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## **A FURTHER CONVERSATION WITH ELDERS: BRINGING YOU UP TO DATE WITH THE IMPACT OF LIVING UNDER THE INTERVENTION** (Melbourne event, 7 February)

In May 2010, at the Melbourne Law School, Elders Rosalie Kunoth Monks OAM from Central Australia and Dr. Rev. Dr. Djiniyini Gondarra OAM from Arnhem Land joined in conversation with Prof. the Hon Alastair Nicholson AO RFD QC expressing their views on the Northern Territory Intervention. They have since shared their concerns with the UN Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (details at <[www.concernedaustralians.com.au](http://www.concernedaustralians.com.au)>). Rosalie and Djiniyini will again visit the Melbourne Law School, accompanied by other Elders/Leaders. They will share what has

been happening and highlight the changes taking place in the various communities/homelands of the NT. For further information and registration follow links at <[www.law.unimelb.edu.au/go/news-and-events/all-forthcoming-events](http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/go/news-and-events/all-forthcoming-events)> click **Wattle icon**/Feb 7th event or contact Dianne Costello T: 03 8344 1153. Registrations are necessary. **Details:** Monday 7 February; 5.45 for 6.00pm start until 7.30 pm; Theatre G08, Ground Floor, Melbourne Law School, 185 Pelham Street, Carlton (Melways 2B C9); **RSVP** 3rd Feb.

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### **2011 AUSTRALASIAN EVALUATION SOCIETY CONFERENCE SUPPORT GRANTS**

The AES is once again inviting emerging Indigenous evaluators from Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific to apply for financial assistance to support their attendance at the 2011 AES International Conference, to be held from 29 August to 2 September 2011, in Sydney, Australia conference details available at <<http://www.aes2011.com.au/>>.)

The support grants are intended to meet the partial or full costs of conference and workshop attendance where the financial burden of the conference may prevent participation. At least one grant will be reserved for an **Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander evaluator** who meets the support grant criteria.

Key dates: Requests for assistance with the application must be received by 13 May 2011; applications close and must be received by 27 May 2011; applicants will be notified by 24 June 2011. Further information is available at <<http://www.aes2011.com.au/rego-grants.asp>>.

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### **NEW DIRECTOR FOR THE PRIMARY HEALTH CARE RESEARCH AND INFORMATION SERVICE**

Congratulations to Associate Professor Ellen McIntyre, OAM who has been appointed Director of PHC RIS. Ellen has been with PHC RIS for 10 years, starting as Senior Research Fellow, then Manager since 2005, Acting Director for the past 6 months and now as Director. W: <<http://www.phcris.org.au>>.

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### **THE LOWITA INSTITUTE NEWSLETTER *WANGKA PULKA***

The December 2010 edition is available at <<http://www.lowitja.org.au/newsletters>>.

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### **CONFERENCES**

**CSANZ Indigenous Cardiovascular Health Conference**, Alice Springs, 17–18 June. The second CSANZ Indigenous Cardiovascular Health Conference promises to provide an exceptional platform for combining political, social and medical expertise to address the significant life expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Australia and New Zealand. This conference will have as its focus inequities in cardiovascular health care and outcomes. Presentations and discussions will develop the detailed policy recommendations of the inaugural conference and apply these to health care delivery. Invited presentations will discuss international perspectives, determinants

of cardiovascular disease, rheumatic heart disease, improving access to cardiovascular health care, and acute and chronic coronary disease in Indigenous populations. Invited presentations will be followed by panel-led discussions welcoming contributions from the audience: <<http://www.ichc2011.org/>>.

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**2011 Australasian Evaluation Society International Conference**, Sydney, 29 August–2 September. Full conference details are available at <<http://www.aes2011.com.au/>>. (See AES Conference Support Grants, above).

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**Call for abstracts: 2011 Primary Health Care Research Conference ‘Inspirations, Collaborations, Solutions’**, Brisbane, 13–15 July. PHCRIS invites you to participate actively, share unashamedly, challenge constructively, encourage enthusiastically and enjoy thoroughly the experience of being part of this conference: <<http://www.phcris.org.au/conference>>.

