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# Newsflash

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## Refugee Settlement and Health Care Pathway and Resources Listing

Last year funding was received from the Department of Health to complete Refugee Settlement and Health Care Mapping and Pathways.

This project was undertaken by Leah Wilson, BLPCP Programs Coordinator, in consultation with the Bendigo Local Settlement Planning Committee and the Bendigo Refugee Health and Wellbeing Sub-Committee and has now been completed by Leanne Oberin, BLPCP Team Leader. The Pathways document must be read in conjunction with the Refugee Support, Health and Medical Services Resources document which includes information on both public and private agencies from a range of sectors, eg health, dental, education, support services, and training.

To view a copy of the Pathways and Resources document, visit [www.blpcp.com.au](http://www.blpcp.com.au). Refugee services information has also been included on the service directory on Connectingcare, [www.connectingcare.com](http://www.connectingcare.com).

## Community Wellbeing Profile Update

The Bendigo Loddon Community Wellbeing Profile has recently been reviewed and updated and is available on [www.blpcp.com.au](http://www.blpcp.com.au). Did you know:

- Compared to Victoria (19.1%), Greater Bendigo (19.6%) and Loddon Shire (20.4%) had a slightly higher proportion of population aged 18 years and over who were current smokers. *Victorian Population Health Survey 2008—a person who smoked daily or occasionally was categorised as a current smoker.*
- The participation rates for Pap tests in Bendigo Loddon PCP region for eligible females aged 20-69 years was lower than the state average over the two years of 2007 and 2008 - Greater Bendigo 59.8%, Loddon 57.5% and Victoria 62.3%. *Refer [www.vccr.org:80/stats\\_reports/2008/screening/07.html](http://www.vccr.org:80/stats_reports/2008/screening/07.html).*
- Compared to Victoria, Greater Bendigo and Loddon had a similar proportion of population aged 50 years and over, who had been sent a bowel cancer detection kit, that had had a test to detect bowel cancer in the two years preceding 2008 (self-reported) - Greater Bendigo 29.1%, Loddon 29.7%, Rural Victoria 30.0% and Victoria 29.4%. *Victorian Population Health Survey 2008.*
- Greater Bendigo females aged 50-69 years (70.6%) reported they were less likely to have had a mammogram in the two years preceding 2008, Loddon females (74.6%) were more likely than rural Victoria (74.4%), but less likely than Victoria (75.9%) to have had a mammogram. In 2006, there were 3,182 new cases of breast cancer across Victoria. *Victorian Population Health Survey 2008.*

## SC and CDM Surveys

### Reminder

The Service Coordination and Chronic Disease Management Surveys mandated by the Department of Health for HACC, Community Health and PDRSS funded agencies are due for completion by 14 November 2011. **Please contact Bendigo Loddon PCP's Team Leader, Leanne Oberin on 5448 1624 if you require assistance with the completion of either of these surveys.**

## Staff Changes

There have been some changes within the staff at BLPCP as many of those involved in the Integrated Health Promotion Task Groups will have noticed.

Nancy Cutlack who is on secondment to PCP from Heathcote Health, to focus on Service Coordination and Care Planning, has taken her long service leave and has gone to work voluntarily in China before visiting her family in Cambodia. Nancy will be back at work on 7 December 2011.

Judi Nicholson has moved on and has been replaced for three days each week by Jacinta Bourke (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday). Jacinta will be working on a community development plan with Wendy Gladman from the Loddon Shire to achieve the Improving Liveability for Older People in Loddon project as well as facilitating and resourcing the Strength Training Project Advisory Group, Bendigo Loddon Alcohol Action Plan Committee, Tobacco Reduction Task Group and the Diabetes in Loddon Action Group.

Leanne Oberin continues in the Team Leader position while Jeanette Grant is on sick leave and should be contacted for any PCP issues while Steph Jelbart is the IHP Project and Planning Officer for 2 days each week and Leah Wilson remains on family leave until next April.

## Flood Recovery Assistance for Rural Landholders

### Rural Coordination Officer

The City of Greater Bendigo has recently employed a Rural Coordination Officer to provide additional support to areas impacted by the floods. This position is supported by the Victorian Department of Primary Industries.

Together with other Council staff, the Rural Coordination Officer is working closely with the Department of Human Services, North Central Rural Financial Counselling Service and other agencies to ensure that landholders have access to all the financial, health and on-farm support they require.

