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CRCAH COMMUNICATIONS SURVEY. We want your feedback on how you rate the effectiveness of the CRCAH's communications activities, including our newsletter *Gwalwa Gai*, our website, our e-Bulletin, our publications and the various functions we organise. The survey will be used to help us improve what we do, and should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. Individuals will not be identified and responses will be grouped. Simply click on the link below – we look forward to your comments and thank you very much for your participation!
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=amXabokSttk5gqZ7IT1vQg_3d_3d>.

Indigenous Research Conference Support Scholarship. A new scholarship to support Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander researchers has been established by AIATSIS and Reconciliation Australia in the name of Dr R. Marika. Each year, the scholarship (up to \$3000) will support a researcher to attend a major international conference held outside Australia. The closing date for applications for this year's inaugural *Dr R. Marika Conference Support Scholarship* is 25 July 2009. For more information: Tony Boxhall, AIATSIS, T: 02 6246 1145, E: <tony.boxall@aiatsis.gov.au>.

New Ministry for Indigenous Health, Rural and Regional Health and Regional Services Delivery. The Hon. Warren Snowdon, former Defence Science and Personnel Minister, has been appointed to this new portfolio. Article

available at the Australian Indigenous Health *Bulletin*:
<<http://www.healthinfonet.ecu.edu.au/about/news?nid=32>>.

'Hot Topics from the Tropics', is a new on-line multidisciplinary journal published by CDU Press, providing an international forum for researchers based at or working in partnership with Charles Darwin University. The journal is made up of three sections: fully refereed research papers; informally reviewed submission; and other features, including book and exhibition reviews, etc:
<<http://www.hot-topics.cdu.edu.au/>>.

DHS call for tenders on health promotion: Tender for Evidence-based health promotion resource for Aboriginal people (RFQ 318):
<http://www.tenders.vic.gov.au/domino/web_notes/etenders/etdrpublishing.nsf?Open>.

CONFERENCES

Inaugural Indigenous Cardiovascular Health Conference of the Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand, in Sydney, on 13–16 August 2009. Author and early bird registrations close on 26 June 2009:
<<http://www.csanz.edu.au/>>.

Australasian Evaluation Society International Conference, in Canberra, 31 August–4 September 2009. There are support grants to attend this conference, **specifically for Indigenous evaluation practitioners and emerging Indigenous practitioners**, covering registration and workshop fees, travel expenses and accommodation costs. Applications close 22 June. For more information, contact Judy Pearce, E: aes@aes.asn.au, T: 02 6262 9093. Conference website: <<http://www.aesconference2009.com.au/registration.html>>.

Primary Health Care Research Evaluation and Development Tri State Conference, in Alice Springs, on 14–25 September 2009, showcasing the policy and practice research foci of the PHCRED collaboration. Please email abstracts together with your name, contact details and Institutional affiliation by the 31st July 2009 to PHCRED administrator E: <Elena.dibez@flinders.edu.au>, W: <www.phcredtristate.org.au>.

Australian Rural and Remote Mental Health Symposium – *Mental Health Services and Treatments in the Aftermath of Disaster in Rural and Remote Communities: Lessons from Recent Events*, in Canberra, on 2–3 November 2009. This symposium will explore ways to develop skills related specifically to the mental health needs of rural and remote communities now and in the future. Closing date for abstracts is 30 July 2009: <<http://www.anzmmh.asn.au/rmha9>>.

COURSES AND SEMINARS

Short course: **Issues in Indigenous Health Research**, by the Menzies School of Health Research in Darwin, 11–13 August 2009
<<http://www.menzies.edu.au/webpagedetail.php?id=12&catid=34>>.

JOBS

Four positions for the 'Healthy Starts' study, in Darwin, two year contracts, immediate start. Menzies School of Health Research, in partnership with Danila Dilba Health Service, is looking to build a dynamic 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 positions are: **Project Manager and Research Assistant** (based at Menzies), and two **Aboriginal Health Workers** (based at Danila Dilba Health Service). For further information, contact David Thomas, T: 08 89227610, E: <david.thomas@menzies.edu.au>, W: <<http://www.menzies.edu.au/careers>>. Applications close Monday 29 June. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Policy Research Officer (Advocacy) with the Australian Health Promotion Association (AHPA). Enquiries: June Redman, E: ahpa@usc.edu.au; W: www.healthpromotion.org.au. Closing date: 10 July 2009.

