

**Happy New Year and welcome to 2012! This year lots of exciting things are happening at the Division, including the transition to the Gippsland Medicare Local. Last year was an excellent year with great achievements made and we look forward to another year of success. Wishing everyone happiness, health and great times in 2012!**

## **Pneumovax 23® - New revaccination advice**

Following the review of Pneumovax 23®, ATAGI's revised revaccination recommendations are:

- A dose of 23vPPV should be given to adults at 65 years of age. Every effort should be made to provide a dose to anyone aged >65 years who has not previously received a dose of 23vPPV.
- For non-Indigenous adults aged ≥65 years, a second dose (a single revaccination) of 23vPPV, to be given ≥5 years after the first dose, is recommended for those who have a condition that predisposes them to an increased risk of invasive pneumococcal disease.
- A second dose is no longer recommended for those without any of these predisposing conditions.

Recommendations for the use of 23vPPV in those < 65 years, including for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (Indigenous) adolescents and adults, are unchanged from the 9th edition of the Australian Immunisation Handbook.

For further information please visit <http://immunise.health.gov.au/>

## **Is your practice ready for the PNIP?**

The Practice Nurse Incentive Program (PNIP) commenced 1st January 2012, and replaces six of the practice nurse MBS item numbers and the current PIP PN incentive with a single block grant.

Practices have until **31st January 2012** to submit their PNIP application form to be assessed as eligible in order to receive the first February 2012 payment. For more information go to <http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/pnip>.

## **GPs needed for headspace Central West Gippsland**

We are currently seeking a GP on an employment or sub contracted basis to work onsite for a few hours on either a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

headspace centres are located across Australia to assist young people to access a range of health services. Young people are encouraged to visit a headspace centre no matter how big or small their problem may seem.

If you are interested or would like more information, please complete and return this [expression of interest](#). For further information please contact Alison Fonseca, Clinical Services Manager on 5126 2899 or [afonseca@cwgdogp.com.au](mailto:afonseca@cwgdogp.com.au)

## **Position Vacant: Mental Health Nurse**

Do you have a minimum of one year experience in a mental health setting with an interest in further study?

headspace CWG is seeking a motivated, team orientated and youth friendly mental health nurse, to join this innovative and developing project that services Latrobe City and Baw Baw Shire. The headspace Mental Health Nurse will provide coordinated clinical care for young people aged 12 to 25 with severe mental disorders, working closely with GPs, allied health and headspace staff to facilitate the provision of coordinated clinical care and treatment for these patients.

Please contact Alison Fonseca, Clinical Services Manager on 5126 2899 or email [afonseca@cwgdogp.com.au](mailto:afonseca@cwgdogp.com.au) for more information.

## **Gippsland Black Pages Launch**

The launch of the Gippsland Black Pages took place on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> of December 2011. It was a huge success and a big thank you to all of those who attended!

The Black Pages will improve access to health services for Gippsland's indigenous people. The resource is able to be downloaded via our website at [www.cwgdogp.com.au/resources](http://www.cwgdogp.com.au/resources)

We trust that you will find this resource to be a useful tool.

## National Prescribing Service

### National Medicines Symposium 2012

Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre  
24-25 May 2012

- Call for abstracts

For further information [click here](#)

### NPS News #76 2011

Generic medicines: informing patients about multiple brands.

This edition of NPS News highlights ways to minimise confusion and addresses common misconceptions about the safety and effectiveness of generic medicines.

For further information [click here](#)

### Rational Assessment of Drugs and Research (RADAR)

#### December 2011 issue

- Asenapine (Saphris) for schizophrenia or bipolar 1 disorder (acute mania or maintenance)
- Oxycodone-with-naloxone controlled-release tablets (Targin)
- Indacaterol (Onbrez) for chronic severe pain

For further information [click here](#)

### NPS Clinical Audits available

Clinical e-Audit: CVD risk and lipid-modifying therapy (Complete before **30 April 2012** to be recognised in the QPI year (1 May to 30 April) in which it is completed)

Clinical e-Audit: Management of hypertension (Complete before **30 April 2012** to be recognised in the QPI year (1 May to 30 April) in which it is completed)

Clinical e-Audit: Review of proton pump inhibitor (PPI) prescribing (Complete before **30 April 2012** to be recognised in the QPI year (1 May to 30 April) in which it is completed)

Clinical e-Audit: Optimising management of Type 2 Diabetes (Complete before **30 April 2012** to be recognised in the QPI year (1 May to 30 April) in which it is completed)

For further information [click here](#)

## Education and Training

### Occupational Health and Safety

For Managers, Supervisors, Staff and other interested health professionals

**Date:** Wednesday 8 February 2012

**Time:** 9.00am-12.00noon

**Venue:** CWG Training Room, 16 Kirk Street Moe

**Cost:** \$50 per participant

### Family Violence and General Practice

RACGP Accredited 4 category 2 points

For GPs, Registrars, Aboriginal Health workers and other interested health professionals

Presented by Dr Louise Sterling and Mr David Ellis

**Date:** Thursday 9 February 2012

**Time:** 6.30pm – 9.30pm

**Venue:** Pettit Room 2, WGHG Community Services, Gladstone Street, Warragul



### Handle with Care: Managing Violent and Potentially Violent Situations

For GPs, Registrars, PNs, PMs, Administration Staff, Mental Health Nurses, Aboriginal Health Workers and other Clinicians

**Date:** Wednesday 28 March 2012

**Time:** Two Sessions:- 8.30am-12 noon or 1.30-5.00pm

**Venue:** CWG Training Room, 16 Kirk Street Moe

**Cost:** \$50 per participant

### Advance Notice: Intermediate Clinical Emergency Management Program (CEMP)

RACGP Accredited ALM 40 Category 1 points – GPs and Registrars only (Limited places available)

1 day workshop

**Date:** Friday 20 April 2012

**Venue:** WGHG Community Services, Gladstone Street, Warragul. More details to be released soon!



### Advance Notice: Advanced Clinical Emergency Management Program (CEMP)

RACGP Accredited ALM 40 Category 1 points - GPs and Registrars only (Limited places available-must have completed Intermediate CEMP prior to registering for Advanced CEMP)

2 day workshop

**Date:** Saturday 20 April & Sunday 21 April 2012

**Venue:** WGHG Community Services, Gladstone Street, Warragul. More details to be released soon!



For further information or to register your interest in attending any education events, please contact Paula on 5126 2899 or email [ppearce@cwgdogp.com.au](mailto:ppearce@cwgdogp.com.au)