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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 alisonk@chpcp.org by **Fridays** for the next week's edition.

Introducing New CHPCP Staff

Service Coordination Industry Advisor – John Dixon

John will commence his employment with CHPCP on Thursday 11th December 2008. John comes to us with a background working in local government and an in-depth knowledge of PCP's.

John can be contacted on 03 5338 4772 or email johnd@chpcp.org

Chronic Disease Coordinator – Tim Stewart

Tim will commence his employment with CHPCP on Monday 12th January 2009. Tim has been working in the food industry and in the corporate sector.

Tim can be contacted on 03 5338 4773 or email tims@chpcp.org

We warmly welcome John and Tim to the Central Highlands PCP team.

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

December

Wednesday 10 th	CHPCP – CHADA meeting, 9.30 am – 11.30 am, Seminar Room 2, QEC, Ascot St, Ballarat
Thursday 11 th	CHPCP Combined Full Alliance & Executive meeting – now cancelled
Monday 15 th	Ceremony of Remembrance, 5.30pm, Ballarat General Cemetery, Cnr Lydiard & Norman Sts, Ballarat (201)
Tuesday 16 th	CHPCP Child & Family Platform Meeting, 9.30 am – 11.30 am, Child & Family Services, 115 Lydiard St, Nth, Ballarat
Saturday 20 th	Christmas Family Fun Day, Ballarat Young Parents Group, 11.00am, Black Hill Pool, Chisholm St, Ballarat (207)
Wednesday 24 th	CHPCP Office closes at 5.00 pm
Thursday 25 th	Christmas Day – have a great one!

January 2009

Monday 5 th – Friday 9 th	Conservation Volunteers, Sovereign Hill Volunteer Project (207)
Monday 12 th	CHPCP Office re-opens

CHPCP Christmas Arrangements

Please note the CHPCP office will close on Wednesday 24th December 2008 and will reopen on Monday 12th January 2009.

The newsletter will have a short break over the Christmas break with the last edition for 2008 on the 16th December 2008 and recommencing on the 16th January 2009 so if there is anything you would like included please send to us in the next couple of weeks.

Connectingcare 2.2.0 Upgrade Release

Connectingcare version 2.2.0 upgrade was completed on Tuesday 9th December 2008.

This upgrade release will contain a number of enhancements including:

- Client ID displayed on the Connectingcare acknowledgement email for RIMS & other users.
- Attachment email methods – will require the same fields as the SCTT cover sheet
- Level 3 user function enhancements
- A 'pending' status added for acknowledgements
- Ability to change a users status to inactive
- Level 2 user function enhancements.

Christmas Family Fun Day

The Ballarat Young Parents Group invites all the young parent families in Ballarat to attend the 4th annual Christmas Family Fun Day. The day will include facepainting, kids jumping castle, photos with Santa & a BBQ lunch. BYO picnic blanket and a plate to share. Cost is pool entry fee only. Saturday 20th December 2008, 11.00am at the Black Hill Pool, Chisholm St, Ballarat. For more information phone the YMCA 03 5329 2800

BEST Training – Certificate IV in Training & Assessment

This course is designed for people whom training is a large part of their job, a full job function within a structured assessment and training system or intending to work in the area in the future. Participants awarded this qualification will be able to deliver training in a Registered Training Organisation, a TAFE or VET in schools, provide training and assessment of skills in the workplace and design and coordinate vocational training programs. Course Fee \$1295.

An information session is to be held Tuesday 27th January 2009, 5.00pm – 7.00pm. The course will run from February 2009 to November 2009 and will be held at BEST Community Development, Cnr Sebastopol & Errard Sts, Ballarat. For more information contact BEST on 03 5329 1530.

No Interest Loans Scheme

The No Interest Loans Scheme is now available in Ballarat. This scheme allows people in low incomes to access loans to purchase essential household goods and services. These loans have no fees, charges or interest. The Scheme operates out of the Wellbeing Wendouree Office at 19 Violet Grove, Wendouree. For more information or an appointment call 03 5339 0817.

This program is in addition to the St. Vincent de Paul No Interest Loan Scheme that already exists in Ballarat.

Did You Know??

The energy used by an average Victorian household produces over 12 tonnes of greenhouse gases or 240,000 black balloons a year.

Appliance use about 40% of a household's energy, so switch them off at the wall and save 7,800 black balloons and up to 10% on running costs a year.

1 black balloon = 50g of greenhouses gases.

For more information visit

www.resourcesmart.vic.gov.au

New Deaf Access Worker

The City of Ballarat has been appointed as the new auspice for Deaf Access Victoria, Grampians Region. The Deaf Access program is a free community service that supports communities to plan and develop strategies which enable people who are deaf or have a hearing impairment to become fully engaged in community life.