Project Coordinator positions with VACCHO, in Melbourne: Pregnancy and Smoking Research Project, Strengthening Primary Health Care for Aboriginal People Project, and Reporting and Quality Improvement Project. For further information: Bronwyn Dreher, T: 03 9419 3350, E: <bronwynd@vaccho.com.au>; or 'vacancies' ' at <<http://www.vaccho.org.au>>. Closing date: 26 June 2009.

Project Officer, Policy Aboriginal Health and Human Services, Koori Human Services Branch, in Melbourne, full-time, ongoing. Further information: Janette Kennedy, T: 03 9096 7341; or Kim Sigley, T: 03 9096 7707. Closing date: 24 June 2009.

Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer, two positions, in Melbourne, at the Austin Hospital. For more information: <<http://www.austin.org.au/JobListing.aspx?ID=571&CatID=1>>.

Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer, one position, in Melbourne, at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. For more information: <<http://melbournehealth.mhr.com.au/jobvac.asp>>.

MEDIA

CRCAH Media Release: Hospital reforms will save both lives and dollars, 15 June 2009: Simple changes to hospital admission policies for remote Aboriginal patients will lead to both significant financial savings and improved patient health outcomes according to new research launched in Canberra on Wednesday 16 June. ***Improving the Journey for Remote Area Aboriginal Cardiac Patients Travelling Long Distances to Hospital***, by Flinders Medical Centre nurse, Monica Lawrence, is a study of the causes of high levels of surgery cancellations and no-shows by Aboriginal patients scheduled for heart surgery at the Flinders Medical Centre (FMC). **Media release:** <<http://www.crcah.org.au/>>; **report pdf:** <<http://www.crcah.org.au/publications/>>; and **policy brief:** <http://www.crcah.org.au/publications/policy_briefs_publications.html>.

CRCAH Media Release: Aboriginal health research advocacy group, 26 May 2009: Some of Australia's most prominent scientists have joined forces with the Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health in a new effort to advocate for improved health research. The Eminent Australians Advocacy Group (EAAG), met in Canberra on 26 May to discuss the establishment of a permanent National Institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Research. Full media release text, including list of EAAG members: <<http://www.crcah.org.au/>>.

PUBLICATIONS

Improving the Journey for Remote Area Aboriginal Cardiac Patients Travelling Long Distances to Hospital, by M. Lawrence. PDF available at: <<http://www.crcah.org.au/publications/>>. (See CRCAH media release below).

The Australian Health Care System: The Potential for Efficiency Gains – A Review of the Literature. Background paper prepared for the National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission Australia, June 2009, by E Hurley, I McRae, I Bigg, L Stackhouse, A-M Boxall & P Broadhead. Available at: <<http://www.nhhrc.org.au/internet/nhhrc/publishing.nsf/Content/background-papers>>.

Literacy in remote Indigenous Australia, by I Kral, Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research: <<http://apo.org.au/research/literacy-remote-indigenous-australia>>.

Deaths in custody in Australia: National deaths in custody program 2007, by J Curnow & J J Larsen, Australian Institute of Criminology: <<http://apo.org.au/research/deaths-custody-australia-national-deaths-custody-program-2007>>.

In our own backyard: urban health inequities and Aboriginal experiences of neighbourhood life, social capital and racism, by G Gallaher, A Ziersch, F Baum, M Bentley, C Palmer, W Edmondson & L Winslow: <<http://apo.org.au/research/our-own-backyard-urban-health-inequities-and-aboriginal-experiences-neighbourhood-life-soci>>.

FaHCSIA Occasional Papers:

Indigenous families and children: coordination and provision of services, FaHCSIA Occasional Paper no. 23, by S Flaxman, K Muir & I Oprea.

National evaluation (2004–2008) of the Stronger Families and Communities Strategy 2004–2009, FaHCSIA Occasional Paper no. 24, by K Muir, I Katz, C Purcal, R Patulny, S Flaxman, D Abelló, N Cortis, C Thomson, I Oprea, S Wise, B Edwards, M Gray & A Hayes.

Stronger Families in Australia study: the impact of Communities for Children, FaHCSIA Occasional Paper no. 25, by B Edwards, S Wise, M Gray, A Hayes, I Katz, S Misson, R Patulny & K Muir.

Engaging hard-to-reach families and children, FaHCSIA Occasional Paper no. 26, by N Cortis, I Katz & R Patulny.

