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THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT BUDGET 2009–10

2009–10 Indigenous budget at a glance: 


2009 LOWITJA O’DONOGHUE ORATION: BRINGING BLACK AND WHITE AUSTRALIANS TOGETHER, in Adelaide, on 28 May 2009. This annual Oration honours Lowitja O'Donoghue AC, CBE. The topic this year revisits Professor O'Donoghue’s inaugural address Black and White Together and will feature The Hon. Fred Chaney AO with Dr Jackie Huggins AM addressing the specific topic Bringing Black and White Australians Together. The Oration is organised with the support of Wilto Yerlo, Reconciliation SA, and Yunggorendi at Flinders University. Tickets can be purchased by T: 08 8303 3364, or online at <http://www.mybookingmanager.com/lowitjaodonoghueoration>.

INDIGENOUS STAFF SCHOLARSHIPS. These scholarships are for Indigenous staff (academic or general) who have encouraged Indigenous students to participate in higher education and complete their courses. The scholarships enable staff to take one year of leave from their university employment to undertake full-time higher education study. Five national scholarships are awarded annually, each providing approximately $12,000 to cover tuition fees,

AUSTRALIANS FOR NATIVE TITLE AND RECONCILIATION (ANTaR). A new national campaign calling on all Australians to take action and commit to a new partnership between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians and non-Indigenous Australians: <http://www.antar.org.au/>.

RESEARCH TENDER: Hearing Impairment and Deafness. The Australian Human Rights Commission is seeking tenders for production of a research paper to identify the impacts of hearing impairment and deafness in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and possible solutions and opportunities for action. Tenders due 5 June 2009. Application materials are available from Cristina Ricci, Senior Policy Officer, Disability Rights Unit, T: 02 9284 9767, or E: <cristina.ricci@humanrights.gov.au>

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

LIMECONNECTION III: Advancing Indigenous Health: Workforce Innovations, in Melbourne, on 3–4 December 2009, with a pre-conference Indigenous Caucus at the Institute of Koorie Education in Geelong on 2 December. The conference is presented by the LIME Network, a Medical Deans Australia and New Zealand project. It will address leading approaches to integrating Indigenous health into medical education and workplace training, including current practices and techniques to drive improvement. Call for papers is now open and will close on 28 August. For more information, go to <www.limenetwork.net.au>.

Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs: Nursing, Midwifery & Aboriginal Health Worker Practicum, in Adelaide, on 20–21 August 2009. For content related inquires, E: <charlotte.decrespigny@adelaide.edu.au>. Practicum organiser, E: <sarah.scott@adelaide.edu.au>.

Indigenous Research Methodologies Masterclass, at Curtin University of Technology and the University of Newcastle. Intensive introduction to Indigenous research methodologies and their use within Indigenous related research held over 3 days, (Curtin: 7–9 July; Newcastle: 13–15 July), and also in the NT and Queensland in 2010. Registration is free but is limited to 15 participants. More information: Hal Walsh, T: 07 3138 3067, E: <mailto:hal.walsh@qut.edu.au>.

The Australian Consortium for Social and Political Research Incorporated Winter Program comprises two sets of week-long courses in social research methods and research technology, held at the University of Queensland, in June and July. For more information: <http://www.acspri.org.au/?page=current_program&programID=17>.
6th Australian Women’s Health Conference, in Hobart, 18–21 May 2010. Call for abstracts closes 1 June 2009. Registrations are open. Further information available at: <www.awhn.org.au>. In the website, please also note the template for submissions to the Commonwealth Government regarding the new national women’s health policy.

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women’s Gathering, in Brisbane, 10–12 June 2009. The Gathering is an annual event that provides an opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women (four from each State and Territory) to come together to consider issues of importance to them. All expenses will be paid, and each delegate will be paid sitting fees for their time. Further information: Kylie Stephen, Office for Women’s Policy, T: 02 9228 5630.

PUBLICATIONS


JOBS

Administrative & Training Officer (PN613-2), permanent position based at Hermannsburg, NT. Applications close 29 May 2009. For more information visit <www.caac.org.au/hr> or contact Darrelle Windsor on T: 08 8958 3662, E: <hrro@caac.org.au>.

Health Service Manager (PN601-2), permanent position based at Hermannsburg, NT. Applications close 29 May 2009. For more information visit <www.caac.org.au/hr> or contact Darrelle Windsor on T: 08 8958 3662, E: <hrro@caac.org.au>.

Communications Support Officer, 6-month contract. Opportunity for an experienced Communications Officer to work with the CRCAH, co-located with Menzies. Responsibilities include: coordinating events, managing promotional resources and contact databases, production of marketing materials, and a range of communication activities. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply. Applications close 5 June 2009. For further information, contact Alastair Harris on M: 040 965 8177, E: <alastair.harris@crcah.com.au>; or Maria Halkitis on T: 08 8943 5025, W: <http://www.menzies.edu.au>.

MEDIA

CRCAH Media Releases:

Indigenous child health measures welcomed. The announcement of an additional $204 million for remote primary health in the 2009–10 Federal Budget has been welcomed by the CRCAH. CEO Mick Gooda said the Government’s concentration on building investment in early childhood development was a ‘positive strategy’ and increased allocations to ear and eye health is welcome after ‘an extended period of ignoring the problem and condemning our children to a life of disability and reduced opportunities.’ Full text available at: <http://www.crcah.org.au/communication/downloads/Budget09.pdf>.

Sharing home-grown solutions – Indigenous men’s groups meet in Cairns.
Aboriginal men from across Queensland met in Cairns on 21 May to share stories of success in suicide prevention, improved family relationships and personal healing. More than sixty men from more than a dozen men’s groups reviewed their experiences and successes under a groundbreaking men’s suicide prevention program, Building Bridges, funded by the Department of Health & Ageing, as part of the National Suicide Prevention Strategy. Full press release text: <http://www.crcah.org.au/communication/downloads/AboriginalMenMeettoShareHealingSolutions.pdf>.

**Menzies Media Release:**


**WEBSITES**

The LIME Network, a Medical Deans of Australia and New Zealand project, hosted by the Onemda VicHealth Koori Health Unit at the University of Melbourne, has a new website: <www.limenetwork.net.au>.

**REMINDERS**

**Healing Our Spirit Worldwide The Sixth Gathering** will take place on the island of Honolulu in Hawaii from 3 to 10 September 2010. Presentation, workshop and poster abstracts are due on 8 September 2009. Early bird registration closes on September 30. See website: <http://www.hosw.com>.


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