

RAHMS & NRHSN Weekly Update

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@RAHMS

Clinical Skills Night is Coming!

Come and learn to suture, plaster, cannulate and take blood pressure.

Where? Wallace Wurth 202-204

When? Thursday 18th March 6pm - 7:30pm

How? Go to www.rahms.org/clinical-skills and fill in the application form at the bottom of the page.

Hurry, places are capped at 60!

Scholarship Information Night Slides

Did you miss the scholarships information night? Have a look at our website www.rahms.org/?m=20100304&cat=4 for the slides so you can get all the info!

On that note, are you an international student wanting to go on a placement but feel like all the programs are only for residents? Have a look at these two schemes:

Working HUGS (Working Holidays for Undergraduates) www.rmfn.org.au/site/index.cfm?display=3463

NTGPE (NT General Practice Education) placements www.ntgpe.org/students/index.html

NURHC Call for Abstracts

Do you want to attend NURHC (National Undergraduate Rural Health Conference) for free? Then get writing because the NRHSN is calling for abstracts! 40 lucky students from across Australia will get the opportunity to present at the conference (each presentation is to be no more than 15 minutes long) in Alice Springs from July 15-17. Oh, and did we mention that Ernie Dingo will be performing the Master of Ceremonies duties?!

Interested? Email your abstracts to Francesca Garnett president@rahms.org.au before the 2nd of April 2010.

See the attached pdf document for suggested topics and submission requirements.



NURHC Rural Media Competition

The NRHSN are pleased to announce a new competition at NURHC this year - the Cattleman's Cup! This competition is seeking our IT gurus from out there in rural health land to bring together a 2-3 minute video advertisement for any of the following topics:

- Why country trumps city
- The NRHSN is awesome because...
- Rural living - there's nothing like it
- Lamborghini??? Give me a horse!!!
- Save a horse... ride a...?

All videos entered will be played at NURHC and judged based on originality and their ability to promote rural practice. RAHMS will have the opportunity to submit one video so please email your creative concoctions to communications@rahms.org.au

If we win, the video will be placed on the NRHSN website and \$500 awarded to RAHMS to use on a rural health club activity/project!

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

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

NSW	Wilcannia	04 June 2010
SA	Ceduna	25 June 2010

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

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

@NRHSN**COOEE! April 2010**

The NRHSN is seeking stories (400-500 words max) on members' experiences on rural placement to include in the next edition of the COOEE! April 2010.

Please send photos that will complement your rural placement story - ensure you sent photos as separate files and that they are high resolution.

Please email submissions to president@rahms.org.au before March 21.

Australian Association of Gerontology (NSW) Rural Conference

Are you interested in our ageing population and the issues it poses? The AAG Rural Conference will provide the opportunity to discuss some key issues relating to housing and communities for older people.

The conference will be held on 15-16 of April 2010 at the Ballina RSL Club in Ballina NSW.

To view the conference program and registration information please see the attached pdf or visit the conference website at www.aagruralconference.com

Earlybird registrations close Friday 12th of March 2010.

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)

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.

Dates for your diary

12 th March	Earlybird Registrations close for the AAG Rural Conference
13 th March	Applications for NT Rural High Schools Visits Close
18 th March	Clinical Skills Night
2 nd April	NURHC Abstracts Due
6-9 th April	All Together Better Health Conference
8-10 th April	National Rural Leadership Development Seminar
15-16 th April	AAG Rural Conference
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