



fortnightly update

Tuesday 6 April 2010

The gpa fortnightly update is posted on our website www.gpasouthgippsland.com.au
If you would like to be included on the email distribution list, please contact Mandy M at GPA on 5674 0900.

GPA website - GP Member Section

The GP Member section of the website is up and running. The section is password protected and contains information specific for GPs, as well as a members' forum.

Any GP who has not applied for a login can obtain one by contacting Mandy M at GPA on 5674 0900 or email m.mcdonald-susic@gpasouthgippsland.com.au



PALLIATIVE CARE

Julie Bernardson

Referral Pathways

Gippsland Palliative Care Service Access Management Flow Chart for General Practitioners is available on our website. [Click here](#) to view the Rural Palliative Care program page and scroll down to Palliative Care resources.

University of Melbourne Practice Nurse course

The University of Melbourne, Department of General Practice has invested in practice nurses by developing the Certificate/Diploma of Primary Care Nursing delivered by distance education.

The format supports nurses who often have busy lives or with limited access to educational facilities in rural areas. It has been developed by experienced practice nurses and general practitioners to suit the needs of general practice nurses in areas (chronic disease, risk management, health promotion, women's health, mental health and youth health) that will complement previous experience and expand your scope of practice. Spaces are available for second semester 2010.

Further details: www.gp.unimelb.edu.au or call Ms Bernie Cooper, course administrator on 8344 7275.

SPORTS PHYSICIAN COMING TO GIPPSLAND

DR KAREN HOLZER, an experienced Sports Physician will be consulting every Monday in Gippsland commencing in April 2010 (rotating between Leongatha Hospital, Korumburra Hospital and Traralgon)
Areas of Specialities include: Musculoskeletal Injuries – Acute and Chronic,
Medical Issues in Athletes, Exercise-induced Asthma/breathing issues,
Fatigue in Athletes, Female Triad

For Bookings or Enquiries please call: 03 9827 9362 or email: k_holzer@bigpond.com

Remote Area Classification

GPA South Gippsland's area is wholly classified ASGC-RA 2 (Inner Regional). Details about GP incentives and restrictions and maps regarding the classification have been linked on our website <http://www.gpasouthgippsland.com.au/Publications/ResourcesforPractices/>

Accreditation – Internal Contact, Dot Humphrey-Lesque

GPA South Gippsland will be undergoing our external accreditation review on April 13th and 14th.

Some of our Board members, GPs, practice manager and nurse have kindly agreed to be interviewed for which we are very thankful.

We will keep you informed of the outcome in due course. Work at GPA will continue as usual during the process of the accreditation review for the 2 days.

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BORDERLINE PERSONALITY DISORDERS

When: Wednesday 28th April 2010

Time: 6.30pm for 7.00pm dinner

**Venue: Rusty Waters Restaurant
1821 Phillip Island Tourist Rd Cowes**



Dr. Peter Braun

Consultant Psychiatrist

Including an interview with a Client

**RSVP: Friday 23rd April 2010 to Denise Dale: phone: 59511800, fax: 59521087
or email denise@pimg.com.au**

GP Training Careers Evening, Melbourne, Wednesday, 14 April 2010

A Careers Evening on General Practice and the AGPT program will be held on Wednesday, 14 April 2010, at Limelight Room, Etihad Stadium, Melbourne, 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm. The program includes presentations and discussion time with current GP Registrars. The five regional training providers of GP training in Victoria (4 rural and 1 metropolitan) and the Rural Workforce Agency, Victoria, will be available for discussion and questions. Representatives from RACGP, ACRRM, Avant and MDA National will also be attending. If you are interested in a career in general practice or undecided about your career path, this evening will assist in your decision making. Bookings are essential. Register online: www.rwav.com.au/vicnet Enquiries only: Pauline Ingham paulinei@rwav.com.au



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Continuing Professional Development



CANCER SCREENING GUIDELINES

When: Wednesday 14th April
Time: 7.15pm for 7.30pm dinner
**Venue: Esplanade Hotel, 1 A'Beckett St,
Inverloch**

Dr David Iser
St Vincent's Hospital

*RSVP: Monday 12th April 2010 by phone: 5674 0900, fax: 5674 3124
or email r.mcLennan@gpasouthgippsland.com.au*

Life & Death Matters – it's the care that counts

3rd Gippsland Palliative Care Conference

Saturday 29 May 2010, 9am – 5pm

Century Inn, Princes Hwy, Traralgon West

Registration is free and closes Friday 21st May 2010.

Contact Anthony Hooper, GRPCC 0427 428 580 or anthony@peppermintridgefarm.com.au

Julie Bernardson, GPA Palliative Care Coordinator has accommodation funding available for any GPs wishing to attend from the South Gippsland Division.

Palliative Care Forum - Melbourne

The Australian & New Zealand Society invites medical practitioners to attend its palliative care forum.

Date: Monday 17 May 2010 Venue: PeterMac Lecture Theatre, East Melbourne

Presentation: Anxiety and depression in the terminally ill - Professor Brian Kelly

For more information: www.anzspm.org.au or email Karen Cooper: karen@anzspm.org.au

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