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**ACOSS 2011 National Conference**, in Melbourne, 29–30 March. The 2011 ACOSS national Conference is a major event for anyone working, volunteering or with an interest in the issues surrounding poverty and disadvantage in Australia: <<http://www.acoss.org.au/nationalconference>>.

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**Call for abstracts: PHAA 41st Annual Conference**, in Brisbane, 26–28 September. The 2011 conference theme – Sustainable Population Health – challenges us to ask the question, ‘Is public health sustainable?’ Presentations on Indigenous health will be particularly welcome. Presenters of Indigenous research focusing on particular communities are to provide with their abstract an additional paragraph outlining whether the relevant community/ies have provided permission to publicise the research findings: <<http://www.phaa.net.au/41stPHAAAnnualConference.php>>. Abstract submission deadline is 21 March.

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**Call for abstracts for papers and posters: PHAA Communicable Disease Control Conference 2011**, Canberra, 4–6 April: <<http://www.phaa.net.au/2011CommunicableDiseaseConference.php>>. Abstract submission deadline is 2 February.

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**Health Professionals Teaching & Learning Conference 2011, 18–19 March, Darwin.** The Health Professionals Teaching and Learning Conference recognises the importance of dynamic, well trained health professionals and in particular the benefits of learning within interprofessional teams. With this in mind, you are invited to ‘Conspire to Inspire’ Australia’s future and existing health workforce, and develop your skill set with local and national leaders in clinical educational collaboration. Further information: <<https://regonline.activeglobal.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=787902>>.

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**Call for abstracts: 3rd Rural & Remote Mental Health Symposium: 'Impacts & Outcomes'**, Ballarat, Victoria, 14– 16 November: <[www.anzmmh.asn.au/rrmh11](http://www.anzmmh.asn.au/rrmh11)>. Abstract submission deadline is 2 May. For further information please contact Laura Hancock, Conference Secretariat, E: <[ruralhealth@anzmmh.asn.au](mailto:ruralhealth@anzmmh.asn.au)>.

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**Call for abstracts: 6th International Conference: *Making Policy a Health Equity Building Process***, International Society for Equity in Health, in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, 26–28 September. Equity is not only a research issue. It requires an interdisciplinary approach and a research & policy partnership showing clear experiences about how to reach equity in health. For more information, visit the conference website at <<http://bit.ly/gzVKTf>>. Abstract submission deadline is 15 April.

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**Call for abstracts: 2011 National Conference: *New Conversations on Suicidality***, Canadian Association of Suicide Prevention, Vancouver, Canada, 3–5 October. For further information and to submit an abstract, please visit the conference website at <<http://www.casp2011.ca/>>. Abstract submission deadline is 28 February.

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## **JOBS**

**Manager Indigenous Programs**, Melbourne.

*beyondblue: the national depression initiative* is a national not-for-profit organisation working to increase awareness and improve treatment of depression, anxiety and related substance use disorders and reduce the associated stigma.

This role is to support the implementation of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategic Framework which is aimed at increasing knowledge, understanding and awareness about social and emotional wellbeing in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This will involve liaising, networking and building relationships with peak Indigenous bodies, key Government departments and NGOs to enhance understanding and promote culturally appropriate, evidenced-based programs and resources to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

As well as actively managing and coordinating specified *beyondblue* applied research projects, the incumbent will identify priorities to facilitate the planning and development of future activities, contribute to organisational capacity building, including policy and resource development, coordinate relevant committees, and assist with *beyondblue's* research agenda.

You need to be tertiary qualified in health, mental health, social sciences or a related discipline, with experience in managing Indigenous community development or health projects/programs and/or conducting applied research. You also need to demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of priority activities in 'closing the gap' on Indigenous health; and project management, conceptual, analytical and planning skills.

An attractive remuneration package including salary packaging and car parking will be offered commensurate with the candidate's skills and experience. To apply for this position please forward your resume and a covering letter addressing the requirements of the role by E: <[jobs@beyondblue.org.au](mailto:jobs@beyondblue.org.au)>. **Applications close 9 February.**

***Applicants of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent are strongly encouraged to apply.***

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**Two positions at Telethon Institute for Child Health Research, Perth**

**Coordinator, Centre For Research Excellence In Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing:**

Telethon, a leading national child health research facility, seeks an outstanding research project manager to lead and coordinate an innovative and exciting new Centre for Research Excellence. The Centre's research focus is on factors that will ensure that services and programs are more effective and responsive to Aboriginal people and why current efforts to close the gap have been generally unsuccessful.

