

Mid Week Memo

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Annual General Meeting : Reminder

The Division's Annual General Meeting is to be held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday 8th December at The Tamworth Hotel (Registration from 6:30 pm). Invitations have been circulated to all members and, if you have not already done so, your reply to Trish would be appreciated.

Congratulations to Marion Goodman – Finalist in the APNA Best Practice Awards

Congratulations to Marion Goodman at Barton Lane Practice for being one of two national finalists in the Australian Practice Nurse Association (APNA) Best Practice Awards for Innovation in General Practice. Marion has created the Lifestyle Clinics at Barton Lane and, over the last five years, has helped many people gain awareness and take responsibility for their wellbeing and improved level of health. We wish Marion all the best at the awards in Sydney on Friday. With the results she has achieved she is already a winner!

Dr Blair Campbell joining Smith Street Practice

Smith Street Practice (previously the Marius Street Practice) settled into their newly built premises this week and the telephone number remains the same - 6766 7755. Dr Blair Campbell will leave his present surgery at 68 Fitzroy Street and join the Smith Street Practice from the Monday 14th December, 2009.

Sexual Health Clinic – Change of name and location

Bligh Street Clinic has relocated to 468 Peel Street, between Joblink Plus and the Parry building, and is now known as 'Clinic 468'. The Division has been advised that outreach clinics, education activities and designated appointments can also be arranged. For any further information/assistance please contact Sharon Taylor - ph: 6764 8080.

Grant funding – National Rural and Remote Health Infrastructure Program

The Department of Health and Ageing is calling for applications for funding under the fourth round of the National Rural and Remote Health Infrastructure Program (NRRHIP). The NRRHIP aims to improve opportunities for partnerships and multidisciplinary approaches to the delivery of health services in rural and remote communities through better access to funding for infrastructure and equipment. The funding of up to \$500,000 is available to eligible applicants seeking to provide services in rural and remote communities with populations of up to 20,000 people. Applications close on 29 January 2010. Go to <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/grantITA1610910> or follow the link under "Latest News" on the home page of the Division's website www.nwsdgp.org.au for further information.

HPV Vaccination – time is running out

There are only five weeks left before the funded Human Papilloma Virus vaccination program finishes for general practice. Those females 18-26 years of age who had their first dose before 30 June 2009 will need to be recalled to have their next dose before 31 December 2009, after that the vaccine will be available to purchase on the private market.

Staff Specialist in Medical Oncology : Tamworth Clinics

Dr Mathew George has been appointed as Staff Specialist in Medical Oncology at Tamworth Hospital. Dr George started his career in 1992 and since March 2006 has been consultant in Medical Oncology at the Royal Darwin Hospital. If you would like further information, please complete the faxback to Trish, below.

Fax Back information

Fax Back to Trish on 6766 1372

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, Please send me further information regarding Dr Mathew George, Medical Oncologist
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