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HAPPY NAIDOC WEEK TO ALL OUR READERS, this 4–11 July week as we celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and take the opportunity to recognise the contributions of Indigenous Australians in various fields. Full information about events around Australia: <<http://www.naidoc.org.au/index.aspx>>.

FINAL ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE COOPERATIVE RESEARCH CENTRE FOR ABORIGINAL HEALTH (CRAH)

The *CRAH Annual Report 2009–2010: Building the Know-How to Make a Difference* covers the period from July 2009 to February 2010. It reports on CRAH research, its people, knowledge exchange activities, projects and stakeholders. A PDF version is available at: <<http://www.lowitja.org.au/announcements/crah-annual-report-2009-10>>.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ONEMDA VICHEALTH KOORI HEALTH UNIT

Our close collaborator, *Onemda*, whose Director, Ian Anderson, is also the Lowitja Institute's Research and Innovation Director, has just celebrated its 10th anniversary. We congratulate *Onemda* on its achievements in community development, workforce and teaching and research in Aboriginal health: <<http://www.onemda.unimelb.edu.au/>>.

NEW ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION AT THE LOWITJA INSTITUTE

As we announced in the last edition of this e-Bulletin, Dr David Thomas has been appointed as the Lowitja Institute's Associate Director Research and Innovation. He will also lead the Institute's Northern Australian Health Research Unit (NAHRU) and continue with his current research commitments at the Menzies School of Health Research. David commenced work with the Institute on 1 July.

CALL FOR PAPERS

***International Journal of Critical Indigenous Studies* Special edition focused on critical Indigenous health**

This is a refereed international journal where Indigenous peoples from around the world share common experiences of colonisation and the struggle for self-determination. 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:

<<http://www.isrn.qut.edu.au/publications/internationaljournal/>>.

Chronic Diseases Network publication *The Chronicle* (3rd edn 2010)

The theme for this issue will focus on DIABETES, as well as some general articles. If you are working in the field of Chronic Disease, are involved in a community project that includes Chronic Disease, and want to tell people about your work, please send your stories/reports, no longer than 500 words (corporate logo and any photos on separate jpg files), to <chronicdiseasesnetwork@nt.gov.au>.

CONFERENCES

Public Health Association Australia (PHAA) 40th Annual Conference, Adelaide, 27–29 September 2010. The PHAA VicBranch is offering a total of five \$750 scholarships for students, Aboriginal workers, and consumers to attend the 40th PHAA Conference. For details on how Victorian Aboriginal people can apply: <<http://www.phaa.net.au/documents/email/100621ScholarshipsforAboriginalPeoplet oattendPHAAConf2010.doc>>. Conference website is at: <<http://www.phaa.net.au/40thPHAANualConference.php>>.

20th IUHPE World Conference on Health Promotion, Geneva, Switzerland, on 11–15 July 2010. Among the Australians participating in this event are: Megan Williams (sponsored by The Lowitja Institute's Knowledge Exchange program); Stefanie Bell (CEO, Central Australia Aboriginal Congress) participating in a panel discussion on Action on the Social Determinants of Health and the Renewal of Primary Health Care;

Ian Anderson (The Lowitja Institute) participating in the plenary session titled 'The Use of Evidence for Policy: Evidence-informed Decision-Making'; Nikki Clelland and Lynette O'Donoghue (Menzies) giving presentations titled *Can Quality Improvement Approaches Be Applied to Health Promotion in Australian Indigenous Primary Health Care Settings?*, and *Acting on the Social Determinants of Health: The Potential of Systematic Continuous Quality Improvement Processes for Health Promotion*. For more information and a full program: <<http://www.iuhpeconference.net/>>.

Evidence Based Healthcare Conference 'Show the Impact', Adelaide, 27–29 October 2010. The Conference will provide an opportunity for industry professionals across a wide range of healthcare disciplines to meet and discuss the latest issues and developments in evidence-based healthcare and expand their working knowledge in order to provide the best outcomes of patient care and medical treatment. Early bird registration closes on 30 July. For more information:

<<http://www.alloccasionsgroup.com/EBHC2010>>.

