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## MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER

We have some PCP staff news for those who have not already heard ( GPPCP also has a grapevine as well as a newsletter!!!). Kate Astbury is moving on—to the office next door but in a position managing the carer respite program for GCHC. This is a wonderful opportunity for Kate and we are all very pleased for her, but will miss both her presence in our office and the skills she has brought with her in partnership development.

THANK YOU Kate—personally for your creative thinking, for your enthusiasm, for your invariably good and sensible advice and for the sense of fun you bring to the workplace. I also think it should be noted that working for a PCP means that you have to reinvent your position description on a monthly basis- there is always a new program, idea, direction or policy which needs to be given priority. This constant changing environment and sandshifting means that life as a PCP staff member is never dull- but it also means that anyone who joins the team needs to be very flexible. Seeing the connections between health promotion, service coordination, chronic disease management, partnership development and capacity building is crucial if we are to develop genuine and deep partnerships and we truly integrate the work of the health sector with the other pillars of education, welfare services and disability services.

So... we are now looking for someone with those sorts of skills . The position will be advertised this week, and a position description sent to the newsletter list. Please forward it to anyone you think would be interested. We are also happy to consider a secondment position—in fact moving between working in an agency and working in a partnership support team is probably a good thing.

The position will be called " Partnership Development Officer " and be full time for at least a year. All contracts are renewed/ rolled over / readvertised in 2009 in line with current three year long service agreements. It is highly unlikely , but possible, that the time fraction may be reduced to 0.7 in 2009. The position will be a combination of supporting the Chronic Disease Management strategy for the GPPCP catchment ( 0.7 time fraction) and facilitating a new project in supporting the development of Emergency Relief Networks. This position will work most closely with me, but also ensure that the Integrated Health Promotion perspective is brought to all CDM strategies. It would also work closely with the ABHI ( Australian Better Health Initiative ) program with West Vic Division, and the various discreet projects currently or potentially managed by individual health services ( HARP, EICDM etc). It's a great job.

Please give me a ring if you would like to discuss it in confidence.

Karen Ware has been working with us one day a week for the last three months in doing some information gathering around chronic disease- mapping, statistical analysis, overlaying data, drilling down at postcode level into data, suggesting implications..... We have data now which can be used by all agencies in thinking through their strategic planning (particularly in how to address health inequalities). This will be disseminated to all member agencies and we will hold a workshop to discuss the implications of the findings. Thanks Karen, this will be very useful work for partnership development . If you don't know what Karen looks like, then check this weeks "Weekly Times" on page 35 to discover what other skills Karen has!!!!

Finally, congratulations to Chantal, Laura and Liz who developed a presentation about the role of PCPs in supporting the Victorian State Disability Plan and in particular the implications of our emphasis on Social Inclusion. This was then presented at a statewide meeting. GREAT TO SHOWCASE THIS CATCHMENT IN SUCH A POSITIVE LIGHT.

Cheerio for now

Kate



Do you work with young people in rural Victoria?

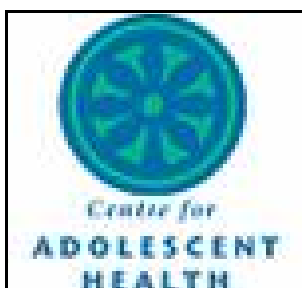
Want to improve your knowledge & skills in this area?

Struggle to get to professional development?

The Centre for Adolescent Health is offering 8 **fully funded** places for Victorian rural women working with young people, to come to Melbourne to participate in a 4-day program to upgrade their skills and knowledge around working with young people. The Adolescent Health Linkage Program (AHLP) includes workshops, discussions and field visits, during which you will meet leaders in the field of adolescent health and hear about the latest research. This program has arisen out of recognition that rural professionals who work with young people have limited access to cross-sectoral networks, professional development, and the broader research and evidence-base that informs effective practice.

