



Tuesday 29 March 2011- Issue 37-10/11

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

Thursday 31

NPS - *Cardiovascular
Disease Risk*
Small Group Meeting,
Crossing Cafe,
Deniliquin 7:00pm

APRIL

Wednesday 13

GP Workforce Shortage
Committee Meeting
Cohuna Hospital,
Cohuna 7:00pm

Friday 29

"Greek Festival of Flowers"
Dinner (GP family event)
Nik's Greek Tavern,
Echuca 7:00pm

*If you would like further
details on any of these
events, please do not
hesitate to contact
Daria Atkinson on
5481 1300 or email
datkinson@mpdgp.com.au*

CULTURAL AWARENESS MODULE FOR PIP INDIGENOUS HEALTH INCENTIVE (PIP IHI)

Begin claiming the Practice Incentive Payments (Indigenous Health Incentives) after successfully completing ACRRM's new Cultural Awareness module online on RRMEO. The PIP IHI offers \$1,000 sign-on payment, \$250 per eligible patient each calendar year, and outcomes payments of \$100 or \$150 per patient a year. The 15-hour module provides opportunities to understand medical practice from an indigenous perspective and to work towards improving your indigenous patients' confidence and wellbeing. To be eligible for the PIP IHI, the module must be completed by a GP in the practice and one other person working in the practice. Read more on the [Courses and Events](#) page of the ACRRM website, where you will also find a link to the online enrolment form. Fees for the module begin at \$100 for ACRRM member and \$170 per non-member. There are also packages for pairs and groups.

SPECIAL AUDIO WEBCAST

Join Associate Professor Karam Kostner in an online question and answer audio webcast on Thursday 7 April 2011 at 5:00pm, relating to *Lipids: Managing the Highs and Lows*. Dr Norman Swan interviews four rural and remote health professionals about effective lipid management in the bush.

To participate in the online audio webcast visit the Programs page on the [Rural Health Education Foundation website](#), then click the "live webcast" button on the right and follow the login/register prompts.

MSD Australia has funded the Foundation's audio CD, *Lipids: Managing the Highs and Lows* to be offered on CD free to Australian health professionals. Download and complete the [Fax Back Order form](#) and mail or fax it back to the Foundation. If you prefer contact Wendy Loomes at Murray-Plains on 03 5481 1300 or email wloomes@mpdgp.com.au to obtain the fax back form.

MENTAL HEALTH ADVICE LINE (MHAL)

The Mental Health Advice Line is a telephone service established to provide Victorians with one source for expert advice,

information and referral on any mental health issue.

The service is not a crisis or counselling line or an emergency service. It operates like a 'front door' to Victoria's Mental Health Services. It provides advice to Victorians of all ages and backgrounds across the spectrum of mental health issues, and helps callers link-up with appropriate services.

The service is staffed by mental health professionals who provide expert mental health advice 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including public holidays.

General Practices can order pamphlets and posters (available in English and nine other languages) for display in the waiting room, and can also give feedback about the MHAL, by visiting <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/mhal>.