



PRIMARY HEALTH NEWS

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2018 Nurse Immunisation Conferences

Over 300 local nurses participated in the Western NSW PHN annual conferences in Orange and Dubbo recently. This year for the first time an Immunisation Update Webinar for GPs was included, attracting 40 GP participants and a significant number from as far as Cobar, Bourke, Walgett and Balranald. A huge congratulations to all involved. [Click here](#) to read local coverage from the Dubbo event.

The next conference is scheduled for 3rd July 2018 in Broken Hill.

ISBAR Training

Effective clinical handover of residents in aged care facilities

Over 300 staff have already been accredited under the Western NSW Primary Health Network (WNSW PHN) ISBAR (Introduction – Situation – Background – Assessment – Recommendation) Effective Clinical Handover Program, launched in February this year. The program is targeted at improving the quality of clinical conversations in aged care settings to make these conversations more timely, relevant and structured to support safe patient care.



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Seasonal Influenza Vaccines

The 2018 National Immunisation Program (NIP) seasonal influenza vaccines are now available. A full suite of educational and promotional communication resources has been developed for vaccination providers and consumers to support awareness and uptake of the vaccination. [Click here to download support material.](#)

Important to note: The Federal Government provides free influenza vaccines for people with diabetes. [Click here for further details.](#)

EOI: Chronic Kidney Disease Active Learning Module

Healthcare professionals in the Western NSW region are invited to register their interest for the category 2 Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) Active Learning Module (ALM). Pulse First Aid in conjunction with Paths to One will host the course. It will include free CPR training and attract 45 CPD points. The course will run on various dates throughout 2018. Local sessions can be delivered for groups of 10 – 20 participants.



[Find out more >>](#)



Transport to Treatment Service in Dubbo

Cancer Council NSW is pleased to announce there is now one fully funded vehicle based in Dubbo. This vehicle provides free transport for cancer patients and their carers to and from treatment at the Alan Coates Cancer Centre at Dubbo Base Hospital and cancer-related appointments in the Dubbo CBD.

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Health Workforce Scholarships Program (HWSP)

This program is aimed at health professionals working in medicine, nursing, midwifery, allied health, dentistry and Aboriginal health to increase their skills, capacity and or/scope of practice. Clinicians providing services in a Modified Monash Model (MMM) 3-7 region and not working solely for the NSW government are eligible to apply.



[Find out more >>](#)



Palliative Care Education - new learning management system

Palliative Care Education represents a fresh new approach to online learning in palliative care and provides up-to-date, validated resources and teaching materials to support best practice in palliative care. Access and use of the education and training within

this learning management system is intended for clinical, teaching and academic staff for education and training purposes. This system replaces the existing learning management systems which closed on 30 April 2018.

[Visit the new website >>](#)

Lung Health Awareness Month

Lung disease affects 1 in 4 Australians and is responsible for 1 in 7 deaths, however many people tend to ignore the signs and symptoms, often not doing anything about it for far too long. Take two minutes to check in with your lungs during Lung Health Awareness Month this May by [completing Lung Foundation Australia's online lung health check](#).



Events and Training

Upcoming events organised or supported by WNSW PHN include:

- [APNA National Conference](#) - 11 & 12 May, Brisbane
- [GP Education Day](#) - 12 May, Orange
- [Advanced Training in Suicide Prevention](#) - 12 May, Broken Hill
- [Building Strong Teams in Primary Care Workshop](#) - 12 May, Cowra
- [Building Strong Teams in Primary Care Workshop](#) - 14 May, Dubbo
- [Building Strong Teams in Primary Care Workshop](#) - 15 May, Broken Hill
- [Ferring Pharmaceutical Event](#) - 22 May, Dubbo

- Orthopaedic Education Event - 23 May, Bathurst
- Advanced Training in Suicide Prevention - 26 May, Dubbo
- CPD Face to Face Diabetes Update - 28 May, Dubbo
- Improving Chronic Disease - 28 May, webinar
- Find the Fracture - GP Dinner Meeting - 30 May, Dubbo
- Find the Fracture - Nurses Dinner Meeting - 31 May, Dubbo
- Type 2 Diabetes - New agents and new indications - 7 June, Mudgee
- Chronic Disease Management in Primary Health Care - 12 June, Orange
- Chronic Disease Management in Primary Health Care - 13 June, Dubbo
- Chronic Disease Management in Primary Health Care - 13 June, Broken Hill
- Advanced Training in Suicide Prevention - 23 June, Orange
- Registrars Networking Dinner - 26 June, Dubbo
- RACGP NSW & ACT Skin Cancer Essentials - 30 June, Dubbo

Visit our [website](#) for a full list of events in your area

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We acknowledge that we work on the traditional lands of many Aboriginal clans, tribes and nations. We commit to working in collaboration with our region's Aboriginal communities and peoples to improve their health, emotional and social wellbeing in the spirit of partnership.



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