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Dear colleague

Welcome to this edition of the Council's e-newsletter.

News and Events

The following website draws together information on e-health that could be a useful resource for health professionals - www.ehealthspace.org

The Council recently responded to the ACSQH discussion paper on 'Patient Safety in Primary Health Care' and to the NMBA Nurse Practitioner Endorsement Registration Standard and Guidelines.

Congratulations to the following people who are recipients of ALTC Awards for University Teaching in 2010:

Award for Teaching Excellence

- Associate Professor Tracy Levett-Jones (The University of Newcastle)

Citation for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning

- Professor Patsy Yates (Queensland University of Technology)
- Ms Prue Andrus (Murdoch University)
- Professor Margaret McAllister (University of the Sunshine Coast)
- Ms Michelle Kelly (University of Technology, Sydney)
- Dr Sharon Andrew (University of Western Sydney)
- Dr Jackie O'Flaherty (University of South Australia)
- Dr Sharyn Hunter (The University of Newcastle)

NHMRC media release “\$125.7 Million to Support 296 of Australia's Top Health and Medical Researchers” can be downloaded at <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/media/media/rel10/index.htm> and the 2010-2011 Funding Calendar at <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/calendar/index.htm>

Report of National Clostridium difficile Infection Workshop

On Friday 20 August, the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (ACSQHC) sponsored a National Clostridium difficile Infection Workshop. The main objectives of the workshop were to provide an understanding of hypervirulent strains of CDI, an overview of the prevalence of CDI and to discuss strategic options to prevent hypervirulent CDI from gaining a foothold in Australia. A report of the workshop along with other materials discussed at the workshop can be downloaded from the Commission website at http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/internet/safety/publishing.nsf/Content/PriorityProgram-03_NatSurveillance .

Alzheimer's Australia recently launched its new Mind your Mind website at the National Dementia Research Forum. Mind your Mind is Alzheimer's Australia's national dementia risk reduction program. It aims to help reduce the risk of developing dementia and promotes a 'brain healthy' lifestyle with the seven 'Mind your Mind' signposts. Visit the website at <http://www.mindyourmind.org.au/> or by clicking on the link provided on Alzheimer's

Australia's website www.alzheimers.org.au .

Council formed a Midwifery Advisory Group (MAG) to advise and promote midwifery education and research in Australia. The MAG members are:

- Dr Elaine Dietsch (Charles Sturt University)
- Professor Caroline Homer (University of Technology, Sydney)
- Professor Sue Kildea (ACU Brisbane)
- Professor Susan McDonald (La Trobe University)
- Dr Jan Taylor (University of Canberra)
- Professor Jill White (The University of Sydney)

The MAG will be chaired by Professor Susan McDonald and the Deputy Chair will be Professor Caroline Homer. The first face to face meeting is scheduled for 4 March 2011.

Research News

Recent research grants and publications for the School of Nursing and Midwifery (**University of Wollongong**) in association with others:

Research Grants:

| Title | Principal Investigators + Institutions | Amount | Funding Source | Year |
|--|---|-----------|--|------|
| Social Construction of the Role of the CNC | Walsh, K (UOW) Moss, C (Monash), Edgar, D, Beavan, G, Nonu, M, Owen, F, Dunn, S, Kandl, B, Horning, L, Buglass, V, Jensen, J, Foreman, A, Dickson, V. | \$16,000 | URC Partnerships Grant | 2010 |
| Co-operative Pluralistic Evaluation of Practice Development in a Maternity Service | Dr Moira Williamson Ms Denise Edgar Professor Ken Walsh Professor Sandra Jones | \$2889.50 | Health and Behavioural Sciences University of Wollongong | 2009 |

Research Publications:

| Title | Author + Institution | Date of publication | Journal |
|---|---|---------------------|--|
| Plotting care: A modelling technique for visioning nursing practice in current and future contexts | Moss, C. (Monash University) Walsh, K. University of Wollongong) and Mitchell, J. (Waikato District Health Board New Zealand) | May 2010 | <i>Contemporary Nurse</i> |
| Blending Practice Development Method with Social Science Research: an example of pushing new practice research boundaries | Walsh, K. University of Wollongong) Moss, C. (Monash University) | 07/01/2010 | <i>Journal of Research in Nursing</i> |
| Barriers to nurse practitioner authorisation in senior rural drug and alcohol nurses in New South Wales | Ling, S., Dunlop, A. & Curtis, J. (Newcastle Uni & UOW) | 2009 | <i>Drug and Alcohol Review</i> |
| Infection control in nursing education | Liu, L., Curtis, J. & Crookes, P. A. (UOW) | 2009 | <i>Australian Nursing Journal</i> |
| Reflections on unexpected arrival in Australia: Some essential considerations needed by nurses and other health professionals | Janette Curtis (UOW) | 2010 | <i>Journal of Chang Gung Institute of Technology</i> |
| The development of a pre-registration nursing competencies assessment tool for use across Australian universities | Prof P Crookes; Mr R Brown; Prof D Dignam (UTS); Prof P Della (CUT); Prof H McCutcheon (UniSA); Prof Helen Edwards (QUT) | 2008; 2009; 2010 | Conference proceedings ATN 2009 Clinical Skills Prato 2009 NET-NEP Sydney |

