



Wimmera Primary Care Partnership

Wimmera Primary Care Partnership Member Agencies

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Abilities



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Community Axis



Dunmunkle Health Services



Edenhope & District Memorial Hospital



Goolum Goolum Aboriginal Co-operative



Grampians

Community Health Centre



Harrow Bush Nursing Centre



Hindmarsh Shire Council



Hopetoun & District Neighbourhood House



Horsham Rural City Council



Horsham Regional Arts Association



Karkana Support Services



Murtoa & District Neighbourhood House (SLAAM)



Rural Northwest Health



Salvation Army Family Services



University of Ballarat



West Vic Division of General Practice



West Wimmera Health Service



West Wimmera Shire Council



Wimmera Health Care Group



DROUGHT RELIEF FORUM

Up-to-date information, resources, ideas, solutions, contacts.

Loads of practical ideas to strengthen and grow your local ER program and volunteers.

July 23rd - 9am to 4pm
Grains Innovation Park Horsham

Keynote Speaker: Martin J Cowling - 20 years experience with UNICEF, AFS Intercultural Programs, The Smith Family, VicRelief and CEO People First - Total Solutions. Martin is a leading international speaker on "Not-for-Profit" management and volunteerism.

Workshops:

- How do we create respectful service in our Agencies.
- Social security law and advocacy.
- Handling the dependent client.
- Working in community.

Other speakers include: Dale Nelson - Community Educator for Welfare Rights Network; Trevor Barker - 12 years experience working in ER in a small rural community; Philip Hunt - CEO VRFB, Norm Bowen - CFA Peer Support and Neil Barr - DPI.

This Forum is also being held in Ballarat on July 22nd at Anglicare Centre, Lydiard Street South Ballarat.

For more information on both forums please contact Trevor Barker on 5407 2116 or email trevorb@vrfb.com.au

To register please call Margaret Tournier on 9362 8300 or email margt@vrfb.com.au

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARDS

Further to the information listed in the last newsletter on how to post Community Events on the various Noticeboards on television, newspapers and radio - please find below another link to a community noticeboard.

Rainbow-Jeparit Argus

Email editor@theargus.com.au with any information by 5pm Mondays to be included in Fridays edition.

Wimmera Hearing Society

Wimmera HUB



Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN



Wimmera Regional Assembly

Wimmera Volunteers



Wimmera Uniting Care



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Woomelang District Bush Nursing Centre



YMCA, Horsham Aquatic Centre



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BUS DRIVER WANTED - KARKANA SUPPORT SERVICES

Karkana Support Services Inc is a Disability Support Service and is currently seeking an enthusiastic and motivated person with excellent communication skills. This person will be responsible for the daily transport needs to enable service recipients to attend Karkana.

This position is for 21 hours per week, Monday to Friday, split between approximately 7am to 9am and 4pm to 6pm.

A position description can be obtained by phoning 5382 4621 or email:
ceokarkana@netconnect.com.au

Written applications addressing the Key Selection Criteria and including names of 3 referees are to be submitted by close of business on Friday 22nd February to:

Mrs Kathy McEwan
Chief Executive Officer
Karkana Support Services Inc
PO Box 108
Horsham VIC 3402

The successful applicant will be required to have a Police Check.

COMMUNITY CONNECTOR MENTORING AND MENTEE PROGRAMS

The Horsham Community Connector Program is a newly created position aimed to support people with a disability aged 15 - 20 years to link into opportunities offered in their local community. The position is funded by DHS and located at the Horsham Community Action Centre.

The objective of the program is to identify and equip local people as mentors who will voluntarily spend time with referred people with a disability. Mentors will support mentees to identify interests, aspirations and opportunities in the local community.

Mentors

Do you have one or two hours you could give to a young person each week, fortnight or month? Do you work or volunteer in our community? This could be your way to give some hope and share your experience with a young person with a disability!

If this sounds like you, please give Doug Ritchie a call on 5381 2077 or 0431 574 928, or email doug@hcac.com.au

Mentees

Do you think this program could benefit a young person you know? There are limited spots for the first round of this pilot program and positions will be filled in order of target group priority.