The incumbent will be responsible for setting and maintaining both long- and short-term priorities, supervising and mentoring staff and oversee the centre's day to day operations, within the Kulunga Research Network at the Institute.

Required qualifications include excellent project management skills, significant experience and success in managing teams, excellent analytic and research skills – either qualitative or quantitative, outstanding communication skills. Candidates of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent are particularly encouraged to apply.\*

A full job description is available at <[www.childhealthresearch.com.au](http://www.childhealthresearch.com.au)>. Inquiries to Professor Moira Clay, E: <[mclay@ichr.uwa.edu.au](mailto:mclay@ichr.uwa.edu.au)> or T: 08 9489 7983. Applications close on 25 February.

**Head, Kulunga Research Network.** The Institute seeks a dynamic executive of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent\* who will lead the strategic direction of Aboriginal Research within the Institute. The incumbent will be responsible for ensuring inclusive and effective relationships with stakeholders in the area of Aboriginal research, capacity building and translation, and will provide leadership, mentoring and professional development planning and opportunities for Kulunga staff.

Required qualifications include a significant track record in a leadership position; a demonstrated understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues; and excellent communication, negotiation and liaison skills. A full job description is available at <[www.childhealthresearch.com.au](http://www.childhealthresearch.com.au)>. Inquiries to Professor Moira Clay at E: <[mclay@ichr.uwa.edu.au](mailto:mclay@ichr.uwa.edu.au)> or T: 08 9489 7983. Applications to Julia Emmerson, E: <[juliae@ichr.uwa.edu.au](mailto:juliae@ichr.uwa.edu.au)> or mail to PO Box 855 West Perth WA 6872. **Applications close 14 February.**

*\*Being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorized under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.*

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**Two positions at Nunkuwarrin Yunti of South Australia Inc., Adelaide:**

**Senior Dental Assistant (24 months' contract); applications close 4 February**

**Clinical Aboriginal Health Worker, applications close 11 February**

NunKuWarrin Yunti works to promote and deliver improvement in the health and wellbeing of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the greater metropolitan area of Adelaide and to advance their social, cultural and economic status. The organisation places a strong focus on a client centred approach to the delivery of services and a collaborative working culture to achieve the best possible outcomes for our clients.

**Position descriptions are available at** <[www.nunku.org.au](http://www.nunku.org.au)> or from Sandi Southwell, T: 08 8223 5217; E: <[sandis@nunku.org.au](mailto:sandis@nunku.org.au)>. **Applications to** Ms Sandi Southwell, Administration Officer, NunKuWarrin Yunti of South Australia Inc, PO Box 7202, Hutt Street, Adelaide, SA 5000. **Further information** from Pieter Herbold, Clinical Nurse Manager, T: 08) 8223 5217, E: <[pieterh@nunku.org.au](mailto:pieterh@nunku.org.au)>.

**People of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent are strongly encouraged to apply.**

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**Aboriginal Health Workers in Central Australia.** There are three jobs based at the Centre for Disease Control in Alice Springs. As part of a team of Remote Sexual Health Coordinators in Central Australia, you will be responsible for working with remote Primary Health Care Providers coordinating a comprehensive the Sexual Health and Blood Borne Virus Program in Central Australia. You must be eligible for registration as a Aboriginal Health Worker with the Aboriginal Health Worker Board of the Northern Territory. **Vacancies close on 4 February.** Full position and application details are available at [www.nt.gov.au/ocpe/careers](http://www.nt.gov.au/ocpe/careers):

**Aboriginal Remote Sexual Health Coordinator Male** (position number 23575); contact for more information is Belinda Davis on T: 08 8951 7551;

**Adolescent Sexual Health Promotion Worker, Male** (position number 211799); contact for more information is Jocelyn Landman on (08) 8922 8503;

**Aboriginal Remote Sexual Health Coordinator Female** (position number 4239); contact for more information is Belinda Davis on T: 08 8951 7551.

