**Grampians Region Dementia Project Status report –1 November 2012**

Key objectives in response to identified gaps and issues:

* Dementia symptoms dismissed as a normal part of ageing – build GP capacity and knowledge
* Crisis presentations to services – build community awareness and understanding of dementia
* Low uptake of respite – enhance programs and promote benefits of respite

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| **Priority tasks** | **Key deliverables** | **Challenges/barriers** | **Assistance** |
| **GP Dementia Pathways Project**  Meetings with Heather Campbell, Aged Care Manager, Jo Millard, Practice nurse and Dr Colin Crook, GP Advisor Medicare Locals to develop and refine GP survey for distribution 6 November. Survey to close 30 November.  Meeting with Helen Thompson, University of Ballarat to discuss software development. GP Dementia pathway business case put forward to UB. Proposal from UB received and currently being reviewed by stakeholders  Seek working group membership to analyse survey data, develop pathways and then test in clinic environment and evaluate. First working group meeting proposed for early December. | Dementia diagnosis and management survey emailed to General Practitioners and Practice nurses in Grampians Region.  Proposal from University of Ballarat for Project worker to work with Dept of Health and Medicare Locals to develop software for web based GP dementia pathway tool  Working group implemented to assist with development of the GP dementia pathway | Ensuring survey format is concise and is of a length that encourages practitioners to complete it  Negotiating time frames for project development and completion  Engaging practitioners to commit to the working group | Grampians Medicare Locals to distribute survey  University of Ballarat Project worker  Grampians Medicare Locals  General practitioners and practice nurses involvement in working group  Specialist agencies, HACC providers and Dementia Advisory group to provide feedback during development |
| **Development of Regional Dementia Guide – Grey Matters**  Draft guide reviewed and authorised by AAV research fellow Dr Maree Farrow.  Permission from AAV to use photo stock.  Final review and confirmation of contact details and content mid October  Final draft of the Grey Matters guide sent to printers’ end of October.  Launch of the Grey Matters to be at the Regional HACC Best Practice forum in November with Sue Pieters-Hawke officially launching the guide.  Grey Matters guide located electronically on the PCP website under HACC red button | Final review by working group members and Dementia Advisory group electronically.  Printed stock delivered to Department of Health by 16 November  Service providers to receive copies of the guide at the forum as part of the regional dementia tool kit  Specialist dementia services to receive copies to distribute to people with dementia and their carers  Electronic version accessible to HACC service providers. A link to the guide will also be made available on the GP Dementia Pathways tool | Timely authorisation so that document is printed and available for November forum  Formatting of guide to meet printers requirements  Ensuring that the guide and the information contained is kept up to date | High agency representation to review document electronically.  AAV staff to review document and grant permission to use photo stock  Sue Pieters-Hawke invited to launch the guide  Robyn Fletcher to assist with placing documents on HACC PCP website |
| **Dementia Awareness Week activities**  Meeting with Glenda Hipwell, AAV to pick up resources.  Meetings with Mary Dalgleish Wimmera Regional Library Corporation to discuss placement of information stands at Horsham and Stawell Libraries. Resources delivered to Horsham  Agencies to utilise local media to assist with promotion of activities and services that can assist people with dementia. | Brochures, posters and help sheets displayed at regional libraries across Grampians Region  Media release developed and authorised by AAV media consultant.  Media release forwarded to nominated agencies for inclusion in local media campaign for Dementia Awareness Week. | Timely authorisation so media release can be forwarded to agencies prior to Dementia Awareness Week  Uptake of Media release by Local Government agencies | Glenda Hipwell and Communications / Media Manager AAV  Wimmera Regional Library staff  Local Government agencies |
| **Regional Tool kit**  Development of resources for inclusion in the Regional dementia tool kit  Regional dementia tool kit to be distributed at the HACC Best practice forum in November  Links to resources placed on the PCP website HACC red button under dementia project | Resources completed and tool kit compiled for distribution to service provider agencies at the HACC Best practice forum  Links to dementia resources available electronically | Ensuring tool kit resources are disseminated to HACC agency staff  Ensuring resources are utilised and disseminated to people in the community | Aged Care team, Department of Health  Robyn Fletcher to assist with placing resources on HACC PCP website  Assessment and allied health staff to distribute information to HACC target group where required |