Please note applications must be post marked no later than 20th June, 2008 and addressed to:

Manager  
Practice & Learning  
2 Gatehouse St  
Parkville 3052



### Acquired Brain Injury: A Family Perspective

- ❖ Impact of ABI on families
- ❖ Principles of family sensitive practice and implications for working with families
- ❖ Frameworks for understanding family experiences (family tasks, trauma, grief & loss models)
- ❖ Impact on workers

#### Who Should Attend:

Professionals who work with individuals & families affected by ABI eg. support workers, case managers and disability workers.

This workshop will provide opportunities for discussion of practice issues through presentations and small group work.

This **free** one day workshop is offered in Ararat and Ballarat. Details below.

**When:** Wednesday 18th June 2008  
**Where:** Pyrenees House  
East Grampians Health service, Ararat  
**Time:** 9.30 am - 4.00 pm  
(Lunch, morning/afternoon tea provided).

**When:** Thursday 19th June 2008  
**Where:** Barkly Motor Lodge  
43-57 Main Road, Ballarat  
**Time:** 9.30 am - 4.00 pm  
(Lunch, morning/afternoon tea provided).

Register by phoning Maureen Mac Phail by the 16th June on 53 203 612. Numbers are limited so register early.



#### Primary Health Bulletin 10 June 2008

The latest edition of the Primary Health Weekly Bulletin is now available at:  
[www.dhs.vic.gov.au/rrhacs/ph\\_bulletin](http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/rrhacs/ph_bulletin)





# Your Family Your Farm Your Future

Do you know where your future is leading?  
Do you avoid bringing succession planning up with your family?

**This local workshop is for you!**

Delivered by Judy Wilkinson from Rural Solutions this workshop will enable you to:

- Learn step by step, what is involved in succession planning and practical skills and tools to start the process.
- Ask questions and hear first hand local experiences.
- Link up with local services and resources that can help you make the next step.

**These events are free and designed for all generations to learn, share their experiences, and discuss a way forward together.**

To register for a local workshop please call 5358 8700 and specify the location and child minding needs for the morning sessions.



## Avoca

14th July 2008

6.00 - 9.00pm, meal provided  
Avoca Rural Transaction Centre, High St.

## Ararat (free child minding)

16th July 2008

9.30am - 12.30pm, lunch provided  
Shire Hall Offices, Barkly Street.

## Beaufort (free child minding)

15th July 2008

9.30am - 12.30pm, lunch provided  
Beaufort Community Development Centre  
Lawrence Street

## Navarre

16th July 2008

6.00 - 9.00pm, meal provided  
Navarre Recreation Reserve

## Lake Bolac

15th July 2008

6.00 - 9.00pm, meal provided  
Lake Bolac Hotel

## Campbells Bridge (free child minding)

17th July 2008

9.30am - 12.30pm, lunch provided  
Campbells Bridge Hall



## Women's Health Victoria

"influencing and informing through women's health knowledge"

Women's Health Victoria is delighted to invite you to join Victorian Minister for Women's Affairs, Maxine Morand who will launch **The Index of Victorian Women's Health and Wellbeing Data Website**

The Index is an online gateway to gendered data relevant to a social model of health.

You will find data from the Australian Federal and State governments, university research departments, non-government organisations, independent research bodies and academic publications.

The Index is easy to search and keeps growing with links to new sources of data that include a gender and diversity lens.

The Index is an exciting resource that researchers, policy workers, service providers, academics, politicians and journalists will find very useful.

**When:** Thursday 24 July 2008

**Where:** Queen Victoria Women's Centre  
The Victoria Room - Level 4  
210 Lonsdale Street  
Melbourne

**Time:** 3:30 pm for 4:00 pm start - 5:00 pm

**RSVP:** Vicki Ayers

**Phone:** 03 9662 3755 or

**Email:** [whv@whv.org.au](mailto:whv@whv.org.au)

By Thursday 10 July 2008





## Seniors Speak Up!

The Ministerial Advisory Council of Senior Victorians wants to hear your voice. What do you think are the most important issues for senior Victorians, now and in the future?

