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2012 gmGPn Events:

Sleep Apnoea—14 March 2012 Venue: Kingston Links Golf Course

Note: Date and Venue for this event has changed for more details contact:

Bowel Cancer Screening Training— 29 February 2012 Venue: TBA

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Seeking practices for research – Preventive Evidence into Practice (PEP study)

Inner East Melbourne Medicare Local is seeking practices to participate in Monash University NHMRC-funded study aimed to test an intervention to implement preventive guidelines for vascular disease in general practice. A practice facilitator will support the practice to assist in clinical audit, training and intervention. **C:** Jennie Raymond

E: jraymond@iemml.org.au **P:** 8878 3719

Networking group for practice managers

Tuesday 6 March will see the first on the Practice Managers Special Interest Group (PMSIG). Any practice manager is welcome to attend. At this event we will establish an email list, find out topics you would like to cover, have time to network and enjoy lunch. From 12.30- 2pm at Inner East Melbourne Medical Local, Nunawading. RSVP or for more information. **C:** Nicole Whatley **E:** nwhatley@iemml.org.au **T:** 8878 3721

Life! Programs commencing March in Mt Waverley— Back to Base Health and Fitness

Day time Group starting Monday 12th March 2012, 11.30am—1.30pm

Evening Group starting Tuesday 27th March at 6.45pm—8.45pm

For more information contact::

Perri Lim, Fitness Consultant, 67 Muir St, Mt Waverley Vic 3149 Tel/Fax: 03 9803 3754 | M: 0422 583 664

Email: perri_l@bigpond.com **Website:** www.b2bhealthfitness.com.au

VACCHO— RELOCATING

As of Monday, 5 March Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO) will operate from a new business address, details below:

Address: 17-23 Sackville Street Collingwood Vic 3066, P: (03)9411 9411, F: (03)9411 9599

Who cares for carers? ... a referral link for GPs

The **Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centre Southern Region** (CRCCSR) is part of Alfred Health. We exist to help carers i.e. family members/friends who provide unpaid support to someone with some type of disability. We know from ABS and GPV statistics that potentially one in ten of your patients may be someone who is in a caring role. Please inform your "caring" patients about us.

CRCCSR provides, **emotional and practical support** to carers of people who are **frail/aged, have dementia or some other disability, chronic illness or mental illness; information, respite assistance, counselling, referral and navigation** through the complexity of the service systems; **a 24/7 telephone support service, CareLine 1800 052 222** to help coordinate urgent respite and also during the day to provide information to carers, the wider community and professionals; access to **one-on-one, outreach support** via Carer Support Workers where required; a **web based section for GPs** to print out one page information sheets for carers.

- Add to your Favourites: <http://www.carersouth.org.au/general-practitioners-gps>.
- **a GP resource kit** is available for each GP surgery by contacting Judy Allen Ph: 9076 1618 or Email: j.allen@alfred.org.au

Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centre Southern Region FREECALL * 1800 052 222 CareLine Carer Support and Respite (24 Hours) Community Information (Business Hours) www.carersouth.org.au

For inclusion in the Friday Facts: Contact Irene Stavrou on 9569 5077 or email: admin@gmgnp.org.au. Articles must be submitted by 10AM Thursdays. If you are not receiving this via email but would like to, please send an email to Irene at admin@gmgnp.org.au

Commonwealth seeking Feedback Re: PNIP

The Department is currently seeking feedback from stakeholders regarding the introduction of Practice Nurse Incentive Program (PNIP). Any feedback negative or positive about the PNIP should be forwarded to Lynne at AGPN as soon as possible. Contact details below:

Lynne Walker

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Immunisation Emergencies:**Management & Resuscitation Yearly update**

This course presented by Premium Health is for **accredited nurse immunisers** and offers a review of adverse events, their management and assesses current competency within the context of an immunisation adverse event. Discounted price! **Date:** Tuesday 20 March **Time:** 5.30pm-9.30pm

Venue: Inner East Melbourne Medicare Local 12/317-321 Whitehorse Road Nunawading

C: Nicole Whatley **E:** nwhatley@iemml.org.au **T:** 8878 3721

Cost: \$75 per person (Must be paid to secure a place)

Home Based Falls Prevention Program

The Home Based Falls prevention Program (HBFPP) is part of a NHMRC and Department of Health falls prevention research project. The HBFPP is a strengthening and balance exercise program that may reduce the risk of falling. Eligibility—Any person turning 80 in 2012 or older, interested in performing exercise at home to improve their health, with a medical authorisation form signed by their doctor. Referral—Any health professional, family member or interested person. Contact HBFPP coordinator on P:9598 2808.

Course in Ear Irrigation - Benchmark Group \$325 per participant

The course is ideally suited to Registered Nurses (Division 1), Enrolled Nurses (Division 2) and Indigenous Health Care Workers.

Date: Thursday 17 May 2012

Venue: Dingley International Hotel, Fables Room 334—348 Boundary Rd, Dingley

P: 1300 855 568 **F:** 1300 855 572 **E:** courses@benchmarkgroup.com.au or visit www.benchmarkgroup.com.au

Other Upcoming Events**MHPN (network meeting) - Mindfulness in Practice**

Tue Feb 21 7pm 26 BeechSt Malvern East RSVP A.Miller@mhpn.org.au.

AAPM PD Day—Industrial Relations Workshop

Friday 24 February 1—5pm at the Novotel 285 Springvale Rd Glen Waverley P: 1300 651 334 or email: vic@aapm.org.au

Organ and Tissue Donation Education Event

Wednesday 7 March 6.30-9.30 Greater Eastern Primary Health 1350 Ferntree Gully Rd Scoresby. For more information or to register email Kristy de Lisle at healthpromotion@geph.com.au.

Polio: Essential Information For General Practitioners

Tue 20 March 6.30-9pm at GPV 458 Swanston St Carlton. For more information or to register contact

Eliza Sanneman e.sanneman@gpv.org.au.

Orientation Program for nurses new to General practice

Thursday 22 & Friday 23 March 2012 And Thursday 19 April & Friday 20 April 2012

For more information or to register contact Kate Russo 03 9341 5265 k.russo@gpv.org.au

Multidisciplinary Palliative Care Short Courses

For registration or further information contact Sandie Luu palliativecare@mccp.unimelb.edu.au or visit <http://www.mccp.unimelb.edu.au/courses/award-courses/specialist-certificate/palliative-care>

Classifieds

CLAYTON: General practice specialising in D&A treatment, is seeking a PT or FT GP. Four doctors currently employed. Trained and experienced support staff. Computerized and GPA accredited. Pathology, Chiropractor, Psychologist, Mental Health nurse and Podiatrist on site. Excellent remuneration. Please express your interest to Anastasia Dimitriou 0406073330 or mediclinic@netspace.net.au