**For more information about flood recovery support, or to volunteer your help, please contact Brett Belot, Rural Coordination Officer, phone 5434 6480 or email [b.belot@Bendigo.vic.gov.au](mailto:b.belot@Bendigo.vic.gov.au).**

## Physical Activity Network Forum

The Physical Activity Network's inaugural quarterly forum has been planned and will provide a chance to share collaborate and celebrate physical activity opportunities, events and best practice as well as being a great chance to network with other health and community groups. Details of the forum are:

**When:** Tuesday 29 November 2012; 2.00 to 4.00pm

**Venue:** Library Seminar Room, BRIT

**Enquiries:** Steph Jelbart, BLPCP Project Officer, Health Promotion and Planning, phone 5448 1683 (Tuesday and Wednesday), or email [stephjelbart@bchs.com.au](mailto:stephjelbart@bchs.com.au)

## SHADE Community Grants

Call for Applications

As part of the Sexual Health and Diversity Enterprise (SHADE), **community grants of between \$1,000 and \$4,000 are now available.** These grants will be awarded to community, government and non-government organisations to fund projects that promote sexual health and diversity in rural and regional Victoria. They will be awarded to innovative and creative projects that encourage young people to think about the choices they make about their sexual health. These projects will target young people aged 25 and under through coordinated activities and events during the SHADE campaign in February 2012. Priority will be given to projects that:

- target gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer (GLBTIQ) people aged 25 and under who live or work in regional or rural Victoria
- involve an activity or event during the SHADE campaign in February 2012
- meet the needs of marginalised young people such as GLBTIQ or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander or youth from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and youth in post-release programs
- raise awareness of diversity and the sexual health issues facing young people
- work in partnership with local sexual health services, primary care partnerships, community health and youth organisations and/or Family Planning Victoria programs.

Please contact David Mejia-Canales, Mind the Gap Project Officer, email [dmejia-canales@fpv.org.au](mailto:dmejia-canales@fpv.org.au), for further information or our PCP Project Officer, Health Promotion and Planning, Steph Jelbart, Tuesday or Wednesday on 5448 1683. **Applications close 7 November 2011.**

## New Bendigo Hospital Project

The New Bendigo Hospital project team is inviting interested members of the public to an informal community information session that will provide an opportunity to ask questions and also discuss any ideas you may have for the new hospital.

**Where:** LaTrobe University Visual Arts Centre, 121 View Street, Bendigo

**When:** Thursday 3 November 2011

**Time:** Just call in anytime between 4.30pm and 7.00pm, short presentations will take place at 5.00pm and 6.00pm.  
**No need to RSVP.**

## New Launch for Diploma of Management

Enrolments are now open for the [National Management Benchmark](#) – a new 6-month quality-driven management program, incorporating the nationally accredited Diploma of Management.

The intensive six-month program has been developed by the Workplace Training Advisory of Australia with input from Australian employers. It is designed to provide critical skill development and exposure to key issues in managing teams and resources. The Management Benchmark is an excellent introduction for emerging managers, as well as an invaluable vehicle for more experienced managers looking to fast track their leadership journey.

The first program will launch at the University of Melbourne in February 2012. Government funding may be applicable depending upon individual circumstances. To download the current brochure, please [click here](#).

**To discuss the program and government funding in more detail, please call the WTAA admissions office on 1300 138 037.**

## Community Confidence Index Released

The Community Confidence Index, which was commissioned by Westpac Social Sector Banking in partnership with Our Community, focuses on the strengths and confidence sentiments of the community sector, as well as the challenges it is facing. Around 1,000 not-for-profit organisations were surveyed as part of the inaugural Community Confidence Index project, which is expected to be repeated every six months. Some of the key findings of the inaugural survey are:

**The outlook is positive:** Despite a difficult year, 85% of Australian not-for-profit organisations are confident that they will achieve their goals over the next 12 months.

**Financial indicators are looking good:** Close to half of the not-for-profit organisations surveyed have experienced an increase in overall income in the past six months; 71% are expecting an increase in the next 12 months; and 82% are actively exploring additional sources of income.

**Some segments are doing better than others:** The most confident organisations in the community sector are those that fall into the professional/trade associations category, with an overall score of 140.2, followed by the hospitals/health segment on 132.4, and social services on 120.2. The culture and recreation segment had the lowest index score, on 64.4.

The full report can be downloaded at [www.ourcommunity.com.au/ci](http://www.ourcommunity.com.au/ci).

## The State of Bendigo's Children Report

### Responding to the Indicators

In March 2011 the State of Bendigo's Children Report was launched. This was an excellent achievement of the Child Friendly City Leadership Group, but more importantly the local stakeholder organisations and individuals who contributed to its development.

The report includes a framework and set of indicators to help measure progress in creating a truly child friendly city. To review a copy of the report, please click on this [link](#).