Emerging Health Policy Research Conference 2010, in Sydney, 11 August. This conference, convened by the Menzies Centre for Health Policy at the University of Sydney, will showcase the work in progress of current doctoral and early career research workers, as well as those new to the field of health policy research in several areas, including Indigenous health. For more information:

<http://www.menzieshealthpolicy.edu.au/events_upcoming.php#ehpr2010>, or E:

<mchp@sydney.edu.au>.

Asia Pacific Regional Conference on Community Development, in the Phillipnes, 26–28 October 2010. This second community development (CD) conference will take a look at the CD curricula and community based education programs and how these address current economic and environmental global crises, specifically in the region of Asia and the Pacific. Moreover, it is hoped that through this conference, efforts towards enriching the CD curricula and community education programs will emerge. Conference link:

<<http://cdconference2010.blogspot.com/2010/05/call-for-papers.html>>.

14th Pacific Rim College of Psychiatrists Scientific Meeting, in Brisbane, 28–30 October 2010. Abstract submissions close on 30 June; submit at:

<<http://www.vision6.com.au/ch/11035/2ddbtxn/1009335/cca2dx19y.asp>>. For more information and registration: <<http://www.anzmmh.asn.au/PRCP10/Default.asp>>.

Contact:

<<mailto:education@anzmmh.asn.au?subject=PRCP%20Scientific%20Meeting%20-%20Contact%20Us>>.

Health and Wellness Conference 2011, University of California Berkeley, USA from 20–22 January. The conference will address a range of issues and themes relating to Health, Wellness and Society. Presentation proposals are invited and innovative formats, such as roundtables, staged dialogues, screenings and performances are encouraged. Participants may choose to submit written papers

before or after the conference for possible publication in the peer reviewed *International Journal of Health, Wellness and Society*. Virtual participants also have the option to submit papers for consideration by the journal. For more information: <<http://healthandsociety.com/Conference-2011/>>.

JOBS

Manager, Kulunga Research Network (KRN), Perth, at the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research. The role will provide strategic research leadership in the integral area of Aboriginal research. It is expected that the successful candidate will be Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, with a proven track record in research and some high-level management experience. The position represents the Institute in its relationships with Aboriginal groups, governments, and other key partners. The ideal candidate will have a clear view of crucial future directions in the Aboriginal research areas, and a passion for capacity building and mentoring the next generation of Aboriginal health researchers. For more information:

<[http://www.ichr.uwa.edu.au/files/user16/JD - Manager KRN 2010.pdf](http://www.ichr.uwa.edu.au/files/user16/JD_-_Manager_KRN_2010.pdf)>. Queries can be directed to Sash Tomson, T: 08 9489 7961, or Julia Emmerson, T: 08 9489 7976.

Men's Health Coordinator, in Darwin, full-time, at the Sexual Health and Blood Borne Virus Unit, Department of Health and Families, NT Government. This position will be responsible for the delivery of quality support and referral services, community education and health promotion regarding blood borne viruses to men in the Northern Territory. For more information: Alison Edwards, T: 08 89 44 7777.

Gay men/MSM Health Promotion Officer, in Darwin, (0.5 part time), at the Sexual Health and Blood Borne Virus Unit, Department of Health and Families, NT Government. This position will be responsible for the delivery of quality community education and health promotion regarding blood borne viruses to gay men/msm in the Northern Territory. For more information, Alison Edwards, T: 08 89 44 7777.

MEDIA

Prime Minister Gillard Welcomed by Peak Body for Aboriginal Health, NACCHO media release, 25 June. ““We look forward to Julia Gillard being a great Australian Prime Minister and a great advocate for advancing Aboriginal health” says Mr Justin Mohamed, Chair of the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation... “We will remember Kevin Rudd for his moving apology to the stolen generations and for his focus within his government and the Council of Australian Governments to closing the gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australia” Mr Mohamed said.’ NACCHO Media: Chris Hallett, M: 04 0770 4788.

Human Rights, Health and Indigenous Australians, PSNews, downloaded 29 June 2010. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner, Mick Gooda explores the relationship between human rights, language, health, action and Indigenous Australians:

<<http://qld.psnews.com.au/BooksFeaturesQLDpsn1263.html>>.

