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Service Coordination and Electronic Referral

There were forty six electronic referrals sent on ConnectingCare.com.au during February 2009 and sixty in March 2009 in the Bendigo Loddon PCP catchment.

In February 2009, twenty six of these referrals were sent by Bendigo Health's Commonwealth Carelink, seven by the Loddon Shire, five by Inglewood and Districts Health Service with one each from Bendigo Community Health Services, City of Greater Bendigo and Baptcare.

In March 2009, forty one of the referrals were sent by Bendigo Health's Commonwealth Carelink with seven by the Loddon Shire, eight from Inglewood and Districts Health Service, two from Bendigo Community Health Services, and one each from City of Greater Bendigo and Loddon Mallee Housing Services.

The PCP Project staff Leah Wilson and Tess Westbrook are available to provide training to any organisation, on making electronic referrals using ConnectingCare.com.au. They are also available to assist you to obtain a privacy key from the Health Insurance Commission which will enable you to receive electronic referrals that have been encrypted.

For more information on training support contact the PCP Office on 5448 1624

PCP Staff Changes

Member organisations will notice some changes in the PCP Office over the next few weeks. Tess Westbrook commenced work as the new Project Officer on 15 April 2009. Tess is a Health Promotion graduate from Deakin University, and will be working across Integrated Health Promotion, Integrated Chronic Disease Management and Service Co-ordination, along with Leah Wilson who is the PCP Programs Coordinator.

Kerri-Ann Blackwell, who many of you know as the voice at the end of the phone or the name on the bottom of emails, has returned to her home town of Rosebud to take up an Office Manager's role for a company providing after school and vacation care. Kerri-Ann has been at the Bendigo Loddon PCP for over two years and we wish her well in her new position. Elaine Hood has taken up a temporary appointment in the PCP Office and will continue in the role until our new Administration Officer commences on 15 June 2009.

Alison Campbell has joined our staff and has been contracted to Monash School of Rural Health for the Enhancing Best Practice in Residential Aged Care (EBPRAC) Project which has been funded by the Commonwealth and led by Dr Sam Davis of Monash School of Rural Health in Bendigo. This research project has partnered with seven aged care facilities in the Loddon Mallee Region including Inglewood and Districts Health Service and Boort District Health.

Congratulations also to our Programs Coordinator, Leah Wilson and her husband, Travis, who are expecting their first child due in October 2009. We will be seeking a leave replacement for Leah later in the year. Please contact PCP Executive Officer Jeanette Grant, to arrange a confidential discussion, should you have an interest in secondment to this position with your employer's support.

Innovative PapScreening Program

The Bendigo Loddon Primary Care Partnership was successful in receiving funding from PapScreen Victoria to implement an innovative project to increase rates of cervical cancer screening and to promote the Gardasil vaccine.

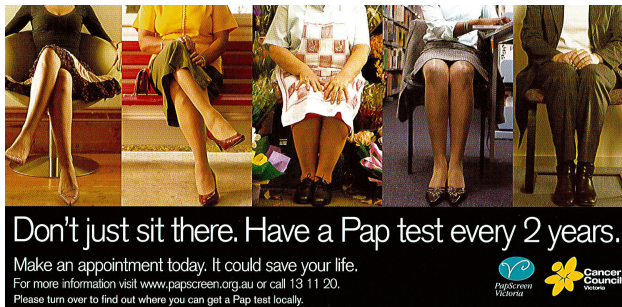
To achieve this outcome, Bendigo Community Health Services, Inglewood and Districts Health Service, Northern District Health Services and Women's Health Loddon Mallee worked in partnership with Loddon Mallee Housing Services to build the capacity of Loddon Mallee Housing Staff. An education session was facilitated by the four health service health nurses for the staff at Loddon Mallee Housing. The session was attended by 15 people. The evaluation data received from those in attendance showed that over half will make changes to their practice because of the education session.



A local Pap test resource was also produced to promote local Pap test providers. Copies of the resources are available at each of the Pap test sites.

City of Greater Bendigo:
Bendigo Community Health Services
Women's Health Loddon Mallee

Loddon Shire:
Inglewood & Districts Health Service
Northern District Community Health Services

The resource card features PapScreen Victoria's motto: **"Don't just sit there, Have a Pap test every 2 years"** with contact information for local PapScreen sites on the back.



