

RAHMS & NRHSN Weekly Update

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Thank you to all the people who visited our O-Week stall and a big RAHMS welcome to all our awesome new members!

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Scholarship Information Sessions

There are so many scholarships around for students interested in rural health that it can get a bit confusing. That's why we're running a **scholarships and conference funding information session**. Come along on **Thursday the 4th of March** so you don't miss out on all the fabulous opportunities out there. If you never apply, you'll never get it.

Time: 5:15pm – 6pm

Place: SGS rooms 6 and 7 for medicine students, Matthew theatres for allied health students

Welcome Function

It's a new year, there are new RAHMS members to welcome in and old RAHMS people to welcome back. So we're throwing you all a welcome function on the 4th of March at the Royal Hotel in Randwick (the big old pub up the hill from uni). It's right after the scholarship info sessions, so why not come to both and we'll walk you up? Or meet us there at 6:30pm for some free food and some good old mingling with your fellow RAHMers.

Time: 6:30pm

Place: Royal Hotel in Randwick

Get ready for Indigenous Festivals! Dates enclosed

Over the year, RAHMS will give you the opportunity to attend Indigenous Festivals FULLY PAID FOR BY RAHMS! Here are some of the dates – check them out their respective websites! Now unfortunately RAHMS doesn't own a money tree, thus if you're interested in a particular one below, please email indigenous@rahms.org.au so we can make sure it is on our funding list.

- **VIBE ALIVE 2010** www.vibealive.com.au

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| NSW | Moree | 19-20 May 2010 |
| QLD | Townsville | 26-27 May 2010 |
| SA | Port Augusta | 18-19 August 2010 |
| WA | Kalgoorlie | 25-26 August 2010 |
| VIC | Bendigo | 15-16 September 2010 |

- **WAKAKIRRI 2010** www.wakakirri.com

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| NSW | Wilcannia | 04 June 2010 |
| SA | Ceduna | 25 June 2010 |
| NT | Barunga | 13 August 2010 |

- **DEADLY DAYS 2010** <http://deadlydays.net/>

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| State TBC | Location TBC | 1-3 September 2010 |
| State TBC | Location TBC | 8-10 September 2010 |
| State TBC | Location TBC | 15-17 September 2010 |

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SPERA Conference

The Society for the Provision of Education in Rural Australia (SPERA) is running the Sustaining the Rural Education Community Conference! The conference will run from 15th-17th of September at the University of the Sunshine Coast, Queensland.

To find out more or to register visit: <http://www.spera.asn.au>

National Rural Leadership Development Seminar

*****UPDATE:** The Hon. Warren Snowdon (Minister for Rural and Regional Health) will be hosting the event! Confirmed speakers include Nick Far-Jones (Former Wallabies Captain), Tim Williams (regular guest on ABC's Q & A) and Kim Webber (CEO of Rural Health Workforce Australia).***

Are you a leader? Do you want to be one? Thanks to the NRHSN and AMSA you now have the chance to develop and hone your skills (with info specific to remote and rural practice!) at the National Rural Leadership Development Seminar!

Take a trip to Wollongong from 8-10th of April and be one of the 100 handpicked allied health, nursing and medical students from across the country taking part in this excellent 'hands-on' experience. Keynote speakers, workshops, open floor sessions and the first student-run rural health roundtable will all be there!

To get in on the action, complete the attached application form and send it to Kristen Harrison Kristen.harrison@rhwa.org.au before the 12th of March. The applications will be marked out of 60 (20 marks for each question) by the selection panel and ranked with the top two applicants from each rural health club being selected to attend this great event (in the case of outstanding applicants, additional places may be granted).

For more information see the attached info package or visit:

<http://www.nrhsn.org.au/site/index.cfm?display=184112>

NT Rural High Schools Visits

Been to the Northern Territory? Want to go? Get excited because a small number of enthusiastic and committed undergraduate medical and allied health students from across Australia are being given the opportunity to deliver health careers workshops to high schools students throughout Central Australia and the Top End in 2010.

Applications for this program, which will be run over two separate weeks in April, close 13th March.

Want more information? Visit:

http://www.nrhsn.org.au/site/index.cfm?PageMode=indiv&module=NEWS&page_id=181749&leca=231

Have your say on rural and remote issues in a web forum

The Mount Isa Centre for Rural & Remote Health (MICRRH) is interested in your opinion on topical Indigenous, Rural & Remote Health issues. For this purpose, they have created a web-blog, aptly named 'Dialog'. It's a moderated forum and can be accessed directly at <http://micrrh-dialog.blogspot.com/> or through MICRRH website, <http://www.micrrh.jcu.edu.au/>. They want your views and thoughts on the topic(s) discussed in the blog. They welcome any suggestions for future topics which can be emailed to micrrh@jcu.edu.au"

All Together Better Health Conference

Want to attend a conference in Sydney and meet other students from around the world? Lucky you! Because the All Together Better Health Conference is coming!

The conference is run by the Australian Interprofessional Practice and Education Network (AIPPEN) and will be held at Novotel Sydney Manly Pacific from 6-9th of April.

You're also being given the opportunity to comment on what you would like to see at the conference and to start connecting with your new international friends. Visit the student discussion board at <http://internationalhctc.ning.com/>

For more information and including registration, visit: <http://www.atbh5.com.au/> or email NRHSN Secretary Jasmine Banner (jasmine@nrhsn.org.au)

Speaking of conferences; be sure to come along to the RAHMS scholarship and conference funding information session mentioned above!

Hurry! John Flynn Placement Program Applications due in soon

UNSW kids in their first, second or third year of university in 2010 can now apply for a place in the John Flynn Placement Program. What is it? Your chance to spend two weeks a year in a fantastic rural community like Kakadu or Alice Springs getting more clinical experience than you'll ever get at uni... and you're paid to do it! You're in luck too. Places have doubled! Get in quick and do a great application!

For more info go to the NRHSN Website:

http://www.nrhsn.org.au/site/index.cfm?PageMode=indiv&module=NEWS&page_id=178853&leca=231.

RAHMS are holding an Information Session on March 9 after we all get back to uni.

Dates for your diary

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| 4 th March | Scholarship Information Sessions |
| 4 th March | RAHMS Welcome Function |
| 9 th March | John Flynn Placement Program Information Session at UNSW |
| 13 th March | Applications for NT Rural High Schools Visits Close |
| 6-9 th April | All Together Better Health Conference |
| 8-10 th April | National Rural Leadership Development Seminar |
| 15-17 th July | National University Rural Health Conference (NURHC) |
| 15-17 th Sept | SPERA Conference |

***If you have any suggestions for RAHMS or feedback please email RAHMS Secretary Amanda Cohn secretary@rahms.org.au

To view this update online or for further information about any other RAHMS activities please visit: www.rahms.org.au