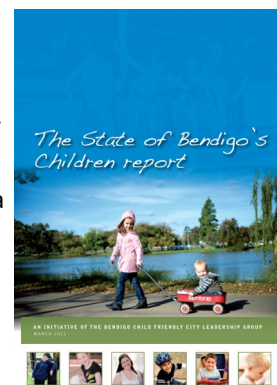
The next step is for the community to develop a response to the indicators ensuring we are truly a child friendly city. A facilitated workshop is being held to review eight of the report indicators, selected in consultation with the Leadership Group, and develop an action plan which can inform a collective response and result in positive change. Details of this workshop are:

**When:** Tuesday 15 November 2011, 9.00am to 2.00pm

**Venue:** City of Greater Bendigo Council Room, 195-229 Lyttleton Terrace, Bendigo

**RSVP:** [karen.miller@stlukes.org.au](mailto:karen.miller@stlukes.org.au) (please advise of any special dietary requirements)

If you have any queries about the workshop, please do not hesitate to contact Leah Galvin, Manager Social Policy and Advocacy at St Luke's on 5444 8108 or email [l.galvin@stlukes.org.au](mailto:l.galvin@stlukes.org.au).



## Working with Children who have Experienced Sexual Assault

This new two day workshop, conducted by the Centre Against Sexual Assault Loddon Campaspe Region (CASA), will explore the impact of the trauma of sexual assault on children and how to work effectively with them. Theoretical frameworks and models are explored and participants will learn specific strategies for working with young children to maximize their healing and recovery.

**When:** Thursday 10 November and Friday 11 November; 9.15am to 4.00pm.

**Where:** Bendigo and District RSL Club, 73—75 Havilah Road, Bendigo

“Responding to Disclosures” is not essential, but is preferable for participation in this workshop.

**For registration enquiries and details of cost, phone 5441 0430, or email [admin@casalc.com.au](mailto:admin@casalc.com.au).**

## Connectingcare and e-Referral Traffic

We have again seen a significant increase in the use of e-communication for daily business practice. During September the following organisations have received and/or sent e-referrals/communication through Connectingcare.com:

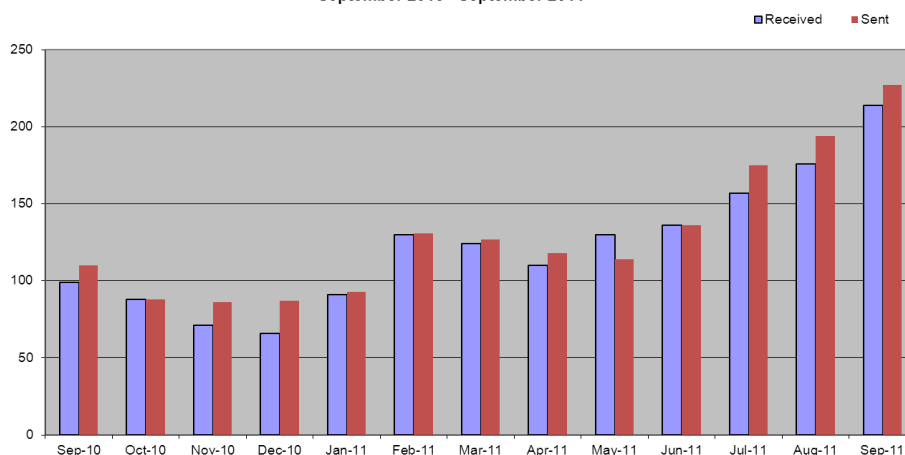
### Received e-referrals

- Bendigo Community Health Services—Family Support
- Bendigo Health—HART, ACAS, RHT, PAC, HARP, Regional Continence Service, Carer Support and Commonwealth Carer Respite Centre, Carer Support Services, District Nursing Service
- City of Greater Bendigo—Aged Care and Veteran’s Personal Care
- Dingee Bush Nursing Centre—District Nursing Service
- Golden City Support Services—Community Support
- Haven, Bendigo—Community Connections Program
- Heathcote Health—HACC
- Inglewood & Districts Health Service, Serpentine Office — District Nursing Service
- Loddon Shire Council, Serpentine Office—Home and Personal Care - HACC
- St Luke’s Bendigo— Child First, Recovery Focused Mental Health Services - Whirrakee and Intensive Home Based Outreach
- The Green Clean Team—Specialist Cleaning Services

### Sent e-referrals

- Advocacy and Rights Centre Ltd
- Bapcare—Loddon Mallee
- Bendigo Health—Bendigo Campuses and Regional Services, and Community and Regional Psychiatric Services
- Boort District Health
- City of Greater Bendigo
- Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
- Department of Human Services—Loddon Mallee Regional Office
- Dingee Bush Nursing Centre Inc
- Haven, Bendigo
- Heathcote Health
- Inglewood and Districts Health Service—Inglewood Campus and Aged Care Facilities
- Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Centre
- Loddon Shire Council—Serpentine Office
- Multiple Sclerosis Australia—Loddon Mallee Region
- St Luke’s, Bendigo
- White Hills Medical Practice

E-Referral Traffic for BLPCP Catchment  
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If you would like more information about Connectingcare and e-referral, would like to be able to send or receive electronic referrals or would like training on how to use Connectingcare, please contact Leanne Oberin at the Bendigo Loddon PCP Office on 5448 1624.

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