City of Greater Bendigo		Loddon Shire	
 Bendigo Community Health Services 5448 1600 Central Site 171 Hargreaves St. Bendigo Eaglehawk Site 3 Seymour St. Eaglehawk www.bchs.com.au Bookings essential	 Women's Health Loddon Mallee 5443 0233 47 Myers St. Bendigo www.whlm.org.au Bookings essential	 Inglewood & Districts Health Service 5431 7000 Inglewood Site 3 Hospital St. Inglewood Wedderburn Site 24 Wilson St. Wedderburn www.idhs.vic.gov.au Bookings essential	 Northern District Community Health Service 5451 0200 119-121 Godfrey St. Boort 12 Victoria St. Pyramind Hill www.ndchs.org.au Bookings essential
You can also visit your local General Practitioner for pap testing and women's health information. <small>This is an initiative of the Bendigo Loddon Primary Care Partnership Sexual Health Task Group and has been produced as part of the PapScreen Victoria, the Victorian component of the National Cervical Screening Program funded by the Department of Human Services.</small>			

Women can arrange an appointment for PapScreen testing by contacting the listed services or their local General Practitioner.

Youth Drought Forum

Wednesday 27 May 2009

Elmore Athenaeum Hall, Mitchie St. Elmore
Transport supported and lunch is provided.

The aim of this forum is to provide an opportunity for young people to participate in a workshop to identify issues for youth as a result of drought and also provide an opportunity to identify ways to increase their resilience. The Forum is open to rural young people between 15 to 25 years from the City of Greater Bendigo and the Shires of Gannawarra, Central Goldfields, Loddon, Buloke and Campaspe.

To register or for more information please contact:

Jenny Pendlebury on 5434 6479 or email j.pendlebury@bendigo.gov.au or j.mcgann@bendigo.gov.au

Winning Grants Seminars

The seminars provide the answer to grant seeking questions.

Participants learn the secrets for easily winning more grants for their community organisation, and find out how to drastically increase the number of grants they can apply for without pushing themselves (and their group) into an early grave.

Patrick Moriarty from Our Community, will be delivering these workshops

Tuesday May 5	6.30pm	Serpentine Bowling Club
Wednesday 6 May	9.00pm – 12:30 pm	Bendigo - Bendigo East Hall
	1.30pm – 4:00 pm	Heathcote – RSL Hall

- **To register** for the Serpentine workshop please call Christine Coombes at the Loddon Shire Council on 5494 1251 or email ccoombes@loddon.vic.gov.au
- **To register** for either the Bendigo and Heathcote workshop please contact Paul Henderson on 03 5442 8773 or 0428 177 314 or email p.henderson@cvacc.org.au

Hardship Applications in Terms of the Consumer Credit Code

Loddon Campaspe Community legal Centre
29 Queen St. Bendigo

This workshop is for financial counsellors, community workers, community advocates, community lawyers and pro bono lawyers. Our aim is to equip participants in advocating for financially and socially disadvantaged people faced with consumer problems to ensure that their rights are promoted and protected. The workshop also provides an opportunity for participants to discuss issues arising in their case work and to share information and advocacy tactics.

Topics that will be covered in the workshop

- Hardship Applications in terms of the Consumer Credit Code
- Steps to be taken during legal action for home repossession.

Thursday, 14 May 2009

10.00am to 12:15pm (including a 15 minute break)

To register your attendance please contact: Mr. Steve Womersley at the Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Centre at stevew@advocacyandrights.org.au or telephone (03) 5444 4364 by Monday 11 May 2009

C - Jam

www.myspace.com/cjamconcert
1.00pm - 6.00pm, Sunday, 24 May 2009
YMCA Stadium, Mundy Street, Bendigo



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Communities in Control Conference - June 15 and 16 2009

Moonee Valley Racing Club, Gate 1, McPherson St, Moonee Ponds, Victoria

Crisis, Catastrophe, Community: Rebuild, Renew, Recharge

As communities across Australia regroup from recent events and brace for more tough times ahead it's more important than ever to know how to tell your group's story in a way that's compelling, revealing and evidence based. Now is the time to learn how to put to work all the information, indicators and evidence at your disposal, and use them to support your community organisation's mission.

For more information on:

the Conference and the Pre-Conference skills day
please go to www.ourcommunity.com.au/cic2009

Getting There Together

Saturday 27 June 2009

Platinum Room, Foundry Arms Hotel Complex
High St Golden Square, Victoria

This is the fourth Rural Conference for families and carers of people with mental illness.

Guest Speakers will include:

Anne Deveson - Writer, Broadcaster, Film-maker and Carer
Jo Buchanan - Teacher, Physiotherapist, Author and Carer

A range of workshops and resources are included in the conference, together with morning tea and lunch.
For more information contact Marlene Lamprell on 5448 1100

Cost: \$20 per person or \$10 per Carer

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