

Networking to enhance First Australian Health in Victoria

NEWS FOR MEMBERS MAY 2014

Welcome to our new look email! These newsletter items, and more, can be found on our website.

FORTHCOMING EVENT—ATSILO FORUM

You are invited to attend the **ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LIAISON OFFICERS' (ATSILO) FORUM** which will be held on the **11th June** from 9.30 to 12.30 at the Multicultural Hub, 506 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne. The aim of the Forum is to celebrate the work of ATSILO's and to learn how to work effectively with them to improve health outcomes for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples in the inner north west region of Melbourne. This is an initiative of the Inner North West Primary Care Partnership Closing the Health Gap Action Plan.

A NEW BOOK RESOURCE—*revised edition*

The Kulunga Aboriginal Research Development Unit (Telethon Institute for Child Health Research) is soon to release a Revised Edition of ***Working Together: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health and Wellbeing Principles and Practice***. Edited by *Pat Dudgeon, Helen Milroy and Roz Walker*, the text is a collaboration with the University of Western Australia, funded through the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

The exciting new edition will provide information that contains accurate and current statistics, models and interventions, as well as principles and practice. Included will be several new chapters examining issues across the life course, with a greater focus on:

- working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people;
- significant impacts of mental health in the justice system;
- cultural determinants of social and emotional wellbeing;
- intellectual and developmental disabilities;
- Aboriginal healing programs and pathways.

The book will include holistic models of care, as well as interdisciplinary and inter-professional approaches and working with carers to deliver an even more robust text and resource.

Working Together has proven to be extremely popular with universities, psychologists, social workers, mental health workers, GP's, nurses, as well as educators & students in all these areas.

The book (& postage within Australia) is being offered free of charge via the website: <http://aboriginal.telethonkids.org.au/>

Please note that they are happy to send bulk orders covering student/conference numbers if desirable.

SCHOLARSHIP /BURSARY OPPORTUNITIES

The Roberta Sykes Indigenous Education Foundation is partnering with Chief Executive Women to offer two bursaries for Indigenous women to undertake short executive programs run by leading business school, INSEAD, at their Singapore campus in October and December 2014.

Learning to Lead Program in October 2014: The 3 day program is aimed at women who will be **taking on their first management role in the next 6 months or who have been in such a role for up to 2 years**. The course is designed to help students understand the nature of this transition and develop the critical people skills that can bring greater long-term career success.

- Course dates: 8-10 October 2014. - Applications are currently open and **close 26 May 2014**.

Leading for Results Program in December 2014: The 5 day development program provides experienced managers with crucial skills for leading people in a global business environment (**only managers with five or more years of experience will be considered**).

- Course dates: 1-5 December 2014. - Applications **open 16 June 2014** and **close 28 July 2014**.

For more information, contact tess.crellin@auroraproject.com.au. To apply for a bursary to attend the Learning to Lead program, please visit <https://cew.site-ym.com/?page=ltol14>

The Roberta Sykes Indigenous Education Foundation works closely with The Aurora Project to administer the Roberta Sykes scholarship, fellowship and bursary programs.

The annual Aurora Scholars' Study Tour takes place in October or November of each year, taking Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander university undergraduates, who have completed at least two years of their course of study, to visit overseas institutions in the UK and US. The trip is also open to university graduates who wish to undertake further study.

For more information about the Foundation and the Bursaries, please visit <http://www.robertasykesfoundation.com>

Applications for the November 2014 Aurora Indigenous Scholars International Study Tour will open at 9:00am AEST Monday 2 June. For information about the Study Tour, please visit <http://www.auroraproject.com.au/node/1390>

“This budget could devastate Indigenous Australians” – Mick Gooda

The Drum has published an article written by Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda about the impact the Federal Government’s budget could have on Indigenous Australians.

See it at: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-05-20/gooda-this-budget-could-devastate-indigenous-australians/5462748>

NATIONAL CONGRESS MEDIA RELEASE— 15th May 2014

The media release can be found at <https://nationalcongress.com.au/news-pics/> or the attached PDF for your convenience.