To find out more or refer a client please contact Doug either by phone on 5381 2077 or 0431 574 928 or email doug@hcac.com.au

GROUPWORK - WORKING WITH PARENTS WHOSE ADOLESCENT IS ABUSIVE AT HOME

Thursday 7th and Friday 8th August 2008

From 10am to 4pm each day

Diamond House - 24 Seaby Street Stawell

Facilitated by Meridian Team at Anglicare Box Hill

Cost \$50 per participant

This workshop will describe the content and processes for workers involved in running a researched groupwork program for parents whose adolescents are violent at home.

Topics include:

- Creating emotional and psychological safety.
- Challenging parents beliefs about the origins of the violence.
- Helping parents take charge.
- Dealing with anger, their own and others.
- Communication skills and rebuilding the relationship.

The difficulties involved in helping parents to look at what they can do differently whilst ensuring that they are not blamed or held responsible for the violence will be explored.

For more information and to register please contact Jeanine Jones at Grampians Community Health Centre on 5358 7415 or email jeanine.j@gchc.org.au

COMMUNITY, HEALTH AND THE ARTS 'VITAL ARTS— VIBRANT COMMUNITIES' CONFERENCE

Today there is increasing awareness that the arts play a crucial role in improving the health and social wellbeing of communities.

Over fifty years ago, the world Health Organisation proposed that health is not merely the absence of illness but a complete state of physical, mental and social wellbeing dependent on a range of elements - physical, psychological and social. We now know that cultural practice is significant among these factors. Whether we observe performing artists allied with youth workers to tackle homelessness, the rise of patient-focused architecture in public hospitals, or the use of arts education to promote health in schools, we see compelling evidence that the arts can have a considerable impact on social and institutional life.

As the therapeutic and transformative possibilities of arts programs continue to attract interest from practitioners in diverse fields, the importance of multi-disciplinary research and collaboration is increasingly apparent. The achievements of such partnerships can often go unrecognized or undocumented in research, policy and analysis.

The aims of this conference are:

- To bring together people with shared interests in the arts in order to encourage activities that cross disciplinary divisions, to exchange knowledge and inspire creative partnerships.
- To gather credible evidence about the contribution made by the arts to community health.
- To develop approaches which embed the arts within health policy and planning.

For further information please visit www.abp.unimelb.edu.au/unesco/cha-conference/

KEEPING CONNECTED: YOUNG PEOPLE, IDENTITY AND SCHOOLING CONFERENCE

Centre for Adolescent Health, Royal Children's Hospital

21st July 2008
Royal Children's Hospital

Teachers and other education and health professionals working with young people are invited to a one-day conference to advance their understandings of the educational issues faced by young people with a health condition; provide an opportunity to engage with other professionals and learn more about the support provided to students by the RCH Education Institute.

For more information on the project please visit: www.edfac.unimelb.edu.au/keepingconnected

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www.edfac.unimelb.edu.au/keepingconnected/conferences.html

HACC HEALTH & WELBBEING EXPO

Centacare & Department of Human Services and HACC Funded Agencies

An expo is to be held on **Thursday 17th July** from 10.30am to 3pm at the Ararat Performing Arts Centre, Cnr Barkly & Vincent Streets, Ararat.

It will provide HACC funded agencies in the Grampians Pyrenees catchment an opportunity to promote their services and provide information to assist residents of the area to continue to live independently in their community. Free entry. Transport is available.

Further inquiries please contact Jill on 5337 8932

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST CALLED FOR 'THE HANDBALL FEDERATION OF VICTORIA'

Under the 2007-2008 PICSAR project "handball for all abilities" is seeking organisations that are interested to include handball in their sport and recreation programs.

As the peak governing body of handball in Victoria and responsible for management, development, and promotion of the game, catering for players of all ages and abilities, the Federation offers:

- School handball clinics.
- Leadership programs, PD in handball.
- Coaching and referee courses.
- Online training.
- Community coaching certificate in handball.

They are also seeking students that would like to get a free PD and resources in handball and be part of their programs as volunteers.

