

# RAHMS & NRHSN Weekly Update

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## @RAHMS

### O-Week Stall!

Do you have any burning questions about rural health? Do you want to meet the people who send you all these emails? Or have you got your heart set on a shiny new RAHMS t-shirt? Then **come visit us at the RAHMS O-Week stall! We'll be there all week in the quad, just outside the chemist.**

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:indigenous@rahms.org.au) so we can make sure it is on our funding list.

- **VIBE ALIVE 2010** [www.vibealive.com.au](http://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](http://www.wakakirri.com)

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

## **Nominate for a role on the NRHSN**

Now's your chance! The NRHSN is looking for Marketing Officers, Media Officers, Sponsorship Officers, Publications Officers, Indigenous Festivals Officers, Rural High School Visit Officers and Indigenous, Nursing, Medical and Allied Health Portfolio Holders. If you're interested, check out the attached position descriptions and answer these questions:

1. Why do you want to apply for this portfolio?
2. What qualities and experiences can you bring to this portfolio?
3. What do you hope to achieve in this role in the next year?

Then **email your application or questions to Jasmine Banner (NRHSN Secretary: [jasmine@nrhsn.org.au](mailto:jasmine@nrhsn.org.au)) by February 26 2010**. No more than one page to answer the questions and no more than one page for your CV and photo. Also, swing us an email to ([nrhsn@rahms.org.au](mailto:nrhsn@rahms.org.au)) if you go for one of the positions as RAHMS' own, Matt, will vote on these in Melbourne during March...obviously we want to vote for our own!

## **National Rural Leadership Development Seminar**

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 8-10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Kristen.harrison@rhwa.org.au) before the 12<sup>th</sup> 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 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 13<sup>th</sup> March.**

Want more information? Visit:

[http://www.nrhsn.org.au/site/index.cfm?PageMode=indiv&module=NEWS&page\\_id=181749&leca=231](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](mailto: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 6-9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](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 10 after we all get back to uni.

## **Dates for your diary**

22-26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>RAHMS O-Week Stall in the quad</b>
26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>Applications for NRHSN Council Positions Due</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Scholarship Information Sessions</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>RAHMS Welcome Function</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>John Flynn Placement Program Information Session at UNSW</b>
13 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Applications for NT Rural High Schools Visits Close</b>
6-9 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>All Together Better Health Conference</b>
8-10 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>National Rural Leadership Development Seminar</b>
15-17 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>National University Rural Health Conference (NURHC)</b>

\*\*\*If you have any suggestions for RAHMS or feedback please email RAHMS Secretary Amanda Cohn [secretary@rahms.org.au](mailto:secretary@rahms.org.au)

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