

Networking to enhance First Australian Health in Victoria

NEWS FOR MEMBERS JULY 2014

EVENTS

Asking THE question - "Are you or your child of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage?"

The Weenthunga Committee of Management warmly invites you to an early evening meeting and discussion on this important topic. A panel of speakers will discuss why it is important to ask THE question, and reflect on why so many health practitioners are reluctant to ask.

For more information, please see www.weenthunga.com.au

When: 5:30 to 7:30pm, Thursday 10th July

Where: Australian Psychological Society offices, Level 13, 257 Collins St Melbourne

To Register: <http://www.trybooking.com/FFWB>

Racism and the health and wellbeing of children and youth: Understanding impacts, finding solutions

A symposium presented by the Melbourne School of Population and Global Health, the University of Melbourne, and the Centre for Citizenship and Globalisation, Deakin University and funded by the Lowitja Institute. REGISTRATIONS CLOSE June 20th!

When: Friday 27th June (and welcome dinner on Thursday 26th June)

Where: University of Melbourne

To Register: please see <http://www.lowitja.org.au/racism-symposium-event>

Indigenous Australians and HIV

Although HIV rates in our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander populations are low, our communities are vulnerable! Forthcoming events:

International Indigenous Pre-Conference on HIV & AIDS

When: 17-19 July

Where: Sydney

More info: www.indigenoushivaid2014.com

The International AIDS Conference including The Indigenous Peoples Networking Zone, Global Village

When: 20-25 July 2014

Where: Melbourne

RESOURCES

"Promoting community led solutions to Indigenous Youth Suicide"

The rate of youth suicide in Indigenous Australia is now the highest in the world. Indigenous Elders are calling for support to help them heal their communities. This is their campaign.

www.cultureislife.org/

RESOURCES cont...

The Leaders in Indigenous Medical Education (LIME) Network Resources Hub.

The LIME Resources Hub provides members with access to a wide range of resources specifically relating to the teaching and learning of Indigenous health science education. www.limenetwork.net.au

ANTHYM is a network of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth that work across issues of sexual and reproductive health, rights and justice, across Australia. Their role is to help promote messages of safe sex and safe injecting practices in the hope of reducing the rates of HIV infection within our communities. www.anthym.org

Videos from the Royal Women's Hospital, Maternity Services Education Program

This resource link is to two videos that have been developed for midwives, nurses and Aboriginal health workers to help them provide culturally considered care. The videos highlight the process involved when performing a post natal check for a well woman and baby and highlights the vital role of the Aboriginal Liaison Officer.

www.thewomens.org.au/health-professionals/clinical-resources/resources-for-health-professionals/%2520/

Bunjilwarra—Koorie Youth Alcohol and Drug Healing Service

Bunjilwarra is a 12 bed residential rehabilitation and healing service for Aboriginal young people (male and female) aged between 16 and 25 years. It is a purpose-built, statewide service situated on a 1.7 hectare site in Hastings, Victoria. <http://bunjilwarra.org.au/>

NEWS

Australian philanthropist and retired transport magnate Greg Poche has donated \$10 million to the University of Melbourne for a leadership development program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health professionals. The University of Melbourne Poche Centre for Indigenous Health joins sister Poche centres at the University of Western Australia, Flinders University in Adelaide and the University of Sydney.

“The mission of the University of Melbourne Poche Centre is to develop the next generation of Indigenous leaders who will influence the strategic directions of institutions, be mentors for emerging Indigenous leaders, build enduring partnerships and influence the health outcomes of Australia so that the gap in health status between Indigenous and other Australians is closed.”

OPPORTUNITIES

Institute of Koorie Education, Deakin University —Mid Year Intake

2014 Mid-Year applications now open . A number of courses are offered through the institute via “Community-based-delivery”. Community-based-delivery is a combination of on and off-campus study. Students will stay on campus at the Kitjarra student residences and student travel, accommodation and meals are all provided for by the university. For more information: www.deakin.edu.au/ike or phone (03) 5227 2538

Fellowship for Indigenous Leadership and Emerging Leaders

Applications are now open for the “Fellow” and two “Emerging Leaders” for 2014. Applications close on Thursday 31st July. For more information and how to apply, visit their NEW WEBSITE! www.indigenousfellowship.net.au