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**Research Assistant**, Centre for Health and Society, Melbourne School of Population Health, full-time fixed term. This is a key research assistant role, to work on two Indigenous health projects within the *Onemda* VicHealth Koori Health Unit at the Melbourne School of Population Health. The role will involve working with the Australian Chief Investigators on an International Collaborative Indigenous Health Research Partnership (ICIHRP) Grant, Educating for Equity, as well as assisting with the coordination and implementation of key projects of the LIME Network. An exemption has been granted under section 83 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 (no. A312/2007). Only Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply. For more information, search for position 0025610 at:

<<http://jobs.unimelb.edu.au/jobSearch.asp?stp=AW>>. **Closing date is 23 February.**

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**Trainer (Smoke Free Mob)**, VACCHO Public Health and Research Unit, Melbourne, 3 days/week 12 months' fixed term. This position will work as part of the Prevention and Cessation team at Quit Victoria and will be responsible for the training requirements of the project. This position will be an important conduit between Quit Victoria and VACCHO to feedback training needs and results as well as observations from site visits. The position will support both the Team Leader and Health Promotion Officer of the Smoke Free Mob project to undertake a range of activities. This position is based at Quit Victoria to learn about tobacco control including cessation methods and develop and deliver training for Aboriginal health and community workers within the VACCHO membership. For further information, E: <[Luke.Atkin@cancervic.org.au](mailto:Luke.Atkin@cancervic.org.au)>. **Closing date is 9 February.**

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## PUBLICATIONS

**'Towards a Conceptual Understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community and Community Functioning'**, J. Taylor, J. Edwards, S. Champion, S. Cheers, A. Chong, R. Cummins & B. Cheers 2010, *Community Development Journal* (online first): <<http://cdj.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2011/01/17/cdj.bsq068.full>>.

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**'A Checklist for Health Research Priority Setting: Nine common themes of good practice Open Access Journal'**, R.F. Viergever, S. Olifson, A. Ghaffar, R.F. Terry, 2010, *Health Research Policy and Systems*, vol. 8:36: <<http://www.health-policy-systems.com/content/8/1/36>>.

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***Australian Health Expenditure by Remoteness: A Comparison of Rural, Regional and City Health Expenditure***, AIHW 2010. The report looks at selected health services for the financial years 2001–02, 2004–05 and 2006–07: <<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/11458>>.

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**Top Indigenous Reports 2010**, Australian Policy Online:

**1. 8 Aboriginal Ways of Learning**, James Cook University's School of Indigenous Studies and the Western New South Wales Regional Aboriginal Education Team

**2. Closing the Gap on Indigenous Disadvantage**, S. Wenham & L. Russell, Menzies Centre for Health Policy

**3. Aboriginal Spirituality: Aboriginal Philosophy, the Basis of Aboriginal Social and Emotional wellbeing**, V. Grieves, Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health

**4. Indigenous Education 2010**, H. Hughes & M. Hughes, Centre for Independent Studies

**5. Framework for Measuring Wellbeing: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples 2010**, Australian Bureau of Statistics. Available at:

<<http://www.apo.org.au/research/top-indigenous-reports-2010>>.

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**Global Consensus for Social Accountability of Medical Schools, December 2010:**

<<http://bit.ly/fw4ofp>>.

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## RESOURCES AND WEBSITES

**Well Women Workshop Community Education Resource** for health organisations and individual health professionals working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women. Prepared by the National Breast and Ovarian Cancer Centre (NBOCC), the Resource includes advice for the Workshop organiser, presenter notes, resources to organise and run the workshop, including NBOCC's *Looking after your breasts – what every Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander woman should know* DVD, and other health promotion materials. The resource has been developed in consultation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers, and Indigenous women, to ensure the information is delivered in a culturally-appropriate manner. NBOCC has also announced 12 grants to assist in running Well Women Workshops in local communities, with funding provided to organisations to promote breast cancer awareness for local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women.

The resources is available at <<http://www.nbocc.org.au/indigenous>> and for more information about the grants, contact Emma Hanks, E: <[emma.hanks@nbocc.org.au](mailto:emma.hanks@nbocc.org.au)> or T: 02 9357 9408.

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**Central Australian Visiting Health Services Directory** (does not include services that only provide town-based services). Please contact Beverley Scott-Visser, Central Australian Remote Health Service, Department of Health and Families, E: <[beverley.scott-visser@nt.gov.au](mailto:beverley.scott-visser@nt.gov.au)>.