Close the Gap – Making it Happen, Australian Human Rights Commission, 28 June. ‘A meeting with Prime Minister Julia Gillard is a priority to keep the Close the Gap health campaign moving forward, according to delegates at a national Indigenous health meeting... The Close the Gap campaign's Co-Chairs, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda, and National Coordinator – Tackling Indigenous Smoking, Dr Tom Calma, look forward to working with the new Prime Minister and praised former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd’s achievements... Full text:
<http://www.hreoc.gov.au/about/media/media_releases/2010/64_10.html>.

New Truck to Help Boost Dental Care in Central Australia, media release dated 1 July 2010. ‘Adults and children in remote Aboriginal communities will benefit from funding from a new mobile dental truck, announced today in Alice Springs by the Minister for Indigenous Health Warren Snowdon and NT minister for Health, Kon Vatskalis. The new vehicle, to be based in Alice Springs, will provide dental services to service a total of 8,000 people in surrounding communities including Utopia, Lake Nash, Papunya and Epenarra...’:
<<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/mr-yr10-ws-ws059.htm?OpenDocument>>.

PUBLICATIONS

‘Comparison of Diabetes Management in Five Countries for General and Indigenous Populations: An internet-based review’, D. Si, R. Bailie, Z. Wang & T. Weeramanthri, Open Access Journal, *BMC Health Services Research*, 2010, vol. 10, no. 169, doi: 10.1186/1472-6963-10-169. The aim of this review was to provide an overview of diabetes management in five selected OECD countries (Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the US and the UK), based on data sources from websites of health departments and leading national organisations related to diabetes care in each of the five countries [precis by PHC RIS]:
<<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1472-6963/10/169>>.

Australia’s Health 2010, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, AIHW cat. No. AUS 122, AIWH, Canberra. Available at:
<<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/11374>>.

The latest Flinders Aboriginal Health Research e-news is available at:
http://www.aboriginalhealth.flinders.edu.au/Newsletters/2010/News05_2010.html

Through APO:

State of Our Public Hospitals June 2010, Department of Health and Ageing. This report on public hospital performance in 2008–09 includes chapters on hospital use by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people:
<<http://www.apo.org.au/research/state-our-public-hospitals-june-2010>>.

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Indigenous Smoking Project Report, M. Daube, M. Stoneham & J. Goodman, Public Health Advocacy Institute of Western Australia:
<<http://www.apo.org.au/research/indigenous-smoking-project-report>>.

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Commonwealth Health Budget Bulletin – June 2010, L. Russell, Macroeconomics: <<http://www.apo.org.au/research/commonwealth-health-budget-bulletin-june-2010>>.

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Rigour and Validity of Research Findings – A Tale of Two Controversies, P. Robinson, Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health:
<<http://www.apo.org.au/research/rigour-and-validity-research-findings---tale-two-controversies>>.

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8 Aboriginal Ways of Learning: <<http://www.apo.org.au/website/8-aboriginal-ways-learning>>.

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Stolen Generations Working Partnership, Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs:
<<http://www.apo.org.au/research/stolen-generations-working-partnership>>.

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The Millennium Development Goals in Asia and the Pacific:
<<http://www.apo.org.au/audio/millennium-development-goals-asia-and-pacific>>

‘Social Determinants of Diabetes and Challenges of Prevention’, N. Unwin, D. Whiting & G. Roglic, *The Lancet*, 2010, Vol. 375, Issue 9733, pp. 2204–05, doi:10.1016/S0140-6736(10)60840-9. Available at: <<http://bit.ly/dw1990>>, and <[http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/issue/vol375no9733/PIIS0140-6736\(10\)X6134-7](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/issue/vol375no9733/PIIS0140-6736(10)X6134-7)>.

RESOURCES AND WEBSITES

New Resources Page on the Lowitja Institute Website

We are continuing to develop our website, including our resources page available at: <<http://www.lowitja.org.au/resources>>. The latest information on activities related to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research:
<<http://www.lowitja.org.au/announcements>>.

