

Central Highlands Primary Care Partnership

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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 by **Fridays** for the next week's edition.

DIRECT2CARE COORDINATOR POSITION .5 EFT

12 month contract with possible extension

If you are passionate about working in a new and important partnership context in a change management environment, PCP's (Primary Care Partnerships) across the Grampians Region are supporting the roll out of the Direct2Care pilot project across the Grampians Region.

Salary is in the range of \$60,000 pro rata per annum with generous salary packaging available.

Commencing ASAP, the position could be based either in Ballarat or Ararat.

Ideally suited to someone with tertiary qualifications in allied health, nursing, health promotion, community, welfare or disability services.

The Direct2Care Coordinator will work closely with the current Service Coordination personnel based at the three PCP's and agencies across the Grampians region.

A position description can be obtained on 0407 548 553.

All applications should address the Key Selection Criteria and close at 5pm on Friday 22nd May and be addressed to kate.s@gchc.org.au or Kate Serrurier, Executive Officer, Grampians Pyrenees Primary Care Partnership, 60 High St, Ararat 3377.

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

May 2009

Thursday 14th, 21st, 28th	Kreative Kidz Australian Counselling Association , , 4.00pm – 5.30pm, Radmac Office Choice, 104 Armstrong St, Ballarat (224)
Monday 18 th	How Babies Communicate, Centacare , 7.00pm – 9.00pm, venue confirmed on booking (223)
Wednesday 20 th 27 th	Surviving Your Adolescents, Centacare , 7.00pm – 9.00pm, Venue to be confirmed (223)
Wednesday 15 th	Regional Youth Affairs Network Meeting , Grampians DPCP, 2.00pm – 5.00pm Level 2 Central Square, Ballarat
Wednesday 20 th	Grease the Musical, B.L.O.C. Her Majesty's Theatre, Lydiard St, Ballarat (223)
Wednesday 20 th	Diabetes Steering Group Meeting CHPCP , 1.00pm – 3.00pm, Ballarat & District Division of General Practice, 105 Webster St
Wednesday 20 th & 21 st	Responding to Self Harm in Schools, BHS Psychiatric Service , , 9.30am – 3.30pm, Mercure Ballarat Hotel and Convention Centre, 613 main Rd, Ballarat (224)
Thursday 21 st	Autism, Asperger & School, Education Events , 9.00am – 3.30pm. Midlands Golf Club, Heinz Lane Ballarat North (226)
Thursday 28 th	Full Alliance Meeting, CHPCP 9.00am – 10.30am, Ballarat & District Division of General Practice, 105 Webster St, Ballarat
Thursday 28 th	Executive Meeting, CHPCP 10.30am – 11.00am, Ballarat & District Division of General Practice, 105 Webster St, Ballarat
Thursday 28 th	Resilience and Children Day Workshop Wimmera PCP , Uniting Church Centre, Peart Wing, 103 Lydiard St, Ballarat (226)

June 2009

Tuesday 2 nd	Turn your organisation into a Volunteer Magnet, Ballarat Volunteer Resource Centre , 9.30am – 4.00pm, Her Majesty's Theatre, 17 Lydiard St Ballarat (226)
Wednesday 3 rd	Physical Activity Forum, CHPCP , 9.30am – 1.30pm, McCallum Disability Services, 29 Learmonth Rd Ballarat (226)
Friday 12 th	Peter Pan, Golden Plains Shire , 7.30pm Woody Yaloak Recreation Centre Smythesdale (226)
Wednesday 10 th , 11 th , 17 th , 18 th , 24 th	5 Day Health Promotion Short Course, Wimmera PCP , 9.15am – 4.00pm, Westlander Motor Inn, Western Hwy Horsham (226)
Wednesday 24 th	Hands & Alzheimer's the Musical, SWISH AND SWAT , 2.00pm & 7.30pm Daylesford Town Hall. (226)

Women & Leadership Australia subsidy program

Women & Leadership Australia is delighted to launch a new subsidy program to increase the representation of women from Australia's health care sector at Australia's peak women's leadership event, the Australian Women's Leadership Symposium.

Eligible candidates must be employed primarily in a health care related occupation. Further candidates must have been engaged within a health care related role for at least the past 2 years.

For information and available subsidies in your area call Brendan on 1300 138 037 or brendanf@wtaa.com.au

Autism, Asperger & School – How to make it work!

Education Events is holding a presentation on Autism, Asperger & School. The presentation is aimed at parents, families, teachers and anyone wanting to understand more about how to provide positive support for children with Autism or Asperger Syndrome in a schools setting. The three guest speakers will explain the impact of Autism & Asperger Syndrome on the student from a clinician's perspective.

Cost: \$100 pp payable on the day.

To be held Thursday 21st May, 9.00am – 3.30pm at Midlands Golf Club, Heinz Lane, Ballarat North.

For information call 1300 656 408 or dearneyeghoyan@secretary.com.au or visit www.suelarkey.com

Ballarat Autism Network

Tony Attwood Seminar - Asperger Syndrome

Tony Attwood is a leading expert on Aspergers Syndrome. The presentation will cover topics including cognitive abilities - different way of thinking and making friends – strategies to improve social understanding and friendship skills.

