

# Mid Week Memo

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**"Providing relevant updates for the information of GPs and their staff"**

## **Developer interested in new medical centre**

The Atrium Shopping Centre (formerly the Tamworth Arcade) is interested in developing a medical/health centre at the Kable Avenue end on the complex. If you have any interest in discussing this concept, please contact Mr. Bruce Read, Managing Director, on 6761 2966 or [bruce@atruimshoppingcentre.com.au](mailto:bruce@atruimshoppingcentre.com.au)

## **Expressions of Interest for Australian Primary Care Collaboratives closing 10 July 2009**

Please note that the closing date for receipt of expressions of interest for the Australian Primary Care Collaboratives (APCC) will be one week earlier than originally advertised. This will now be THIS FRIDAY 10 JULY 2009. A fax was circulated last week regarding these details and if you would like further information please contact Trish at the Division on 6766 1394.

## **Practice Staff Development Day, Saturday 8 August 2009**

Once again, the Division is promoting the Australian Association of Practice Managers (AAPM) Staff Development Workshops. This year, the half day event will be held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August, as follows:

*Where:* UNE Tamworth Centre, Fitzroy Street, Tamworth

*When:* Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2009

Registration and lunch from 12.15pm

Presentation from 1.00pm to 4.00pm

*Cost:* **Free** to all North West Slopes Division of General Practice Members and their staff

Topics covered this year include: Risky Business – Recalls and Reminders, Triage, and Appointment Book Management; and a copy of the registration form is attached. If you require any further information please contact Kristen at the Division on 6766 1394.

## **HPMI Newcastle Weekend Conference : 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2009**

The Hunter Postgraduate Medical Institute (HPMI) is holding a weekend conference in Newcastle on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2009. This will include sessions to appeal to GPs and GP Registrars, Specialists, Nurses, Admin Staff and Students and further details can be found at:

<http://www.hpmi.org/site/index.cfm?display=91031>

## **Shortened Waiting Times for CT Examinations at Tamworth Rural Referral Hospital**

We have been informed by the Chief Radiographer at Tamworth Rural Referral Hospital that recent changes to the operation of the CT Scanner have resulted in significant increases in the volume of patient examinations being performed. As a result the waiting times for CT examinations have been significantly reduced to only a few days or, in many cases, to the examination being able to be performed on the day the request is received. Additionally, they now offer a Saturday and Sunday service for the provision of outpatient **NON-Contrast only** CT Scans (this service is limited, but has become available since the extension of CT services on weekends to cover ward and emergency department requirements). Referring doctors are reminded that like all other Medical Imaging Department services, patients are not exposed to any cost in excess of that covered by Medicare.