

# PHCRED eBulletin



The Primary Health Care Research, Evaluation & Development (PHCRED)  
Research Capacity Building Initiative (RCBI) Strategy

“Building Primary Health Care Research in Tasmania”

A joint program of the University Department of Rural Health (UDRH)  
and Discipline of General Practice (DGP)

June 2007

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Workshops / Conferences / Symposia

### Key dates

#### PHCRED Workshops

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| ■ Using the Literature and Theory                             | Monday 27 August 2007     |
| ■ Data Collection Tools: Surveys, Focus Groups and Interviews | Monday 10 September 2007  |
| ■ Writing Skills  | Wednesday 10 October 2007 |
| ■ Conducting Rigorous Evaluations                             | Monday 12 November 2007   |
- WORKSHOP ENROLMENT FORMS ARE AVAILABLE from  
<http://www.phcred.utas.edu.au> or email  
Julie.Forsyth@utas.edu.au

#### Visit to North West Coast – Series of PHCRED PHC Research Workshops

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| ■ The PHCRED Program in Tasmania has the skills base to deliver training in a number of areas of interest. We are, however, restricted in the number of workshops that we can deliver in any one year and we <b>invite you</b> to indicate your research training priorities. | ?Week beginning 13 August 2007 |
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- Contact: Statewide Coordinator:  
Julie.Forsyth@utas.edu.au  
Telephone: 6226 4803

We have received a number of queries about arranging PHC research workshops for the North West Coast. If there is sufficient interest in attending then we could arrange a series of workshops to be held in either Devonport or Burnie – location according to numbers.

Please do not hesitate to let us know if you are interested in participating. Workshop attendance is free. The PHCRED program is supported by the Commonwealth Department of Health & Ageing.

#### Possible workshop topics:

- How to Deliver Powerful Evidence that Changes Government Policy
- Qualitative Research Methods
- The Primary Health Care Process: Refining Questions and Choosing Methodologies
- Quantitative Data Analysis
- Using the Literature and Theory
- Data Collection Tools: Surveys, Focus Groups and Interviews
- Writing Skills
- Conducting Rigorous Evaluations

## Fourth Annual PHCRED RCBI Symposium

- The 2006 Third Annual PHCRED Symposium was very successful ... make a note in your diary **now** for this year's symposium!

Thursday 1 November 2007  
Sir Raymond Ferrall Centre, Newnham  
Campus, University of Tasmania at  
Launceston

**Theme for the 2007 PHCRED Symposium: “Primary Health Care - Research for the Future”**

## Travel Grants / Scholarships

### TRAVEL GRANTS

Applications close 31 July 2007.

- UTAS Discipline of General Practice and Department of Rural Health are offering **two \$1,500 travel grants in the second half of 2007**. Further information and application forms are available from the Statewide Coordinator or from the PHCRED website: <http://www.phcred.utas.edu.au>
- Applications will also be considered to use the funds to assist in allowing a national or international PHC researcher to visit the state to conduct research capacity building activities.

Successful applicants will ensure that PHCRED RCBI will be acknowledged on any posters, papers etc, and will provide a conference report within one month of attendance.

### HONOURS SCHOLARSHIPS

- UTAS PHCRED Discipline of General Practice (\$7,000 and Department of Rural Health (\$2,500) Honours Scholarships. These two honours scholarships will be offered in 2007 for students proposing to undertake a Primary Health Care research-related honours project in 2008.

Information will be circulated via email and advertised on the University Scholarships website: <http://www.scholarships.utas.edu.au/> and the PHCRED website

### AWARDING OF DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (DHHS) BURSARY FOR PRIMARY HEALTH CARE RESEARCH

- The 2007 DHHS \$3,000 Bursary for Primary Health Care Research has been awarded to Ms Jane Symons, an Occupational Therapist at the Repat Centre (and the research team) to assist with their project: “Art as therapy: Enhancing outcomes in community rehabilitation”.
- Congratulations to Jane and the team!

## Other issues and Activities

### **\$10 million in Fellowships and Grants for primary health care research announced**

- At the General Practice and Primary Health Care Research Conference in May, the Honorable Tony Abbott announced more than \$10 million in fellowships and grants for primary health care research as part of the Government's Primary Health Care Research Evaluation and Development (PHCRED) Strategy.

The funding will provide \$6.3 million over four years in fellowships for 12 experienced senior and mid-career researchers to expand their programs of primary health care research and \$3.3 million over three years for five grants to help build the evidence in primary health care research. A total of \$682,000 will also be provided to fund Monash University's Department of Rural and Indigenous Health under the Research Capacity Building Initiative (RCBI) until 2009. (PHC RIS special issue ebulletin - 28 May 2007. [ebulletin.phcris@flinders.edu.au](mailto:ebulletin.phcris@flinders.edu.au) ) or go to:

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/mr-yr07-ta-abb061.htm?OpenDocument&yr=2007&mth=5>

## We welcome your feedback

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