

COOPERATIVE RESEARCH CENTRE FOR ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH e-BULLETIN — 01 FEBRUARY 2010

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Aboriginal Health Workers Get a Peak National Body

On 29 January, the Minister for Indigenous Health, Warren Snowdon, launched the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers Associated to be funded by a \$1.2 million federal government grant. Full media release:

<<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/mr-yr10-ws-ws005.htm>>.

Commissioner Calma's final Social Justice and Native Title reports point to optimistic future (Australian Human Rights Commission media release)

A marked shift in the Indigenous policy landscape since the National Apology to the Stolen Generations continues to gain momentum and signals a more inclusive and promising future for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma said today [...]

"It is easy to become despondent with the relentless grind of Indigenous affairs where one alarming set of statistics follows another," Commissioner Calma said.

"But the positive signs over this last year in particular are tangible: we now have for the first time all Australian governments working towards targets to close the gap of Indigenous disadvantage.

Full text: <http://www.hreoc.gov.au/about/media/media_releases/2010/3_10.html>.

CONFERENCES

2010 Primary Health Care Research Conference – Primary Health Care Research and Health Reform: Improving care, 30 June–02 July 2010, in Darwin. This conference is for anyone with an interest in primary health care research, evaluation and development. It will provide essential opportunities for researchers, decision makers, practitioners and consumers to share ideas, debate critical PHC matters, form collaborations and network with speakers and other delegates. Call for abstracts close 19 March. Early bird registration by 14 May. Convenor: PHCRIS, T: 08 7221 8525; E: <phcris@flinders.edu.au>; W: <www.phcris.org.au/conference/2010>.

9th World Indigenous Women and Wellness Conference, hosted by the Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation, 22–25 August 2010, in Darwin. The corporation welcomes all people who are interested in, or concerned with, Indigenous women and wellness to get involved in the conference and particularly encourages the participation of Indigenous women. More information from Jodie Farrow, Community Health Engagement/Health Promotions Officer, Danila Dilba Health Service, E: <jodie.farrow@daniladilba.org.au>, T: 08 89435100, F: 08 89435101, W: <www.daniladilba.org.au>.

JOBS

Jobs at the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC): **Manager, Policy and Research**. This position was first established in 2005 to increase the organisation's capacity to identify, understand and respond to issues impacting upon Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

Policy Officer. This position supports SNAICC's policy and advocacy activities by enhancing the research and policy development capacity of SNAICC.

Applications close 8 February. For more information, W: <www.snaicc.asn.au>, E: <admin@snaicc.asn.au>, T: 03 9489 8099 for an information pack.

The Health/*Info*Net is seeking a **Personal Assistant/Research Officer** to join their team. More information about the role can be found at

<http://www.healthinonet.ecu.edu.au/about/jobs>

Lecturer in Indigenous Studies, School of Social and Political Sciences, Faculty of Arts, The University of Melbourne, full-time continuing. Duties include the teaching of Indigenous Studies across the disciplines of Political Science, Criminology and Sociology, particularly in the area of comparative Indigenous studies. For more information, search for position number 0022316 at <<http://jobs.unimelb.edu.au/jobSearch.asp?stp=AW>>. Closing date is 2 May.

MEDIA

Aborigines made 'invisible' in data. Australia makes its Indigenous population 'invisible' and will never be able to close the gap in the life expectancy between Aborigines and white people because of the 'outrageous' inaccuracy in the statistics keeping track of their births and deaths. (From *The Australian*, 27 January: <<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/in-depth/aboriginal-australia/aborigines-made-invisible-in-data-says-medical-expert/story-e6frgd9f-1225823755593>>.)

New partnership promises Indigenous health boost. A new partnership between the Wiradjuri community and a major university is being set up to improve the health of Indigenous people. From the ABC: <<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2010/01/19/2795681.htm>>.

PUBLICATIONS

2009 Social Justice and Native Title Reports. A Community Guide, from the Australian Human Rights Commission: <http://www.humanrights.gov.au/social_justice/sj_report/sjreport09/community_guide.html>.

National Partnership Agreements, which outline the Commonwealth and State Governments' obligations under 'Close the gap' agreements and investment: <http://www.coag.gov.au/intergov_agreements/federal_financial_relations/index.cfm>.