We are a diverse committee of older people from around Victoria. We provide information and advice to the Minister for Senior Victorians, the Hon Lisa Neville MP. As the number of older people is increasing, it is important for you to let us know about your experiences and your ideas about how to make Victoria a better place for seniors.

We invite you to join us for one of our **FREE** discussions of these and other questions as part of a series of community consultations.

- What would help make health care services more accessible and equitable for older people?
- What are the best ways to provide information about community activities and services?
- What are older people's most important transport needs and how could they be better met, now and in the future?
- What are the most important things we need to think about when developing housing and accommodation options for older people?
- What is the most effective way to provide learning opportunities for older workers?

- Tuesday 24 June - Beaufort
- Friday 27 June - Geelong and Queenscliff

For more information about the community forums and to request a copy of a discussion paper, call Chloe Duncan on 9208 3880 or email:

[council@seniors.vic.gov.au](mailto:council@seniors.vic.gov.au)

You can also send us your comments in response to the discussion paper. Comments must be received by **Monday 30 June 2008**.

A Victorian Government initiative




## Partnering Assessment Workshop

(Auspiced by the Human Services Partnership Implementation Committee)

A 2 hour workshop to discuss and learn from the partnership relationships and related activities within your region

If you are a member of a partnership that includes DHS and other community service organisations (CSOs), we'd like to hear from you

### Who should attend?

Staff at all levels who are members of CSO & DHS partnerships in the region - More than one member of the partnership is encouraged to attend.

### Why attend?

The workshop will provide:

- An opportunity for you to share your views and experiences of DHS and CSOs partnering arrangements
- A range of perspectives on partnerships and information on other partnerships in the region
- A regional report for all participants outlining the partnering strengths and opportunities for improvement as an outcome from the workshop
- Information for future partnership planning through the final state-wide assessment summary report for the Human Services Partnerships Implementation Committee
- A good practice resource of successful partnering

**When:** 15 July 2008

**Where:** Ballarat Health Services - Education Centre  
Cnr Drummond & Main Streets  
BALLARAT

**Time:** 11am—1.00pm

**Registration of interest by:** 8 July

For catering purposes, dietary requirements and further information contact Tanya at VCOSS on 9654 5050 or email [tanya.nikolovski@vcoss.org.au](mailto:tanya.nikolovski@vcoss.org.au)





**foodsolutions expo2008**  
Solutions for the food processing industry

The expo this year will focus on sustainability and lean packaging with international speaker from the UK, Professor David Hughes as well as a panel of industry experts from ACCC, Coles, design and environmental sectors to discuss the trends and expectations in the future.

The exhibition will include:

- Solutions for packaging, refrigeration, technology and production
- What's new in food manufacturing machinery
- Discovering consumer needs
- Tour and demonstrations of Food Science Australia's state-of-the-art food processing modules

**When:** Wednesday June 25 2008

**Where:** Werribee Racecourse  
Bulban Road, Werribee

**Time:** 9.00am—4.30pm  
Morning/afternoon tea & lunch provided

**Cost:** \$55.00 Visitor registration

For further information:

**Contact:** Heather White

**Phone:** 03 5976 3905

**Website:** [www.airah.org.au/fse2008](http://www.airah.org.au/fse2008)



Advance Notice

**National Preventative Health Summit**  
15th—16th October 2008 Sydney

The World Health Organisation cites chronic conditions like heart disease and stroke have replaced infectious diseases as the chief cause of death globally.

In response the Federal Government has established a National Preventative Health Strategy to be developed by the newly created National Preventative Health Taskforce.

IIR's Preventive Healthcare Summit will give you the opportunity to join top experts from across the nation as well as the head of the U.S. Preventive Services Taskforce in a lively discussion about how you can work proactively toward a healthier Australia.



