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9th National Rural Health Conference
Albury, 7-10 March 2007

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Workshops on Indigenous health and breast cancer in Indigenous women: Albury, 7 March

As a prelude to the 9th National Rural Health Conference there are two workshops on Indigenous health, and more than 20 papers in the main conference itself on aspects of this pressing matter.

The National Breast Cancer Centre is holding a workshop on breast cancer in Indigenous women from 11:30am-3:30pm, on Wednesday 7th March. The half day workshop is being offered free of charge, and is open to conference delegates as well as people who are not attending the conference.

The workshop will be of interest to all health professionals working with Indigenous women, including Indigenous health workers, GPs, rural and remote area nurses and allied health professionals, as well as others with an interest in supporting members of Indigenous communities affected by breast cancer.

You can register for the NBCC Workshop as part of your online registration for the 9th National Rural Health Conference. If you are not attending the conference, please register with Leanne Coleman by emailing leanne@ruralhealth.org.au.

Go to <http://9thnrhc.ruralhealth.org.au/contacts/?IntContId=66&IntCatId=4#bciw> for the updated program. For information about the workshop, please contact Thea Kremser at the National Breast Cancer Centre on 02 9036 3068 or thea.kremser@nbcc.org.au

On the same day the National Rural Health Alliance, National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation and the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association are holding a workshop on Indigenous health – *Health equality in a generation: a rural action plan*. Speakers will include the Chair of NACCHO, Henry Councillor from Broome; Tom Calma, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner; and Ken Wyatt, Director of the Centre for Aboriginal Health with the NSW Department of Health.

Those at the workshop will use the 2006 Open Letter to the Australian People as the starting point for a statement of principle on achieving equal health for Indigenous people in rural and remote areas – and agree some organisational or personal actions to allow the rural health sector to move towards that goal. Workshop facilitator is Brian Doolan, CEO of The Fred Hollows Foundation.

You can register for the Indigenous health workshop as part of your online registration for the 9th National Rural Health Conference. The full conference program and registration access are at www.ruralhealth.org.au

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