



# OUTBACK HORIZONS



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## AAA Team Wins Silver at 2008 NSW Premier's Public Sector Awards

Congratulations to the Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) program which won a Silver Award in the 2008 NSW Premier's Public Sector Awards. The community-driven program aimed to identify men in the community who had an aneurysm because they cause major health problems. The program is a resounding success and the award is well deserved. It is a great example of how the community can help drive innovation in health services.



## Mentoring and Pathways Programs

The BH UDRH has developed a Mentoring Network that aims to train and support mentors and mentees within local communities and businesses. The Mentoring and Pathways Programs (MAPPs) has been established to assist sustainable mentoring models across communities and organisations within Broken Hill and region. This body is inclusive and seeks to provide a common mentoring foundation that is relevant and responsive to rural and remote residents from a wide variety of settings. Mentoring workshops are currently being developed to train and support mentors and the workshops will be available within approximately six weeks. If you are interested in joining the BH UDRH mentoring program as a mentor or a mentee or would just like some more information please contact Veronica Barlow on 08 8080 1231 or e-mail [VBarlow@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:VBarlow@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au)

## New Rainwater Tanks for Student Accommodation

Early last year the BH UDRH received funding from a Commonwealth of Australia Community Water Grant which allowed the Department to purchase 7 rain water tanks plus irrigation equipment for the Broken Hill student accommodation. The name of the project was titled: "Storing the rain to water the students", and the tanks were purchased late last year and recently installed. The rainwater tanks will assist the BH UDRH Maintenance Officer, Mr Steve Fazulla, with watering the gardens at the complex. *Pictured below are 6 of the new tanks.*



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## FAR WEST HEALTH LIBRARY NEWS

### GWAHS Libraries Unveil Combined Web Catalogue

The Far West Health Library has joined the other 4 libraries in GWAHS (Bathurst Hospital, Dubbo Base Hospital, Orange Base Hospital, CRRMH Bloomfield) in releasing a combined catalogue of holdings on the Koha platform. It may be accessed at:  
<http://gwahsopac.intersearch.com>

### Website of the Month: [Searchme.com](http://Searchme.com)

Searchme is an intriguing new attempt to make web research more like how we look for information in print resources. Its search results page is intuitive, highly visual and yet easy for us text-oriented folks to use. Think of holding a hand of cards – you see one card fully and the other cards in slices. Searchme's search results page looks somewhat similar. In the middle of the page is an image of the first retrieved web page, with your search words highlighted. On the right is a smaller image of the next result. Drag that to the middle of the screen and the first page shuffles off to the left and a fresh page appears on the right. Double-click any image and you are taken directly to that page, either in the same window or, if you change your preferences, in a new window or tab. A fresh new approach from a highly efficient search engine.

### GWAHS Libraries Blog

The GWAHS Libraries Blog now lists nearly 400 resources, articles and services of interest to rural health professionals. Recent additions to the wide ranging list include a surgery checklist which saves lives, melanoma guidelines, a new international women's health website and all the follow up of the Garling report.  
<http://gwahslibrariesblog.blogspot.com>

### Cutting Edge Medicine from the Literature:

Buchanan, M.A. *Is golf bad for your hearing?* BMJ 2008 Dec 20-27; (337(7684): 1437-1438

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*Do give books (religious or otherwise) for Christmas - they're never fattening, seldom sinful, and permanently personal.* Lenore Hershey

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The Far West Health Library can be contacted direct on 08 8080 1210 or via fax on 08 8087 5240.

## What's On at the BH UDRH

### Cross Cultural Perspectives in Aboriginal Health

course — **April 28, May 5 & 21 and June 16.** Contact Mr Tony Kickett, Aboriginal Health Education Officer on 08 8080 1202 or e-mail: [TKickett@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:TKickett@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au) or contact Mrs Maria Tattersall on 08 8080 1213 or e-mail: [MTattersall@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:MTattersall@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au)

**Parent Academy** — Applications for Nursing, Medicine and Allied Health Academy programs for high school students will be released in May 2009. Please contact Kathie Naden, Community Development Project Officer -Indigenous Education, on 08 8080 1245 or e-mail: [KNaden@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:KNaden@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au)

**Mental Health Forum** video conferences will be held at the BH UDRH on **APRIL 30: 12:30—1:30pm CST** Detection & Management of Cardiometabolic Health followed by Multidimensional Incomplete Recovery: Reformulation & Progress with 'Treatment Resistance' from 1:30– 3:30pm CST. **MAY 1st:** Reflective Practice Improvement meetings will be held at the BH UDRH. For more information please contact Ms Elizabeth Martin on 08 8080 1204 or e-mail: [EMartin@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:EMartin@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au)

## Staff News

**WELCOME** to **Dr Emma Boulton** who takes over from Dr Peter Lyall as a conjoint RFDS Lecturer in Rural Health. Emma works Wednesdays and Fridays and can be contacted on 08 8080 1234 or e-mail: [EBoulton@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:EBoulton@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au)

**Relocation: Ms Emily Saurman**, A Research Officer with the BH UDRH Centre for Remote Health, who was based in Orange has now relocated to Broken Hill. Emily can be contacted on 08 8080 1206 or e-mail: [ESaurman@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ESaurman@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au)

**FAREWELL** to **Dr Peter Lyall**, a conjoint RFDS Lecturer who was with the department for 5 years. Dr Lyall and his family have moved to Indonesia. Also we recently said Goodbye to **Mrs Lyn Singleton** who had been with the BH UDRH since 2002 holding several administration positions. Also we farwelled **Mr John Ogle**, a Research Assistant who was the department for 2 years and **Ms Sue Selden**, a Senior Research Fellow who has been with the BH UDRH since it began in 1997. The department thanks you all for your contributions, you will be greatly missed and we wish you all the best.