Indigenous Affairs Report, Victoria, 2008–09:

<[http://www.aboriginalaffairs.vic.gov.au/web7/rwpgslib.nsf/GraphicFiles/DPCD_WOG+Report08-09/\\$file/DPCD_WOG+Report08-09.pdf](http://www.aboriginalaffairs.vic.gov.au/web7/rwpgslib.nsf/GraphicFiles/DPCD_WOG+Report08-09/$file/DPCD_WOG+Report08-09.pdf)>.

Child Protection Australia 2008–09, AIHW:

<<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10859>>.

Expenditure on Health for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People 2006–07, AIHW: <<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/11113>>.

Australian Indigenous Health Bulletin, January to March 2010 issue, available at: www.healthbulletin.org.au <<http://www.healthbulletin.org.au>>. Edition includes articles such as **Nagel T, Thompson C** (2009) *The central role of Aboriginal families in motivational counselling: family support and family 'humbug'*: <<http://healthbulletin.org.au/articles/the-central-role-of-aboriginal-families-in-motivational-counselling/>>.

The latest issue of the **Flinders Aboriginal Health Research e-news** is now available at:

<<http://aboriginalhealth.flinders.edu.au/Newsletters/2010/News0110.html>>

Through APO:

Northern Territory Chronic Conditions Prevention and Management Strategy 2010–2020, Department of Health and Families:

<<http://apo.org.au/research/northern-territory-chronic-conditions-prevention-and-management-strategy-2010-2020>>.

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The Trend in Mental Health-related Mortality Rates in Australia 1916–2004,

by R F G Williams, H Whiteford, D P Doessel, Australia and New Zealand Health Policy: <<http://apo.org.au/research/trend-mental-health-related-mortality-rates-australia-1916-2004>>.

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Health and Homelands: Good value for money?, GavinMooney.com Health Economics: <<http://apo.org.au/research/health-and-homelands-good-value-money>>.

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Social Inclusion in Australia: How Australia is faring, Australian Social Inclusion Board: <<http://apo.org.au/research/social-inclusion-australia-how-australia-faring>>.

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Estimates of Poverty and Social Exclusion in Australia: A multidimensional approach, W Kostenko, R Wilkins, R Scutella, Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research: <<http://apo.org.au/research/estimates-poverty-and-social-exclusion-australia-multidimensional-approach>>.

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Castan Centre Symposium on Indigenous Birth Registration and Birth Certificates, held on 1 December 2009: <<http://apo.org.au/research/castan-centre-symposium-indigenous-birth-registration-and-birth-certificates>>.

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The War against Indigenous Australia/ns: Foucault, racism and social work education, T Fletcher, Hawke Institute: <<http://apo.org.au/research/war-against-indigenous-australians-foucault-racism-and-social-work-education>>.

The State of the World's Indigenous Peoples, prepared for the Secretariat of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues: <<http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/en/sowip.html>>.

Knowledge Translation Research in Population Health: Establishing a collaborative research agenda, by C Dagenais, V Ridde, M-C Laurendeau & K Souffez, *Health Research Policy and Systems*, 2009, vol. 7, no. 28: <<http://www.health-policy-systems.com/content/7/1/28>>.

Economic Arguments for Addressing the Social Determinants of Health Inequalities, Working Document No.4 – 2009, DETERMINE - EU Consortium for Action on the Socioeconomic Determinants of Health (SDH): <<http://www.health-inequalities.eu/pdf.php?id=25d4fa63460c83d64115e80cd65980d3>>.

RESOURCES AND WEBSITES

An educational DVD resource from Animal Management in Rural and Remote Indigenous Communities (AMRRIC) produced in consultation with Indigenous Environmental Health Workers and an all Indigenous cast and narration. Topics covered: Ticks and Fleas, Worms, Desexing your dogs, Caring for Country, Preventing Skin Sores, Safety around Dogs. Order from AMRRIC, T: 08 89418813, E: info@amrric.org, W: <www.amrric.org>.

“I See for Culture” Indigenous eye health educational resources kits were developed by International Centre for Eyecare Education (ICEE), via funding from the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing. Designed specifically for use in rural and remote Indigenous health contexts, they are primarily image-based. The complete kits contain the following components: Flip Charts x 2, Posters x 2, Model Eye, Simulator Goggles x 6, Instruction manual. For more information, please contact: <a.morse@icee.org>, and <http://www.icee.org/resources/i_see_for_culture/index.asp>.