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Past editions of the **PHC RIS eBulletin** are available at:

<http://www.phcris.org.au/publications/ebulletin/index.php?promoid=376&stk=re&id=2097>.

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## SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS, FUNDING, GRANTS & TENDERS

### Call for applications: Awards for Excellence in Innovation 2011

The Board of the CRC Association invites applications for our Awards for Excellence in Innovation. Awards are made in two categories: (A) Innovation arising from the application and use of research and (B) Innovation in education training and public outreach activities. Up to 3 awards are made in Category A and at least one award in Category B to be presented in Brisbane on 18 May. Entry is open to member organisations of the CRC Association. Please contact E: <[admin@crca.asn.au](mailto:admin@crca.asn.au)> for Excellence in Innovation entry material. Applications close 16 February.

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**ARC Discovery Projects – Funding Rules**

The ARC Discovery Funding Rules for funding commencing in 2012 are now available on the ARC website. Please note the funding rules for 2012 are significantly different from previous years and it is recommended that applicants carefully review the entire document. Further information:

<[http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/dp/dp\\_fundingrules.htm](http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/dp/dp_fundingrules.htm)>. Closing date for Discovery proposals is 21 March.

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**NHMRC Schemes open for online applications:**

**Project Grants Scheme:** <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/apply/projects/index.htm>

**Research Fellowships:** <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/apply/career/index.htm#b>

**Centres of Research Excellence:**

<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/apply/cre/index.htm#doco>

**Practitioner Fellowships:** <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/apply/career/index.htm#c>.

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**SEMINARS, COURSES AND SYMPOSIA**

**Short Course: Managing and Measuring Health Outcomes**, in Darwin, 8–11 March, presented by the Menzies School of Health Research. The course will provide an overview of both the Australian and international focus on health outcomes. Definitions and frameworks to evaluate health outcomes at the individual, community, clinical and population health levels will be explored. Participants will be given an overview of concepts related to psychological measurement (reliability, validity, sensitivity, specificity) and discuss a range of qualitative and quantitative research designs and strategies that would be relevant to a health outcomes project in their field of interest. The consumer/client focus of health outcomes will be discussed as will the constructs of well-being, quality of life and health-related quality of life. For more information and to register please see the short course schedule, flyer and registration forms available at <<http://www.menzies.edu.au/education-and-training/short-courses/workshops>>.

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**and REMINDERS**

**11<sup>th</sup> National Rural Health Conference, ‘Rural and Remote Australia: The heart of a healthy nation’**, Perth, 13–16 March. Conference website is at:

<<http://11nrhc.ruralhealth.org.au/>>. Program now available online.

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**Australian Health Promotion Association 20<sup>th</sup> National Conference**, Cairns, 10–13 April.

The conference will focus on the determinants of health:

<[www.healthpromotion.org.au](http://www.healthpromotion.org.au)>.

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**3rd Aboriginal Health Research Conference 'Research for a Better Future'**, in Sydney, 5–6 May, presented by the Coalition for Research to Improve Aboriginal Health: <<http://www.gemsevents.com.au/criah2011/>>. Early bird rates available until 15 March.

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**The Cooperative Research Centres Association (CRCA) Annual Conference**, Brisbane, 17–19 May: <<http://www.crca.asn.au/conference/index.html>>.

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**12th International Mental Health Conference 'Personality Disorders: Out of the Darkness'**, Gold Coast, Qld, 24–26 August:

<[http://www.anzmf.asn.au/conference2011/call\\_papers.html](http://www.anzmf.asn.au/conference2011/call_papers.html)>.

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**AMEE (International Association for Medical Education) 2011 Conference**, Vienna, 29–31 August. Abstracts are invited by 12 March. More information: <[www.amee.org](http://www.amee.org)>.

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**Oceania Tobacco Control Conference** will be held in Brisbane in 2011 from 18–20 October.

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**Rural and Remote Mental Health Symposium, Impacts & Outcomes**, Ballarat, Victoria, 14–16 November: <[ruralhealth@anzmf.asn.au](mailto:ruralhealth@anzmf.asn.au)>.

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