All available at:

<<http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/about/publicationsarticles/research/occasional/Pages/default.aspx>>

Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) e-Bulletin and other publications available at:

<http://www.snaicc.asn.au/news/list_articles.cfm?loadref=8>.

Measuring Disparities in Health Status and in Access and Use of Health Care in OECD Countries, by M de Looper & G Lafortune:

<[http://www.olis.oecd.org/olis/2009doc.nsf/LinkTo/NT00000DE2/\\$FILE/JT03260782.PDF](http://www.olis.oecd.org/olis/2009doc.nsf/LinkTo/NT00000DE2/$FILE/JT03260782.PDF)>.

Reducing health inequities through action on the social determinants of health, Sixty-Second World Health Assembly (WHA62.14, Agenda item 12.5, 22 May 2009). Available at: <http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/A62/A62_R14-en.pdf>.

The World Health Report 2008, WHO, available at:

<<http://www.who.int/whr/2008/en/index.html>>.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

Indigenous Research Conference Support Scholarship in the name of Dr R. Marika: see above.

Conference support grants for Indigenous evaluation practitioners to attend the Australasian Evaluation Society International Conference, in Canberra, 31 August–4 September 2009: see under Conferences.

NHMRC Development Grants. These grants provide funding support to individual researchers, research teams, or a HMR company in partnership with a researcher/s to support the commercial development of a product, process, procedure or service that, if applied, would result in improved health care, disease prevention or provide health cost savings. Applications close on 7 July 2009: <<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/apply/development/index.htm>>.

Launch of a New Education Fund for People with Disability. The Australian Disability and Indigenous Peoples' Education Fund (ADIPEF) will assist Indigenous and non-Indigenous people with disability to participate in both formal and informal education programs through small grants: <<http://www.adipef.org.au>>.

Australia to United States Fellowships. The American Australian Association awards individual Fellowships for advanced study in the United States of up to US\$25,000 each year. Research/study must be full time and at graduate level or above; proof of acceptance into a US educational institution is required; applicants must be an Australian citizens or permanent residents. Applications close on 15 April 2010. Enquiries: <james.stevens@aaanyc.org>. Website: <http://www.americanaustralian.org/australian_to_usa_apps/>.

and REMINDERS

2009 General Practice and Primary Health Care Research Conference, in Melbourne, on 15–17 July:

<<http://www.phcris.org.au/conference/2009/registration.php?promoid=248&stk=re&id=2097>>.

Thinking Drinking 3: Action for Change, in Brisbane, 5–7 August 2009:
<<http://www.adf.org.au/browse.asp?ContainerID=thinkingdrinkin3>>.

Hands Across the Desert, Interagency National Conference – Alcohol and Other Drugs, in Alice Springs, on 11–13 August 2009:
<<http://www.handsacrossthedesert.com/>>.

Australasian Epidemiological Association Meeting 2009, in Dunedin NZ, on 30 August–1 September 2009: <<http://www.aea.asn.au/annualmeeting.htm>>.

AIATSIS National Indigenous Studies Conference 2009, in Canberra, 29 September – 1 October 2009:
<http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/research_program/events2/conference_2009>.

Rural Medicine Australia 2009 Conference, in Melbourne, 29 October – 1 November 2009: <<http://www.acrrm.com.au/>>.

Oceania Tobacco Control 09, in Darwin, on 7–9 October 2009:
<www.oceaniaTC2009.org>.

Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and other Drugs (APSAD) 2009 Conference, in Darwin, on 1–4 November 2009. Call for abstracts closes on Friday 29 May. For more information: <<http://www.apsadconference.com.au>>.

LIMECONNECTION III: *Advancing Indigenous Health: Workforce Innovations*, in Melbourne, on 3–4 December 2009, pre-conference Indigenous Caucus on 2 December. Call for papers closes on 28 August:
<www.limenetwork.net.au>.

Conference: Realising the Rights to Health And Development for All, in Hanoi, Vietnam, on 26–29 October 2009: <<http://www.healthandrights.com/>>.

Healing Our Spirit Worldwide The Sixth Gathering in Hawaii from 3 to 10 September 2010. Abstracts are due on 8 September 2009. Early bird registration closes on September 30: <<http://www.hosw.com>>.

Archives of the bulletin are available on our website at
<http://www.crcah.org.au/communication/publications/newsletters.html#bull>.

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