experiencing Heart Attack. This report by the Heart Foundation and Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association addresses the disparities in hospital care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with acute coronary syndromes and makes practical recommendations to close the gap in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heart health:

<http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/Professional_Information/Indigenous_Health/Resources/Pages/default.aspx>.

'Reducing Alcohol Related Harm Experienced By Indigenous Australians: Identifying opportunities for indigenous primary health care services', A.

Shakeshaft, A. Clifford A. & M. Shakeshaft M. 2010, *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health*, vol. 34(s1), S41–S45:

<http://indigenouspeoplesissues.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=5850>.

‘Cultural Safety in Health for Aboriginal People: Will it work in Australia?’ (Ross Ingram Memorial Essay Competition), R. van den Berg 2010, *Medical Journal of Australia*, vol. 193(3), pp. 136–37.

The latest Flinders Aboriginal Health Research e-news:

<http://www.aboriginalhealth.flinders.edu.au/Newsletters/2010/News06_2010.html>.

The July to September 2010 issue of the new-look Australian Indigenous Health *Bulletin* is now 'in progress' at <<http://www.healthbulletin.org.au>>.

The latest LIME Newsletter (No. 3) is available at:

<<http://www.limenetwork.net.au/content/newsletters>>.

Through APO (summaries by APO):

Healthy Stores, Healthy Communities: The Impact of Outback Stores on Remote Indigenous Australians, Centre for Independent Studies:

<<http://www.apo.org.au/research/healthy-stores-healthy-communities-impact-outback-stores-remote-indigenous-australians>>.

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Mental Health of Young People 2007, Australian Bureau of Statistics. This article provides a brief overview of the mental health of young people aged 16-24 years in Australia and includes information on levels of impairment, socioeconomic characteristics and their health service usage:

<<http://www.apo.org.au/research/mental-health-young-people-2007>>.

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Commonwealth Indigenous Budget Bulletin – July 2010, L. Russell, Macroeconomics. In the early days of his prime ministership, Kevin Rudd committed to 'closing the gap' on Indigenous disadvantage, committing to six ambitious targets. But time is ticking in terms of the self-imposed timeframe on several of these targets, according to this report:

<<http://www.apo.org.au/research/commonwealth-indigenous-budget-bulletin-july-2010>>.

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The Hidden Toll: Suicide in Australia, Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs, At least six Australian lives are taken by suicide every day, however there continues to be a lack of public awareness about the impact of suicide on the community according to this report:

<<http://www.apo.org.au/research/hidden-toll-suicide-australia>>.

Impacts and Benefits of COAG Reforms, Productivity Commission. In order to assist the COAG Reform Council in its role of helping to enhance accountability and promote reform, the Australian Government has recently released the following terms of reference: <<http://www.apo.org.au/research/impacts-and-benefits-coag-reforms>>.

RESOURCES AND WEBSITES

The **Centre for Excellence in Indigenous Tobacco Control (CEITC) website** is full of information about Australian Indigenous Tobacco Control Projects in general, and CEITC projects in particular. Also, bibliographies and publications on Indigenous tobacco control in Australia and information on international tobacco control. And much, much more: <<http://www.ceitc.org.au/welcome>>.

The **LIME (Leaders in Indigenous Medical Education) Network website** is being updated continuously. Check it out!

Conferences, events, workshops and relevant job opportunities:
<<http://www.limenetwork.net.au/content/news-and-events>>.

Information on scholarships, pathways into medicine and Indigenous Education Centres: <<http://www.limenetwork.net.au/content/students-page>>.

LIME Newsletters: <<http://www.limenetwork.net.au/content/newsletters>>.

Resources database: <http://www.limenetwork.net.au/resource_database>.

Short film on the LIME Connection III held in Melbourne in December 2009, highlighting the aims and purposes of the conference, delegate experiences and the LIME Network more broadly: <<http://www.limenetwork.net.au/>>.

SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS, FUNDING, GRANTS & TENDERS

Rowan Nicks Russell Drysdale Fellowship

The Fellowship is designed to support individuals wanting to make a contribution in the area of Australian Indigenous health and welfare. It particularly aims to support the development of workers and future leaders. **Australian Indigenous people are strongly encouraged to apply.** The Fellowship is awarded initially for a period of up to 12 months with possibility of renewal for up to a further period of 12 months. Closing date: 10 September 2010. Application form, terms and conditions and contact details for further enquiries available at:
<<http://sydney.edu.au/medicine/scholawards/indigenous/index.php>>.

SEMINARS, COURSES AND SYMPOSIA

Two short courses presented by the Education and Training Division of the Menzies School of Health Research in Katherine, NT. Course flyer and registration forms available at: <<http://www.menzies.edu.au/education-and-training/short-courses/workshops>>.

Promoting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health, 10–13 August 2010. This course has been developed and is coordinated by Leanne Mick-Ramsamy and Professor Ross Spark. Ross and Leanne have extensive experience working in rural and remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across Northern Australia. The course presents a practice-based approach to learning and understanding both the theory and practice of health promotion within a Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural context.

Community Development and Public Health, 3–5 November 2010. This course has been developed and is coordinated by Leanne Mick-Ramsamy and Dr Suzanne Belton. Leanne has extensive experience in health promotion and community development. The last two decades Leanne has worked with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities (rural, remote and urban) and has experience in the use of culturally appropriate planning, design and implementation processes to foster community ownership of projects. Suzanne is an expert in public health and community development with experience working in Australia and Asia. Her teaching and research focus is on gender, violence and cross-cultural health. She has lived and worked in Darwin for 5 years.

and REMINDERS

Emerging Health Policy Research Conference 2010, in Sydney, 11 August.: <http://www.menzieshealthpolicy.edu.au/events_upcoming.php#ehpr2010>, or E: <mchp@sydney.edu.au>.

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

9th World Indigenous Women and Wellness Conference, Darwin, 22–25 August 2010. Presented by the Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation: <www.larrakiaevents.com>.

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

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.hosw.com/>>.

2010 Participatory 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>>.

The Mental Health Services (TheMHS) 20th Annual Conference, in Sydney, 14–17 September: <<http://www.themhs.org/home>>.

NatStats Conference, Sydney, 15–17 Sept:
<<http://www.nss.gov.au/natstats2010>>

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

International Association for Dental Research Australia New Zealand Meeting, Kiama NSW, 27–29 September. A symposium on Indigenous oral health will be held during the annual IADR ANZ meeting: <<http://sydney.edu.au/dentistry/ce/iadr/>>.

Public Health Association Australia (PHAA) 40th Annual Conference, Adelaide, 27–29 September 2010:
<<http://www.phaa.net.au/40thPHAAAnnualConference.php>>.

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>>.

Evidence Based Healthcare Conference ‘Show the Impact’, Adelaide, 27–29 October 2010. Early bird registration closes on 30 July:
<<http://www.alloccasionsgroup.com/EBHC2010>>.

14th Pacific Rim College of Psychiatrists Scientific Meeting, in Brisbane, 28–30 October 2010: <<http://www.anzmmh.asn.au/PRCP10/Default.asp>>.

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

**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/>>.

Health and Wellness Conference 2011, University of California Berkeley, USA
from 20–22 January: <<http://healthandsociety.com/Conference-2011/>>.

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