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|---|---|---------------------|--|
| | | | 2009 Practice Development 2008 |
| Providing culturally appropriate care: A literature review | Moira Williamson and Harrison University of Wollongong | 2010 | International Journal of Nursing Studies 47 (2010) 761–769 |
| Refreshing Midwives: Education for Practice | Gulliver, H., Homer, C., Williamson, M. J., (UOW) Teate, A. & Smith, R. | 2009 | Australian College of Midwives (NSW Branch), NSW Health ISBN 0 9585935 1 5 |
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Completed Projects:

| Project Title | Project Team | Funding Source | Year of Project | Amount |
|---|--|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
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On 19 October 2010, Minister for Mental Health and Ageing Mark Butler announced 11 further Centres of Research Excellence, following on from initial announcements in July and August 2010.

NHMRC Centres for Research Excellence 2010

| <i>Title</i> | <i>Administering Institution</i> | <i>Amount</i> |
|--|--|---------------|
| Centre for Training in Translational Cardiology | Baker IDI | \$2,525,300 |
| Centre for Research Excellence in Critical Infectious Diseases | University of Sydney | \$2,499,688 |
| NHMRC Asia Pacific Centre for Innovative Dengue Prevention | University of Queensland | \$2,497,175 |
| Centre for Translational Neuroscience: A modular platform for translating discovery into health outcomes | University of Melbourne | \$2,511,875 |
| Centre for Research Excellence in Sun and Health | Queensland University of Technology | \$2,379,750 |
| Reducing the health, social and economic burden of injecting drug use in Australia | Macfarlane Burnet Institute for Medical Research and Public Health | \$2,485,060 |
| Population health at the clinical interface: pregnancy and Childbirth | University of Sydney | \$2,456,365 |
| Improving quality and safety of health care delivery at the interface between the primary and acute care sectors | Griffith University | \$2,499,380 |
| Nursing Interventions for Hospitalised Patients | University of Queensland | \$2,409,875 |
| Centre for Informing Policy in Health with Evidence from Research (CIPHER) | University of Western Sydney | \$2,496,375 |
| Centre of Research Excellence in Women's Health in the 21 st Century | University of Queensland | \$2,190,625 |

Projects of Interest

The Australian College of Mental Health Nurses is undertaking a scoping survey of nurses and midwives requirements in the area of mental health CPD. Schools of Nursing and Midwifery are encouraged to complete a brief survey that should take no more than 5 minutes. The survey

will be open until the 29th December 2010, and an overview of the results once they are collated will be provided.

LINK: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ACMHNsurvey>

Antecedents of management and leadership behaviours - implications for undergraduate nursing programmes (Researchers: Ms Angela Brown, Prof Patrick Crookes). To participate in the study, the survey can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RZ5F22C>.

The Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA) has asked *NPS: Better choices, Better health* to undertake a project to look at the feasibility of prescribing courses for midwives to prepare them for this additional role. As part of this project, Australian Deans are asked to complete a survey at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/nps_midwives_survey_providers.

Schools of Nursing and Midwifery have been invited to participate in a project examining issues of diversity in clinical placements. Expressions of interest to participate in this study are to be forwarded to Jane Koch (Ms) at jane.koch@postgrad.curtin.edu.au.

The University of Wollongong is undertaking a project to identify the direct and indirect costs associated with providing clinical practicum for our nursing students. As part of this project, comparative costs incurred by other universities offering nursing programs will be looked at. Expressions of interest were invited from Deans who would be interested in participating.

Conferences

11th National Rural Health Conference, 13-16 March 2011, Perth, WA. The conference is available online at <http://11nrhc.ruralhealth.org.au/program>

Transforming Culture, Transforming Care Practice Development Conference
Moonee Valley Racing Club

Thursday, 31 March, 2011 - Friday, 1 April, 2011. Further information is to follow.

