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## Welcome to the Central Highlands Primary Care Partnership Newsletter.

This weekly newsletter is a vehicle for you to use to promote your agency's happenings to the Central Highlands.

Agencies are welcome to use the newsletter to showcase new programs, staff, projects and events. Information should be sent to [admin@chpcp.org](mailto:admin@chpcp.org) by **Fridays** for the next week's edition.

### Service Coordination Tool Templates Forum

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 10.00am – 12.00pm  
(registration from 9.30am)  
Level 1, Conference Room, 50 Lonsdale St,  
Melbourne

Victoria's Service Coordination Tool Templates (SCTT) are changing. A forum is being held to learn about the changes that have been made to the tool templates as part of the current revision.

The forum will also be an opportunity to learn about –

- The future for the tool templates
- The current revision of the Victorian Statewide Referral Form
- E-referral and HL7 messaging
- Progress of the departments' data and information reform work

The forum is primarily aimed at vendors of patient/client management applications to the health and human services sectors and vendors of e-referral systems, representatives from health and human services agencies, Primary Care Partnerships, ICT Alliances, peak bodies, and government with an interest in service coordination and or e-health.

For more information and to register your place visit [http://www.health.vic.gov.au/pcps/publications/vendor\\_forum.htm](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/pcps/publications/vendor_forum.htm)

## Calendar of Events:

(180) e.g. This is the edition number and can be accessed on the website for the full details of the event. [www.chpcp.org](http://www.chpcp.org)

### November

Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Palliative Care in Aged Care – Challenges &amp; Possibilities</b> , 4.30pm – 6.30pm, Mulkearns Theatre, Australian Catholic University, 1200 Mair St, Ballarat (203)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>HACC Video Training – Asthma</b> , 1.00pm – 3.00pm, Ballarat Health Services, Queen Elizabeth Centre, Ascot St, Ballarat (203)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Ballarat Health Services – Special Care Nursery Fundraiser</b> , 6.30pm, Regent Cinema, Lydiard St, Ballarat (201)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Workshop For Members Of Disability Advisory Committees and Support Groups Across the Grampian Region</b> 1.30pm – 3.30pm, Trench Rm, Ballarat Town Hall, Sturt St, Ballarat (198)
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Ballarat Type 1 Diabetes Social Group Meeting</b> , 4.30pm – 6.00pm, Oscars Restaurant, Doveton St, Ballarat (197)
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>White Ribbon Day Launch</b> , 5.30pm – 7.30pm, The Mining Exchange, 8a Lydiard St Nth, Ballarat (202)
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Separation Recovery (Women's Group) – Centacare Family Relationships Program</b> , further details advised on booking (202)
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>International Congress on Chronic Disease Self Management</b> , Hilton on the Park, 192 Wellington Pde, East Melbourne (201)
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CHPCP Full Alliance Meeting</b> , 9.00am – 10.30am, Ballarat & District Division of General Practice, 105 Webster St, Ballarat
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CHPCP Executive Committee Meeting</b> , 10.30am – 11.00am, Ballarat & District Division Of General Practice 105 Webster St, Ballarat
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Road Users Safety Hour</b> , 7.00pm, Ecolink Auditorium, Labilliere St, Bacchus Marsh (201)
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Supportive Care Conference</b> , 8.30am – 5.00pm, The Creswick Novotel Forest Resort, 1500 Midland Highway, Creswick (203)
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Interclub ~ Trivia Evening</b> , 7.30pm, Midlands Golf Club, Heinz Lane, Ballarat (200)
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Masquerade Ball</b> 7.30pm, St Anne's Vineyard, Garrards Lane, Myrning, (200)

### December

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>The Art of Giving – An Inspirational Evening with Robbi Zeck ND</b> , 6.30pm – 10.30pm, Invermay Community Hall (202)
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Grampians Regional Palliative Care Team Twilight Education Session</b> , 6.30pm – 8.30pm, Ballarat Health Services, Education Resource Centre, Drummond St, Ballarat (203)

### **Expressions of Interest Sought for VicRelief Foodbank Bus Tour**

VicRelief Foodbank is Victoria's largest, independent, emergency relief resource centre. Through a distribution network of over 600 registered welfare agencies and community organizations, they provide much needed assistance to thousands of families and individuals in financial crisis or other forms of immediate social hardship.

Central Highlands Primary Care Partnership, Grampians Pyrenees PCP & Wimmera PCP in partnership with VicRelief Foodbank are seeking expressions of interest from people who would like to participate in a free bus tour to the VicRelief Foodbank in early 2009. The bus would depart Horsham, stopping in Ararat and Ballarat before arriving at the VicRelief Foodbank in Yarraville at 11.30am. Participants will be given a tour of the Foodbank site and details about their operation.

Lunch will be provided. Please forward expressions of interest or enquiries to Chris Pollock at CHPCP, on 03 5338 4771 or [drought@chpcp.org](mailto:drought@chpcp.org) by 1<sup>st</sup> December 2008.

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### **White Ribbon Day Launch**

In 1999, the United Nations General Assembly declared 25<sup>th</sup> November the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. The White Ribbon has become the symbol for the day and wearing a white ribbon is a visible statement to the community that the wearer is committed to pledge to not commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women.

Today hundreds of thousands of white ribbons are worn by men and women across Australia. The Ballarat White Ribbon Day Committee invites you to the launch of White Ribbon Day, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 5.30pm – 7.30pm, The Mining Exchange, Lydiard St, Ballarat. RSVP to Bridget McPhee at WRISC on 03 5333 3666 or [bridgetm@wrisc.org.au](mailto:bridgetm@wrisc.org.au)

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### **Children of Phoenix Teddy Bears Picnic**

Children of Phoenix were established in 2004 to promote advocacy, educational opportunities, and research on behalf of victims and survivors of child sexual abuse. A Teddy Bears Picnic is being held to launch CT Feeling Bear, a fundraising event for Children of Phoenix, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 11.00am – 3.00pm, Forest Resort, Midland Highway, Creswick. Entry \$10 per person or \$40 a family, teddy bears will be provided free. After the launch CT Feeling Bear will be available from UFS Pharmacies.

