

SOUTH COAST HEALTH UPDATE

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Diary Dates

WHEN:	WHAT'S ON:
Thursday 14 th May	SCHSC Full Members Meeting, 9 - 11am, BCCHS, San Remo
Tuesday 26 th May	Health Promotion Working Group, 9.30 - 12 noon, Leongatha Golf Club, 855 Koonwarra-Inverloch Rd, Leongatha South
Thursday 28 th May	South Coast Access Alliance, 9.30 - 11.30am, Inverloch
Thursday	Chronic Disease Working Group, 9.30-10.30am, Inverloch
Thursday	Diabetes Self-Management Working Group, 10.30-11.30, Inverloch
Tuesday 2 nd June	Mental Health Provider's Forum, 1 – 4pm, Coal Creek Historical Village, Korumburra
Thursday 11 th June	Service Coordination Working Group, 10 – 11.30am, Inverloch

Service Coordination

The 4 Gippsland PCPs have now confirmed the appointment of Pat Lovelock to the position of Regional Service Coordination Support Worker. Pat commenced in this role on 6th April and is working from LCHS/CW PCP offices in Moe. Pat will be attending our strategic planning workshop on the 13th May & will also be attending Statewide meetings in the future which will help strengthen our representation at that level.

Partnerships

Current 'partnership' activities include:

- Refugee Health Nurse Program Meeting was held with BCCHS (0.1EFT allocated to this project) & HealthWest rep. on 17th March to progress planning. The PCP will be responsible for mapping the service pathway as it currently exists for refugees accessing health services in Bass Coast.
- Launch: 'Farming Families and Stress' This wonderful resource & information guide has been designed to help farming families in Bass Coast and South Gippsland recognize and manage stress. The launch will be held on: Thursday 23rd April at 2.00pm at the Inlet Hotel.
- Collaboration on the 'Four funerals in One day' project. Performances will be held at Wonthaggi Arts Centre on May 8th, & the Dakers Centre, Leongatha on May 7th. Anyone wishing to assist in the arrangements should call Mandy Geary.
- Gamblers' Help Services Funds of \$10,000 will be directed towards supporting service coordination activities relevant to problem gambling service provision & community education



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- Monash University Department of Rural & Indigenous Health SCHSC PCP are supporting a submission for Commonwealth funds by MUDRIH re interprofessional learning in ICDM.
- Membership Satisfaction Survey was circulated to 24 member agencies and 10 responses have been received. Results have been collated and reported in the Membership Satisfaction Survey Report.

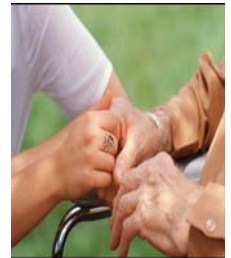
For further information on Service Coordination & Partnership activities, please contact:
 Mandy Geary, Executive Officer at m.geary@gpasouthgippsland.com.au
 Or call on: 5674 0900

Integrated Chronic Disease Management

It is with regret that we advise that Lorrie Read our CDM Project Worker has resigned from her position.

Lorrie’s contribution to the CDM project has been invaluable & much appreciated by us here at the PCP office and the general PCP Community. We will be sorry to lose her as part of our team.

Lorrie’s last day with us will be on 29th April and we wish her all the best in her new venture.



Position of Project Worker, Integrated Chronic Disease Management

Applications are invited for this position. Job Description and Application details can be obtained by phoning the office on 56740900.

Health Promotion


 South Coast Health Services Consortium Primary Care Partnership
Health Promotion UPDATE

The South Coast PCP Health Promotion UPDATE is produced every two months for the Health Promotion Working Group meeting. It contains details of the latest work of the Health Promotion Working group members including the PCP. The Health Promotion UPDATE will now be available on the SCHSC website following each meeting. Please look at the latest update for March 2009 <http://www.gha.net.au/schsc/>

Food for Life DVD Consultation Kit



The DVD ‘Food for Life’ has now been distributed to agencies. This DVD describes the local issues and solutions relating to Access to Healthy and Affordable Food (Food Security) for South Coast and Central West Gippsland PCP catchments. The DVD is now being used in consultations with groups and organisations in the South Coast and Central West Gippsland catchments to identify how others in the community outside of health can work with us and together to implement interventions that increase access to healthy and affordable food.

If you would like the DVD presented to your next meeting please contact Vicki on 5674 0900 or email v.bradley@gpasouthgippsland.com.au

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Health Promotion Brochure

Health Promotion brochure for use in orientation for Health Services staff working primarily outside of Health Promotion. It is a brief introduction to health promotion and describes how to incorporate health promotion into non health promotion roles. If you would like an electronic copy of the brochure for use in your service please contact Vicki on v.bradley@gpasouthgippsland.com.au

The Australian Health Promotion Association - 18th National Conference Perth Convention Centre, 17 - 20 May 2009

Make health promotion a priority: Evidence, Advocacy and Action
We welcome you to share a unique Western Australia experience.
Our inclusive program will incorporate a broad range of presentations from ground breaking research through to innovative grass roots interventions.
To find out more about the conference visit www.healthpromotion.org.au

Consumer Voice

Can Consumer Participation Make a Difference?

I believe we can! Consumer Participation can be described as the process of involving consumers in decision making about their own health care, health and community services planning, policy development, setting priorities and addressing quality issues in the delivery of health and community support services.
The term 'participation' implies sharing, not only information and opinion, but also of decision making power.



Real participation means joint problem solving, joint decision making and joint responsibility.

For Consumer Participation to have the most benefit it must occur across all levels within organisations/services including:-

- Participation in treatment and care
- Consumers employed by services as consultants and advocates
- Participation in service delivery and evaluation
- Participation in policy and planning
- Participation in education and training
- Participation in staff recruitment

Graeme Ireland
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Upcoming Events

South Coast Primary Care Partnership 2009 – 2012 Planning Workshop **Promoting Mental Health and Wellbeing**

Are you interested promoting the wellbeing of people in our community via activities that focus on

- ☺ Social Inclusion?
- ☺ Freedom from discrimination and violence?
- ☺ Access to economic resources?

You are invited to participate in this important ½ day planning workshop to identify the future promotion of mental health and wellbeing in the South Coast area.

Date: 26th May 2009, please see attachment for further details.

Attachments

- ➔ **SCHSC 2009-2012 Planning Workshop, Promoting Mental Health & Wellbeing**

Web Sites



www.activecitizenship.org.au

Department of Planning & Community Development - www.dpcd.vic.gov.au
(previously Dept. of Victorian Communities)

Connect Country - www.connectcountry.com.au

A place where rural Australians can talk on-line about issues that affect them in everyday life to like-minded people in Australia and around the world.

BHCiG CDM Resource Kit now online

http://www.health.vic.gov.au/communityhealth/cdm/res_bhig.htm

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Infoxchange Australia

Infoxchange Australia is a non-profit company dedicated to providing a quality up-to-date information service and the latest on-line newsletter can be found @ <http://www.communitynews.infoxchange.net.au/infocast/>

Primary Health Weekly Bulletin - 19 February 2009

Department of Human Services

http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/rrhacs/ph_bulletin/_nocache?src=email&id=090409

In this edition:

Presentation: kids moving into adult health services
To Every Woman: Money, Power and Freedom

PCP Weekly Email News

For information about upcoming events between the South Coast Health Update contact Sharlene to be placed on the PCP Weekly Email News list



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We keep our website updated with interesting news ... <http://www.gha.net.au/schsc/>

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