



Wednesday, 16 December 2009

BREAKING NEWS: \$1 million for the GRHC from Shenhua

Mining company Shenhua announced today it has donated \$1 million towards the proposed Gunnedah Rural Health Centre. The funding brings the total pool of pledged donations to over \$6 million which means construction on the project can soon commence.
Congratulations Gunnedah!

New Indigenous Health PIP

The new Indigenous Health Incentive PIP was announced by Minister Snowdon on 10 December 2009 and will commence in May 2010. The PIP includes: a sign-on payment, payable when practices meet specified criteria; a payment linked to registration of eligible Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients with the practice; and an outcomes payment linked to services provided to registered patients. Further information is provided in the attached fact sheet developed by the Department of Health and Ageing.

Medicare Australia will write to all PIP practices in the next few weeks to advise them of the new incentive requirements and information should also be available via the Medicare Australia website in the near future.

Upcoming Training Events

Health Ed Annual Women's Health Update 2010

Hosted by HealthEd and the Women's Health Institute for Research and Education Australia

Date: Saturday 20 Feb 2010

Venue: Clancy Auditorium, University of New South Wales

Topics: • Medications in Pregnancy and Lactation • Dementia in Women • Pertussis and Pregnancy • Herpes - Tips and Traps • HPV Testing • Bacterial Vaginosis - New Developments • Non-HRT for Menopausal Symptoms
16 Category 2 CPD points available

Discount registration available online at www.healthed.com.au, Ph: 1300 797 794

email: enquiries@healthed.com.au

NSW RDN/ RDA Summer Refresher Conference

Date: 26 February 2010 - 28 February 2010

Event Type: CPD Weekend Sponsored by NSW Rural Doctors Network & Rural Doctors Association (NSW)
NSW Department of Health

Location: Opal Cove Resort, Pacific Highway, Korora Bay, Coffs Harbour NSW 2450

Phone: 02 6651 0510

Cost: \$300

Contact Details: Arna Wotherspoon Phone: 02 8337 8100 Fax: 02 8337 8110

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Psychology Christmas Closure Dates

Heather Vernon Closed from 18 December 2009 - reopening 29 January 2010 (Gunnedah)

Diversity Counselling Service Closed from 21 December 2009 - reopening 4 January 2010
(Moree Narrabri Bingara Collarenebri Warialda)

Lyn Gunthorpe Closed from 25 December 2009 - reopening 4 January 2010 (Moree)

Edwina Cowdery Closed from 22 December 2009 - reopening 11 January 2010
(Barraba Boggabri Gunnedah Manilla Wee Waa)