



PRIMARY HEALTH NEWS

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Have your say: 2018 Needs Assessment Review

Community members and service providers are being urged to contribute to a comprehensive review of primary health needs across the Western NSW Primary Health Network (WNSW PHN).



In partnership with the Western and Far West Local Health Districts, WNSW PHN will be conducting independently facilitated workshops in **Broken Hill, Dubbo, Orange and Bourke**.

The workshops in each location include 3 separate sessions focusing on Aboriginal Health, General Health needs of the community and GPs and Service Providers.

[Click here to register](#)

There is a chance for everyone to have their say and contribute to how we continue to support, plan and fund primary care into the future. [Click here to read more.](#)

[Workshop details >>](#)



A Dose of eMeds for Rural NSW

Electronic medication management (eMeds) will be rolled out across six local health districts (LHDs) in 2018. The eMeds system will aim to alleviate the lack of information contained about medication changes during a patient's admission.

[Don't miss your opportunity to have your say and participate in this short 3-minute survey.](#)

[Find out more >>](#)

Smoking Cessation Services (amended)

Are you confident to provide best practice, information and support to your patient who smokes? There are a number of services available across the region including assistance with clinical support and personalised training.



- [Find out more about Western NSW LHD smoking cessation services](#)
- [Current list of smoking cessation service providers in the Western NSW LHD region](#)
- [Referral form to smoking cessation service provider](#)
- [Smoking cessation services provided by Maari Ma Health](#)

AGPAL and QIP Excellence Awards

Congratulations to Swift Street Medical Centre, Wellington, who



received highly commended in the General Practice of the Year Award. These awards recognise AGPAL and QIP accredited practices, organisations and/or services that constantly go above and beyond to implement and embed quality improvements, with teams that love to innovate, demonstrate dedicated approaches to patient and consumer services and/or care, and have a clear understanding of relevant industry standards.

[Find out more >>](#)

Let's talk about Men's Health

This week is Men's Health Week! Marathon Health, through funding from the Western NSW Primary Health Network (WNSW PHN), delivers a mental health service for people across NSW called Strong Minds Western NSW. The program targets individuals who experience barriers to psychological supports due to factors such as distance.



[Find out more >>](#)

NAIDOC Week



NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It's a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

[Find out more >>](#)

Telehealth services available at Australia's first private genomic clinic

Genome.One's Clinical Service recently opened the doors of Australia's first private clinical genomics service, providing genetic counselling and genomic testing to patients Australia-wide. The clinic is accepting doctor referrals for patients from across the country, with consults provided in person, by telephone and via telehealth.



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Events and Training

Upcoming events organised or supported by WNSW PHN include:

- [Palliative Care in General Practice](#) - 19 June, Broken Hill
- [Interdisciplinary Workshop – Chronic Pain and Spinal Cord Injury](#) - 21 June, Bathurst
- [Aboriginal Consultation - Health Needs Assessment Yarning Session](#) - 21 June, Broken Hill
- [Communities Consultation - Health Needs Assessment](#) - 21 June, Broken Hill
- [GP's & Service Providers Consultation - Health Needs Assessment](#) - 21 June, Broken Hill
- [Advanced Training in Suicide Prevention](#) - 23 June, Orange
- [Aboriginal Consultation - Health Needs Assessment Yarning Session](#) - 25 June, Dubbo
- [GP's & Service Providers Consultation - Health Needs Assessment](#) - 25 June, Orange
- [External CPD Event - Understanding the Long Limbs of Trauma](#) - 25 June - Orange
- [Aboriginal Consultation - Health Needs Assessment Yarning Session](#) - 26 June, Orange

- Communities Consultation - Health Needs Assessment - 26 June, Orange
- Registrars Networking Dinner - 26 June, Dubbo
- Medications in Pregnancy and Breastfeeding - 26 June, Mudgee
- Communities Consultation - Health Needs Assessment - 27 June, Dubbo
- Medications in Pregnancy and Breastfeeding - 27 June, Dubbo
- RACGP NSW & ACT Skin Cancer Essentials - 30 June, Dubbo
- Aboriginal Consultation - Health Needs Assessment Yarning Session - 3 July, Bourke
- Communities Consultation - Health Needs Assessment - 3 July, Bourke
- GP's & Service Providers Consultation - Health Needs Assessment - 3 July, Bourke
- Western NSW PHN Immunisation Update - 3 July, further details coming soon
- GP's & Service Providers Consultation - Health Needs Assessment - 4 July, Dubbo
- Transformation in primary care: what can we learn from research and practice - 4 July, Orange
- AstraZeneca Educational Dinner Meeting - 5 July, Dubbo
- Advanced Training in Suicide Prevention - 7 July, Dubbo
- Psychological First Aid - Responding to Trauma - 12 July, Dubbo
- Foundations of General Practice Nursing - 20 & 21 July, Sydney
- CPD Event with Dr James Collett - 24 July, further details coming soon
- External CPD Event - NSW Rural Doctors Network - Trauma Management & Skills Training - 25 July, Orange
- Working with loss and grief in palliative care - 26 July, Dubbo
- Supporting clients and their families with chronic loss and grief related to living with a disability - 27 July, 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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