

RAHMS & NRHSN Weekly Update

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Hurry! John Flynn Placement Program Applications Due in 19th of March

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!

Deadline for applications is this Friday the 19th of March!

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.

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
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· **WAKAKIRRI 2010** www.wakakirri.com

NSW	Wilcannia	04 June 2010
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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

@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. **If you put in a great submission you could win one of ten cheques for \$500!**

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

Call for Internal Officer Applications

Interested in being involved in the NRHSN? Applications for internal officer positions are still open, closing at the end of this week. The NRHSN is especially looking for Rural High School Visits Coordinators and Indigenous Festivals Coordinators.

Please send applications to jasmine@nrhsn.org.au by Friday 19th of March.

NSW Rural Doctors Network Scholarships

Applications are now open for the following scholarships from the NSW Rural Doctors Network.

Bush Bursary/Country Women's Association Scholarships (Applications close 3 May 2010)

Cotton Industry Medical Scholarship (Applications close 9 April 2010)

NSW Rural Residential Medical Officer Cadetships (Applications close 2 August 2010)

Students must be in their second or later year of their medical degree. For scholarship information, eligibility criteria and application forms, go to the RDN website at www.nswrdn.com.au and click on 'Students and Scholarships' then 'RDN Scholarships'. For further enquiries, contact Marie Kelliher on 02 8337 8100 or email students@nswrdn.com.au

CRANApus Membership for Students

If you are a Nursing or Allied Health student then listen up! The CRANApus annual student membership rate has been reduced to \$50.

Benefits of membership include:

- Access to professional support, advice and representation
- CRANApus Magazine (4 annually)
- Weekly news email - Friday Flyer
- Discounts on CRANApus short courses, programs and annual conference

For more information and to apply online go to www.crana.org.au or call (08) 8408 8200 or email membership@crana.org.au

SARRAH Survey

Want to win 12 months of free SARRAH membership or a 25% discount on registration for the next National SARRAH Conference, to be held in Broome in October? Simply complete the SARRAH survey found at www.surveymonkey.com/s/KNBZMC7 and you go into the draw to win!

Send any questions to Shelagh Lowe at shelagh.lowe@bigpond.com

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 have closed but regular registrations are still open.

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>

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)

Dates for your diary

18 th March	Clinical Skills Night
21 st March	COOEE! Articles Due
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