For more information call Andres Olascoaga on 0411 160 607 or email ndentertainment@optusnet.com.au

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE HORSHAM REGIONAL ART GALLERY

From June 21 - Marcus Wills: Archibald Prize Winner. For the first time this region can view his stunning painting, The Paul Juraszek monolith (after Marcus Gheeraerts). This work will be displayed along with a number of small works by Marcus Wills.

15th July - 7th Sept - Alex Lyall: A Survey. See some of the last words she painted as well as others never before exhibited. Curated by Trevor Tagliabue, and her partner Anthony Briggs.

10th July - 2nd Sept - Liminal: Photographic installation by Dacchi Dang. Exhibition shows images of French colonial architecture, Australian and Vietnamese.

Until July 13th - The 56th Blake Prize for Religious Art: Contemporary art celebrating cultural diversity.

Until July 8th - The Blue Man: Photographs by Charlie Sublet about anguish, loneliness, anxiety, depression, grief and desperation.

Until July 6th - Paul Carracher: The Art of News. Photographs of the region's events by award-winning Wimmera Mail-Times photographer. Sponsored by the Mail-Times.

VICTORIAN CHARTER OF WELLBEING & SAFETY FOR ABORIGINAL CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE - FORUM

The Victorian Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has engaged Ingenuity - SED Consulting to undertake a series of community consultations relating to the development of a Victorian Charter of Safety and Wellbeing for Aboriginal Children and Young People.

Regional forums and focus group meetings will be held in July and August 2008 to focus on the draft Charter; its development, implementation and impact.

Who should attend: Koorie workers, mainstream workers with an interest, community members, mums, dads, grandparents, carers, uncles, aunties, anyone with an interest in Aboriginal Children and Young People.

Tuesday 15th July from 9.30am to 1pm
Kirrit Barreet Aboriginal Art and Cultural Centre
407 Main Road Ballarat

For more information contact Anthony Lovett on 5331 9600 or 0402 655 983
or email anthonyl@sedconsulting.com.au

PRIMARY HEALTH WEEKLY BULLETIN

The latest edition of the Primary Health Weekly Bulletin is now available at:
www.dhs.vic.gov.au/rrhacs/ph_bulletin?src=email&id=260608

In this edition:

- Advance notice of pilot: palliative care supplement for 20089 SCTT Revision.
 - Nurse on Call: 2 years of outstanding service.
 - Victorian Government Strategy to address elder abuse.
 - Learning from the field forum: Food security projects in Victoria, plus much more.....
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IT'S A BLOKE THING!

Hanging out in a shed? Talking about health and fitness?

A locally run event for local blokes. Join the men in your area to see the play **Six Degrees of Diabetes**, a comedy about three middle-aged men, who meet in a pub and get talking about life.

A panel of health professionals will take questions from the audience after the performance.

Hang around for a Free BBQ and free health checks afterwards.

Tuesday 22nd July from 6.30pm

David O Jones Mitre 10 Timber Shed, Stawell

This event is Free.

RSVP by the 15th July to Grampians Community Health Centre on 5358 7400.

WEEKLY MOTIVATION

As of the next Wimmera Primary Care Partnership Newsletter we will be including a regular piece from Lisa Cosson from Westvic Division of General Practice.

Lisa will impart her words of wisdom in the hope to motivate the community into becoming physically active therefore building healthier lifestyles.

FEEDBACK ON THE NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is intended to inform partners and community of a range of events and activities and news which may be relevant. In order to make this newsletter relevant and informative, it is important for the WPCP to receive your input and feedback. For example, have you found the newsletter useful? Do you have any suggestions for future editions? Please email, telephone or fax comments/suggestions or if you wish to unsubscribe to WPCP Admin.

Email: pcpadmin@gchc.org.au

Telephone: (03) 5362 1222 Facsimile : (03) 5382 4687

Wimmera PCP Diary Dates

July

10th	12.30pm HP Meeting - DHS Evaluation of Integrated HP Strategy	3:30 PCP Executive
23rd	11.30am Diabetes Working Group Meeting	1pm Chronic Disease Meeting

For further important dates please visit our website at www.wimmerapcp.org.au

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