### **Ballarat YMCA Programs Spinning Stars**

Spinning Stars is a Music and Movement Activity Program designed specifically for children, young people and adults with additional needs. Weekly Sessions continue in Term 1 2009 and involve a practical class, social morning tea and loads of fun in a safe environment.

### **Singing Stars**

Commencing in Term 1 2009, Singing Stars is a new Music Activity Program designed specifically for pre school aged children with additional needs. Weekly sessions include parent/child practical class, social morning tea and loads of fun in a safe environment.

### **Volunteers Needed for Spinning Stars Program**

Ballarat YMCA is looking for volunteers to assist with its Spinning Stars Program. If you have a genuine interest in school aged children's programs and a willingness to provide safe, quality care this may be the volunteering opportunity for you. Relevant childcare qualifications, teaching experience or dance/drama/gymnastics experience is advantageous. A current CPR certificate is needed and level 2 first aid preferred. A police check and working with children check are mandatory for all successful volunteers.

For more information on volunteering or to enrol in either of the above programs please contact Stacey Oliver, 03 5329 2808 or email [stacey.oliver@ymca.org.au](mailto:stacey.oliver@ymca.org.au)

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### **Productivity Commission Report**

The Productivity Commission has released a draft report outlining an economic assessment of drought support measures in Australia. The draft report is available for further public submissions until Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December before a final report is provided to the Australian Government in February 2009. The final Productivity Commission report is the last of three investigations which form the national review of drought support.

The draft report is available at <http://www.pc.gov.au/projects/inquiry/drought/draft>

Submissions on the draft Productivity Commission report can be emailed to [droughtreview@pc.gov.au](mailto:droughtreview@pc.gov.au)

### **Child Obesity Awareness Training**

MEND Australia in conjunction with Girl Guides Victoria are presenting a free one day Child Obesity Awareness Training Course. Delivered by specialist health professionals, this comprehensive training program is suitable for all health professionals and front line staff working with children and families. Two sessions will be delivered to enable participation by diverse organisations and staff, Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November or Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 10.00am – 4.00pm, at Girl Guides Victoria, 129 York St South Melbourne. Light lunch and refreshments will be provided.

To secure your place register online for the November session at <http://mendodtnov.eventbrite.com/> or for the December session at <http://mendotdec.eventbrite.com/> the password for online registration is mend.

For more information contact Rob McManus on 03 9822 2577.

### **Parliament House Open Day**

2008 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women gaining the right to vote. The theme for Parliament House Open Day will be 'Victorian Women Vote 1908-2008', a range of activities are planned for inside Parliament House, on the Parliament Steps and in the Gardens to celebrate this historic event. Haddon & District Community House Women's Choir will be performing at this event. Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2008, 11.00am – 4.00pm, Spring St, Melbourne.

### **World Indigenous Peoples' Conference on Education (WIPCE)**

WIPCE is a triennial conference of international significance that attracts people from around the globe to celebrate and share diverse cultures, traditions and knowledge with a focus on world Indigenous education. The purpose of WIPCE is to provide a forum to share, learn and promote best practice in Indigenous education policies, practices and programs.

WIPCE is to be held on the traditional lands of the Kulin Nation, Melbourne. The Traditional Welcome to Country Ceremony will be held 7<sup>th</sup> December, 10.00am – 7.30pm, 2 Watt St, Thornbury and the Closing Ceremony Concert will be held 11<sup>th</sup> December, 7.00pm – 11.30pm at Rod Laver Arena, \$15 single or \$30 family. For more information visit <http://www.wipce2008.com/>

### **Did You Know??**

It takes 125 recycled plastic milk bottles to manufacture a 140 litre wheelie bin from recycled plastic.

### **Population Health and Climate Change Workshop**

Jointly hosted by AHPA Vic Branch and the School of Health and Human Development Deakin University, the workshop includes exploration of relationships between climate change, health and health promotion, examples from the health sector highlighting action on climate change and frameworks and strategies that work in health promotion.

The workshop will be held Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 12.00pm – 4.30pm, 60L Green Building, Meeting Room, 60 Leicester St, Carlton. Cost \$20.00 AHPA and PHAA members or \$55.00 non members.

Registrations to [ahpavic@telstra.com](mailto:ahpavic@telstra.com) or 1300 302 942 by 1<sup>st</sup> December 2008.

### **Injury as a Chronic Health Issue in Australia**

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare has released a new report: Injury as a Chronic Health Issue in Australia, the report can be viewed online at

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10510>

### **Link and Learn Grants Program**

VicHealth is offering the Link and Learn Grants program in 2008-09. The grant is open to small to medium community based organisations who are members of a PCP, and whose main role is health promotion.

Specifically this program is designed to provide small grants for health promotion projects that build organisational skills, identify solutions to existing problems and identify strategies that can affect change. Closing date for applications is Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

For more information visit the website

<http://www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/Content.aspx?toPicID=580>

### **Counting the Homeless, 2006**

The Australian Bureau of Statistics has released a report of data from the 2006 Census pertaining to people experiencing homelessness.

The report can be viewed at

<http://www.abs.gov.au/ASSTATS/abs@.nsf/DetaiilsPage/2050.02006?OpenDocument>

## **DONT FORGET TO PASS THIS INFORMATION ON**

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