Ashley Heenan has been appointed to the role of Deaf Access Coordinator, Ashley can be contacted by phone on 03 5320 5606, TTY on 5320 5890 or by email at

ashleyheenan@ballarat.vic.gov.au or
grampiansdeafaccess@ballarat.vic.gov.au

Scholarship – Australia's Changing Urban Tree Estate

A PhD scholarship is available in the School of Geography and Environmental Studies in the project 'Australia's changing urban tree estate: a socio-ecological study of patterns, causes and consequences.' The 3 year project will commence in 2009 and is an APA equivalent stipend of \$20,007 per annum and will be awarded on a competitive basis. Applicants should have a first or equivalent Honours degree in geography, environmental studies or social science. Experience in quantitative and or qualitative social research and knowledge or urban policy and urban sustainability debates are desirable. Potential applicants can download and application form from

www.research.utas.edu.au/gr

For further information contact Jamie Kirkpatrick on 03 6226 2460 or J.Kirkpatrick@utas.edu.au

Primary Health Weekly Bulletin

The latest edition of the Primary Health Weekly Bulletin is now available online at

http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/rrhacs/ph_bulletin

Victorian Primary Health Care Strategy Consultations

The Primary Health Branch had previously advised that regional consultation workshops, to seek input for the Victorian strategy, will be held in early 2009. Given the release of the commonwealth discussion paper this consultation will no longer proceed.

Instead it is proposed that views regarding the Victorian response to the national paper will be canvassed through a wide range of sources including PCP's, peak bodies, Regional Offices and DHS programs.

The discussion paper can be viewed at

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishin.g.nsf/Content/PHS-DiscussionPaper>

Grief & Bereavement Professional Study Group

Do you work in a counselling/support setting with bereaved adults and or children?
Would you like to further your knowledge and skills in working with issues related to grief and loss?

A grief and bereavement professional's study group has been successfully operating in 2008 and there are currently two vacancies for 2009. The group meets bi-monthly on a Tuesday 5.30pm – 7.00pm in central Ballarat.

For information contact Jennifer Wilson, Australian Centre for Grief & Bereavement, 03 5336 4285 or j.wilson@grief.org.au

New Community Building Facilitator

The Community Building Initiative (CBI) is an initiative of the Department of Planning & Community Development through a collaborative funding proposal by Ross Creek Recreation Reserve, Haddon Community House and Meredith Community House to work with communities in Golden Plains Shire to build capacity and respond to identified community needs. Linda McKinnon is newly appointed to the position of Community Building Facilitator and will continue the work progressed under the CBI. Linda commenced her role in Monday 8th December and can be contacted on 03 5220 7190 or email L.McKinnon@gplains.vic.gov.au

2008 Active At All Ages Awards

The 2008 Awards are produced by the Council On The Ageing (COTA) and are open to all Victorian residents (individuals or teams, older adults who are over 50) and clubs, groups and organisations who deliver activities in Victoria. Nominations close Tuesday 23rd December 2008. For more information contact Stephanie Harper 03 9655 2102.

Green Corps Ballarat 2009 Team Members

Green Corps is a Federal Government initiative for young people aged 17-20 years, participants are paid an allowance of \$300 per week for 26 weeks for 35 hours work per week and receive certificates in Conservation & Land Management certificate 1, OH&S and First Aid. For more information or an application form visit www.conservationvolunteers.com.au or phone 03 5444 0777

Go for your life

The December edition of the Go for your life, Newsletter is available online at http://www.goforyourlife.vic.gov.au/hav/articles.nsf/docs/current_newsletter?open

Active Club Grants

The Active Club Grants aim to encourage and increase participation opportunities in physical activity for those who are currently inactive or traditionally encounter barriers to participation by providing equipment or training and improve the safety of sporting and active recreation environments and reduce the likelihood of injury while promoting physical activity. Grants of up to \$2,500 are available to eligible sporting clubs/organisations, additional funding will need to be met by the club/organisation. Applications should be completed by 12th December 2008 and successful applicants will be notified by 6th March 2009. For more information and to apply visit the VicHealth website

<http://www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/activeclub/>

Conducting Focus Groups with CALD Communities

This workshop will enhance participants' skills in effectively engaging and including CALD communities when conducting focus groups. The workshop is being conducted by the Central for Culture Ethnicity & Health, on Wednesday 18th February 2009, 9.15am – 2.00pm at 81-85 Barry St, Carlton. Cost \$150. Register online at www.ceh.org.au or phone 03 9342 9700.

Conservation Volunteers Australia

January 2009 projects, certificate 1 in Active Volunteering is available for each of the projects listed below.

Tyntynder Homestead – enjoy staying at Swan Hill's historic Pioneer Settlement on the banks of the Mighty River Murray while helping protect heritage and cultural values at this unique property. 29th December 2008 – 2nd January 2009.

Sovereign Hill – Be involved in track construction, weed removal and planting of indigenous trees around the Sovereign hill site. As part of volunteering for the full week volunteers are given the opportunity to view the sound and light show 'Blood on the Southern Cross'. Accommodation is available at Sovereign Hill Youth Hostel. 5th – 9th January 2009.

For more information or to participate contact Naomi Blanchard on 03 5444 0777 or log onto www.conservationvolunteers.com.au

DONT FORGET TO PASS THIS INFORMATION ON

Please print out a copy for your staff room.

To include items in the newsletter contact 03 5338 4774 or email alisonk@chpcp.org