Closing the Gap Clearinghouse:

<<http://www.aihw.gov.au/closingthegap/news/email-notice.cfm>>.

SCHOLARSHIPS

National Health and Medical Research Council - Translating Research into Practice (TRIP) Fellowships. The NHMRC TRIP Fellowship awards provide support and training for future leaders in translating important research findings into clinical practice. The two-year half-time award is open to early-to-mid career medical practitioners, nurses, allied health professionals and other health professionals. It is expected that the Fellow's employing institution will support the remainder of the Fellow's time in a clinical role. More information at: <<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/apply/career/index.htm#d>>.

Information teleconferences will be held for potential applicants on Monday 1 February and Tuesday 2 February 2010, applicants are to register for one date only.

SEMINARS, COURSES AND SYMPOSIA

Strength Based Approach to Indigenous Mental Health short course, 9–11 February, in Darwin. Some places are still available. More information at: <<http://www.menzies.edu.au/education-and-training/short-courses/workshops>>.

Evidence-based Practice Workshop Primary Health Care Research, Evaluation and Development related item. A hands on introductory workshop to evidence-based practice for clinicians, 6 February 2010, in the Gold Coast, Qld. Contact: Dr Elly Scheermeyer, T: 07 5595 4411, F: 07 5595 4122, E: <escheerm@bond.edu.au>, W: <<http://www.bond.edu.au/phcred>>.

and REMINDERS

Summer School for Indigenous Postgraduate Students, in Melbourne, at Trinity College, The University of Melbourne, on 8–12 February 2010. Enquiries to Simone Brotherton, CIE, the University of Melbourne, T: 03 8344 0451, F: 03 9347 5487, E: <sbr@unimelb.edu.au>. Applications: <<http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/cie/index.html>>.

Beyond Evidence on Reducing Health Inequities Symposium: What works, why and how, in Adelaide, on 27–28th April 2010: <<http://som.flinders.edu.au/FUSA/PublicHealth/AHIP/2010/>>.

5th International Conference in Health Care: Quality Around the World, in Melbourne, 20–22 May 2010: W: <<http://www.qip.com.au/conference.asp> 2010 AES International Conference>.

International Network of Indigenous Health Knowledge and Development (INHKD) Conference ‘Knowing your Roots: Indigenous Medicines, Health Knowledges, and Best Practices’, in Washington State, USA, 24–28 May 2010: <<http://www.iwri.org/inihkd>>.

Inaugural National Indigenous Drug & Alcohol Conference (NIDAC 2010) ‘Listening, Learning and Leading’, in Adelaide, 16–18 June 2010: <<http://www.nidaconference.com.au/>>.

International Network of Indigenous Health Promotion Professionals, ‘Elevating Indigenous Visibility at the International Union for Health Promotion & Education’ Conference, in Geneva, Switzerland, 11–15 July 2010: <<http://iwri.org/cihr/>>; <<http://iuhpe.org>>.

2010 Secretariat for National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) Conference, Alice Springs, 27–29 July: <<http://www.snaicc.asn.au/policy/conference>>.

17th Western Australian Drug and Alcohol Symposium, Freemantle WA, 30 August – 1 Sept. Abstracts by 19 February: <<http://www.hhhe2010.com.au/>>.

Reflecting on Evaluation, in Wellington, NZ, 30 Aug–03 Sept 2010:
<<http://www.aesconference2010.org.nz/drupal/>>.

Healing Our Spirit Worldwide, The Sixth Gathering, Hawai'i, 3–10 September 2010. The goal of Healing Our Spirit Worldwide is to celebrate the diverse and unique cultural strengths, knowledge and talents of Indigenous peoples around the world, with a particular focus on successes, best practices and common issues in health, healing and addictions. For more information contact Maria Halkitis at the CRCATSIH, T: 08 8943 5020, or W: <<http://www.hosw.com>>.

8th International Qualitative Research Conference, Bournemouth University, U. K., 6–8 September 2010: <<http://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/hsc/international-qualitative-research-conference-form.html>>.

The Pacific Rim College of Psychiatrists Scientific Meeting 'Advancing together in Psychiatric Treatment, Research and Education', in Brisbane, 28–30 October 2010. Abstracts close on 30 April:
<<http://www.anzmf.asn.au/PRCP10/AbstractSubmission.asp>>.

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