New sections available at the The Australian Indigenous Health/InfoNet:

Indigenous offender health (launched at NIDAC):
<<http://www.healthinonet.ecu.edu.au/population-groups/offender-health>>.

Indigenous Alcohol review (launched at NIDAC):
<<http://www.healthinonet.ecu.edu.au/health-risks/alcohol/reviews/our-review>>.

Review of illicit drug use among Indigenous peoples (launched at NIDAC):
<<http://www.healthinonet.ecu.edu.au/health-risks/illicit-drugs/reviews/our-review>>.

Indigenous Women's Health Status Summary 2010 released

<http://www.healthinonet.ecu.edu.au/uploads/docs/womens_health_review_may_2010.pdf>.

Summary of the Oral Health of Indigenous Australians released

Link to review: <http://www.healthinonet.ecu.edu.au/oral/reviews/our-review>

Link to web resource: <http://www.healthinonet.ecu.edu.au/other-health-conditions/oral>

Closing the Gap section

This section contains key information, current news items, reports, policy information and resources relating to the Closing the Gap strategy:

<<http://www.healthinonet.ecu.edu.au/closing-the-gap>>.

E-Mental Health and Research Development

E-hub is an initiative of the Centre for Mental Health Research at the Australian National University. E-hub develops and evaluates websites that deliver psycho-education and psychological interventions for common mental health problems, as well as clinical and consumer networking.

<<http://www.vision6.com.au/ch/11035/2ddbtxn/1255066/cca2d4cwm.html>>.

SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS, FUNDING, GRANTS & TENDERS

The Indigenous Staff Scholarship Program was established for Indigenous staff at academic institutions who have actively encouraged Indigenous students to participate in higher education and complete their courses. The scholarships enable staff to take one year of leave from their university employment to undertake full-time higher education study in their chosen academic or professional area. Priority is given to people undertaking postgraduate awards. For more information:

<http://deewr.gov.au/Indigenous/HigherEducation/Programs/Pages/indigenous_staff_scholarships.aspx>.

The **Endeavour Research Fellowships for Indigenous Australians** are provided by the Australian Government through its Australia Awards initiative. The Fellowships provide financial support for Indigenous postgraduate students and postdoctoral fellows to undertake short-term research (4–6 months), in any field of study. The research must be undertaken in participating countries in the Asia-Pacific, Americas, Europe and Middle East. Applications for study in 2011 close on 31 July 2010. For more information:

<<http://www.deewr.gov.au/International/EndeavourAwards/AustralianApplicants/Pages/ResearchFellowshipsIndigenous.aspx>>.

Scholarships for five Victorian Aboriginal persons to attend the Public Health Association Australia Annual Conference in Adelaide on 27–29 September are available. Please see above, under Conferences, or go to:

<<http://www.phaa.net.au/40thPHAAAnnualConference.php>>.

The Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme provides financial assistance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people undertaking undergraduate or TAFE (Certificate IV and above) courses in various areas of health and allied health training. Funding is up to \$15,000 per year for full-time study and \$7,500 for part-time. Information about the scheme is available through the Royal College of Nursing Australia website at: <http://www.rcna.org.au/scholarships/puggy_hunter>.

2011–12 Harkness Fellowships. The Fellowships in Health Care Policy and Practice provide an opportunity for mid-career professionals to spend up to 12 months in the United States conducting a policy-oriented research study. Closing date is 13 September 2010. For more information:

<<http://www.commonwealthfund.org/Fellowships/Harkness-Fellowships.aspx>>.

SEMINARS, COURSES AND SYMPOSIA

Information Technologies and Indigenous Communities Symposium, in Canberra, at The Shine Dome, ANU, 13–15 July 2010. Presented by AIATSIS. Program, registration and more information at:

<<http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/research/symposia/Digi10.html>>.

and REMINDERS

SACOSS Conference 2010: Defining Strength, Delivering Innovation, in Adelaide, 5–6 August:

<<http://www.sacoss.org.au/events/conference2010/registration.html>>.

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: <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>>.

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>>.

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>>.

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/>>;

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