To be held 13th June, 9.30am – 4.30pm, at the Wendouree Performing Arts Centre, Howitt St Wendouree.

Cost: \$30 per family, \$80 professionals

Booking office is located at the Wendouree Performing Art Centre, 5338 0980

Warmth in Winter Program

AGL's Warmth in Winter Program funds winter energy use, energy assessments and installations of energy efficient retrofits for selected emergency accommodation services, helping to make ongoing reductions to their energy consumption and costs. AGL provide funding to any eligible service regardless of their energy provider. To apply for the 2009 Warmth in Winter funding visit www.agl.com.au

Extend the hand of friendship – Friendly Visiting Scheme

Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council has a Friendly Visiting Scheme up and running in the Central Highlands, Grampians region, Hepburn and Moorabool regions. It is designed to reduce the loneliness and isolation of people who are housebound due to age or health problems and whose mothers tongue is not English.

All volunteers are trained and the service is free to clients. You might know of someone who would love to have a visitor once a week who speaks their language or maybe someone who would like to volunteer to be a visitor.

Alternatively, you may speak another language and would be interested in becoming a volunteer in the program.

Contact Virgie Hocking, Friendly Visiting Scheme Coordinator on 5332 5941 or virgieh@brmc.org.au if you would like someone to visit you or if you would like to be a volunteer.

5 Day Core Health Promotion Short Course - Wimmera PCP

Wimmera PCP is running the 5 day short course that gives a practical introduction to the principles and practice of health promotion for those without any formal qualifications in health promotion. The course reflects the latest developments in health promotion and applies these to the current health policy environment with current planning and funding frameworks used as practical examples and aims to increase participant's confidence to integrate health promotion into their practice.

To be held at the Westlander Motor Inn, Western Highway, Horsham on 10th, 11th, 17th, 18th & 24th

Cost: \$500 Wimmera PCP member agencies, \$650 non Wimmera PCP members.

Participants must attend all 5 days.

For information contact Donna Bridge, 5362 1221 or donna.b@gchc.org.au

Resilience and Children Day Workshop

In this workshop you will learn more about steps to fostering resilience with children, build your work from a strength perspective, create a protective web around children, workshop collaborative approaches for children's resilience and identify suitable programs for service development. Facilitated by Alan Sutherland, Community Education Coordinator you will also receive a resource kit to consolidate your practice.

To be held Thursday 28th May at the Uniting Church Centre, Peart Wing, 103 Lydiard Street, Ballarat South.

Cost: \$250 pp, including resource kit & lunch.

For information or to register, 9427 0407 or projectofficer@mhfa.org.au

Ballarat Volunteer Resource Centre - Turn you organisation into a Volunteer Magnet

Everyone wants a program that attracts and keeps volunteers.

Ballarat Volunteer Resource Centre is holding a workshop based on the book of the same name. The workshop gives practical steps that will help any organisation develop new strategies to better attract and keep volunteers.

Topics will include recruiting today's volunteer, support for volunteers and overcoming any gaps in your programs.

To be held Tuesday 2nd June, 9.30am – 4.00pm at the Long Room, Her Majesty's Theatre, 17 Lydiard St, Ballarat.

Limited places, registration closes Tuesday 26th May.

For information or to register for this free workshop call the Ballarat Volunteer resource Centre on 5331 8654 or

h.irving@volunteerconnectins.org.au

Position Vacant - Supportive Care Project Officer – Grampians Integrated Cancer Service

The Supportive Care Project Officer will play a key role in the implementation of the DHS Supportive Care Strategy in the Grampians region which is part of the Victorian Governments Cancer Action Plan.

This role will suit a health professional with tertiary qualifications in allied health, nursing or equivalent.

The successful person will facilitate project planning and implementation, education and training in aspects of supportive care and be involved in the development of a service planning model, assessment, consumer forum and working with a Supportive Care Advisory Group as well as selecting and trialing appropriate screening tools.

This is a unique opportunity to undertake a role that utilises a range of project management skills in the cancer care setting.

The position is a Fixed Term – Full Time (80 hrs per fortnight with ADO)

For information apply at www.bhs.org.au

Scholarships available for Tertiary Education

Rural finance is awarding up to six scholarships to students studying at a Victorian Tertiary Institutions each worth up to \$6000 per year for the duration of their course.

Disciplines may include agribusiness, agriculture, applied science, business, food science, forestry, horticulture and veterinary science amongst others.

Applications close 31st May 2009

For further information visit

www.ruralfinance.com.au

Singing Leadership Team Weekend Workshop

Attention all singing enthusiasts - Grampians Pyrenees PCP and the Vic Health funded Bums off Seats Project are holding a singing workshop weekend aimed at people starting or wishing to start a singing group in their community and existing groups wanting to refresh.

The weekend workshop will include hours of singing together, building or refreshing your repertoire of songs, choosing the right kind of group for your community, establishing a vibrant leadership team and maintaining a singing group in your community.

All sessions to be lead by Community Facilitator Fay White with an evening meal provided.