The 2008 Conference follows on from the (Re) contesting Indigenous Knowledge & Indigenous Studies Conference in 2006 and the 2007 Indigenous Studies and Indigenous Knowledge Conference

A key purpose of the ISIK Conferences is to draw colleagues from across the field of education and research to discuss and share developments in areas of Indigenous knowledge and Indigenous Studies. In 2008 we want to build on our discussions at previous conferences and also consider the place of Indigenous knowledge's within the Rudd Government's policy platform of 'Education Revolution' for Australia. We want to a focus on how we go about getting Indigenous content, perspectives and knowledge's into teaching. Our keynote and plenary speakers will help set the context for engagements with the various themes.

**The Themes**

- The three key themes for the Conference will be:
- Indigenous Knowledge
  - The Australian 'Education Revolution': our place in it
  - Inclusion of Indigenous knowledge's in teaching: How do we do it?

A separate day is planned for each theme so that delegates can have focused sessions on each theme.

**Keynote & Plenary Speakers**

**Tom Calma** — Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner and acting Race Discrimination Commissioner

**Professor Martin Nakata** — University of Technology Sydney

**Professor Aileen Moreton-Robinson** — Queensland University of Technology

**Dr Karen Martin** — Southern Cross University  
**Professor Ian Anderson**—University of Melbourne

**When:** 2—4 July, 2008

**Where:** Riawunna Centre  
University of Tasmania,  
Hobart

For Conference Registration & Fees visit:

<http://www.isik.org.au/>

For further queries contact: Jaime Cave on 03) 6226 2772 or email [Jaime.Cave@utas.edu.au](mailto:Jaime.Cave@utas.edu.au)

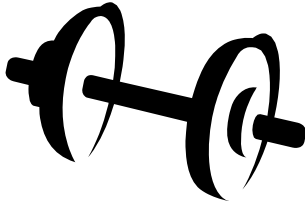




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### LIFTING THE BAR



### LIVING LONGER LIVING STRONGER™ INTO THE FUTURE

10.00 am - 3.30 pm  
Tuesday 22 July 2008  
Victoria University  
Level 12, 300 Flinders St, Melbourne

Cost: \$120.00 COTA Members  
\$150.00 Others

For further enquiries:

**Contact:** Mitsuko Penberthy

**Phone:** 9655 2108

**Email:** [enquire@cotavic.org.au](mailto:enquire@cotavic.org.au)

Registrations close 16 July 2008

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### THINGS TO DO TO GET ACTIVE

#### FREE LUNCHTIME CONCERT "THE GREAT MUSIC HALL"

Enjoy all the laughs and music from a timeless era

**When:** Wednesday July 2nd, 2008  
**Where:** Ararat Performing Arts Centre  
**Time:** Noon  
Admission is **FREE** and bookings are not required



## Photo Open Day

At the Beaufort Court House  
Sunday 6th July 2008  
10.00am—5.00pm

Come and see if you can identify a photo, or bring along your own.

Beaufort Historical Society are currently looking for Photos of local people, school and pupils, landscapes, houses, any photos that relate to the Beaufort districts.



### Stawell Farmers Market

Promoting and selling quality local products.

The market has gourmet foods, organic produce, farm fresh produce, livestock, quality crafts, garden needs, farm produce and more.

**When:** Sunday 22 June 2008  
**Where:** Stawell Show Grounds, Patrick St  
**Time:** 9.00am - 1.00pm  
**Contact:** Ian Burke  
**Phone:** 5356 6306  
**Email:** [jburke@inet.net.au](mailto:jburke@inet.net.au)



Next market.....

June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008



It is important to us to receive feedback from you on this newsletter. Please email feedback, suggestions and items for inclusion in the next newsletter to Michele Corcoran [michele.c@gchc.org.au](mailto:michele.c@gchc.org.au) by **Monday 30th June**.

Don't forget to pass on this information on to others and stick it in your staff room!!