



## **Gippsland Regional Integrated Cancer Services (GRICS) Scholarship Program 2010**

Since the release of Victoria's Cancer Action Plan (VCAP) 2008-2011, GRICS has been working towards increasing the number of specialist oncology trained staff in the Gippsland region, using a variety of education programs, including;

- ❑ Cancer education training workshops in supportive care screening;
- ❑ Victorian Cancer Clinician's Communication Program supported by Cancer Council Victoria;
- ❑ Gippsland Chemotherapy Cancer Centre Preceptor Program at Latrobe Regional Hospital; and
- ❑ Gippsland-wide Education workshops on Central Venous Access Devices, facilitated by Bard Australia.

All of these programs aim to improve cancer care in Gippsland through the continual improvement in the quality of evidence-based care and strengthening the engagement of all stakeholders in cancer care initiatives.

As a result of discussions between members of the GRICS team and Gippsland stakeholders, the GRICS Governance Group has supported the implementation of the GRICS Scholarship Program 2010.

All medical, nursing and allied health staff from the Gippsland region, who are currently working with patients diagnosed with cancer, can apply for up to \$3000 in scholarship funding from GRICS, to;

- ❑ Attend a cancer related conference;
- ❑ Undertake cancer related study 2010;
- ❑ Undertake a mentoring placement at either a metropolitan hospital or regional specialist centre (eg., Latrobe Regional Hospital);
- ❑ Conduct cancer specific action research within their health service.

All applications **must** have the full support of the applicant's departmental manager. A letter of support must be included with each application.

The funding can be applied for retrospectively from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2010, however all original receipts will need to be submitted to GRICS if the scholarship application is successful.

All supporting documentation for the GRICS Scholarship Program 2010 is included with this letter. All applications must be received by GRICS by COB May 7th 2010. The applications can be either faxed to 03 5128 0198 or e-mailed to the GRICS Managers [gricsmanager@lrh.com.au](mailto:gricsmanager@lrh.com.au). Please note that applications received after this date will not be considered under any circumstance.

If you have any questions, either in relation to this letter or the supporting documentation for the GRICS Scholarship Program 2010, please do not hesitate to contact either Kylie Halsall or Louise Cristofaro, Co Managers of GRICS on telephone 03 5128 0138 or e-mail [gricsmanager@lrh.com.au](mailto:gricsmanager@lrh.com.au) .