To be held Saturday 18th July & Sunday 19th July, 9.30am – 4.30pm at Norval House, Norval Conference Centre, 204 – 232 Grampians Rd, Halls Gap.

Cost: \$70 pp – Full workshop including accommodation and meals, \$20 pp - Saturday only including lunch, morning & afternoon tea, \$35 pp- Saturday & evening including lunch morning & afternoon tea and dinner.

For information contact Elizabeth Casey at Grampians Pyrenees PCP on 5352 6227 or Elizabeth.c@gchc.org.au

Renewable Energies Forum - University of Ballarat

Join with experts in an interactive forum where key issues pertaining to environmentally sustainable energy production will be canvassed. Renewable energy will form an essential part of Australia's low emissions energy mix and is important to Australia's energy security. The forum will explore the use of new technologies being developed to power business, industry, the motor vehicle and how we can use these new technologies in our every day life. This event forming part of the upcoming Ballarat Innovation Festival will be facilitated by the University of Ballarat and will involve external specialists and university researchers. To be held Wednesday 13th May, 10.30am – 12.00pm at the Greenhill Enterprise Centre, University Drive, Mt Helen Ballarat

For further information contact Marianne Drake on 5327 9893 or m.drake@ballarat.edu.au

Managing Native Vegetation for Profit

An information morning is being arranged for landholders in the Moorabool Shire to discuss how you can manage native vegetation for profit. The workshop is open to all landholders across our region. To be held Saturday 23rd May, 10.00am-12.30pm at The Mechanics Institute, 143 Inglis St, Ballan.

For information contact Jeanette on 5366 7100

Primary Health Weekly Bulletin – 7th May

The latest edition of the Primary Health Bulletin is now available at www.dhs.vic.gov.au/rrhacs/ph_bulletin/nocache?

RCNA primary health care conference and call for abstracts.

The Royal College of Nursing Australia (RCNA) will hold a conference titled 'Primary health care: collaboration, integration and reform – a nursing response' on the 8th – 10th November 2009.

Read more at

www.dhs.vic.gov.au/rrhacs/ph_bulletin/rcna-primary-health-care-conference-and-call-for-abstracts/nocache?

Ballarat Community Health Centre Position Vacant

Project Officer (Youth Housing Resource Kit) Part Time/Full Time 3-6 Month Contract

This role is responsible for researching and developing a resource kit to be used by local youth seeking independent housing. Some of the contents will include, housing options, personal assistance, sexual health, communication, budgeting and education. The successful applicant will be required to ensure the finished product accurately reflects the needs of the target market in relation to assisting them to become more able to manage in unsupported accommodation.

Applications close Friday 29th May 2009, must include application letter, key selection criteria response and an updated resume.

For further details contact Yvette Gunn on 5338 4500 or visit the BHCH website

www.bchc.org.au

Physical Activity Forum – CHPCP

Is Physical Activity part of your focus?

Central Highlands PCP is holding a forum to create an opportunity to see what is occurring in the physical activity arena, share ideas and planning, strengthen existing projects or create new ones in partnership with like minded people.

All welcome

To be held Wednesday 3rd June, 2009
9.30am – 1.30pm

McCallum Disability Services
29 Learmonth St, Alfredton

RSVP – Monday 29th May, 2009

Sharna, CHPCP, 5338 4774 or

admin@chpcp.org

Advance Notice:

'Alzheimer's the Musical' & 'Hands' Photographic Exhibition

Hepburn Shire's Women's Health Working Groups, Hepburn Health Service & Hepburn Shire Council is presenting "Hands" a photographic exhibition by renowned artist Alison Pouliot and the amazingly hilarious, entertaining production of "Alzheimer's The Musical"

To be held Wednesday 24th June at the Daylesford Town Hall at 2.00pm & 7.30pm

Cost: \$10 for 2.00pm session including Devonshire tea and \$20 for 7.30pm session including a free glass of wine and supper.

2 shows only – Book Now!

Tickets available at Daylesford Community Health Centre, 53 482523 and Creswick Community Health Centre, 53 459 162

Nominations for Heart Foundation LG Awards

Councils are invited to nominate for the Heart Foundation Local Government Awards 2009.

Award categories include:

Employee Health and Wellbeing, Facilities, Health Weight, Planning for Active Living, Priority Groups and Tobacco.

Nominations close Friday 5th June 2009.

Further information is available at

www.heartfoundation.org.au/lga

Golden Plains Movie Magic – Peter Pan

Golden Plains Community Building Initiative presents 'Peter Pan' a fun filled evening of entertainment for the whole family.

To be held Friday 12th June at Woody Yaloak Recreation Facility, Smythesdale at 7.30pm for 8.00pm start.

Cost: \$10 per family - \$5 per single.

BYO Lounging Equipment & Nibbles.

Popcorn and Hot/Cold drinks available for purchase on the night.

Presentation is a PG rating recommended for persons under 15 years.

Come and join in a great social activity for all the family.

DON'T FORGET TO PASS THIS INFORMATION ON

Please print out a copy for your staff room.

To include items in the newsletter contact Sharna Kelly 03 5338 4774 or

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