

Media Releases

Health Department Media Releases around Australia

ACT Health

01 May 2009

Grants to help teenage girls pursue their dreams

www.chiefminister.act.gov.au/media.php?v=7955&m=52

Released 01/05/2009

Teenage girls are being encouraged to apply for grants of up to \$2000 to help with further study or development in their area of interest, under a new ACT Government initiative.

28 April 2009

Survey to gauge health and wellbeing of ACT Year 6 students

www.chiefminister.act.gov.au/media.php?v=7928&m=52

A survey of Year 6 students to begin this month, will enable ACT Health to identify changes in the health, nutrition and activity levels of Canberra's primary school aged children.

16 April 2009

ACT to provide free whooping cough vaccine to parents and grandparents

www.chiefminister.act.gov.au/media.php?v=7920&m=52

ACT Health Minister, Katy Gallagher MLA, announced that parents of babies under 12 months of age and grandparents who have regular contact with them will be able to access a free pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine.

02 April 2009

Feedback indicates broad community support for walk-in health centres

www.chiefminister.act.gov.au/media.php?v=7870&m=52

The concept of nurse-led, walk-in health centres had received broad support from the Canberra community.

13 March 2009

Canberra's new Wellness Centre launched

www.chiefminister.act.gov.au/media.php?v=7801&m=52

The clinic offers clients access to services such as General Practitioners, youth health services, comorbidity support and assessment, sexual health services, naturopathy, and hepatitis C services to individuals who have alcohol or drug use issues.

NSW Department of Health

09 April 2009

Mosquito warning in bushlands and rural NSW

www.health.nsw.gov.au/news/2009/20090409_01.html

NSW Health advises people living in or travelling to bushland around Sydney or rural parts of NSW over Easter to cover up and avoid mosquito bites especially over autumn, the peak season for mosquito borne diseases.

26 March 2009

Water bottles recalled from pre-schools

www.health.nsw.gov.au/news/2009/20090326_01.html

NSW Health has today announced a statewide recall of plastic drinking bottles issued to pre-schools throughout the State as part of a health promotion initiative, following a complaint that the valve lid was potentially faulty.

NT Department of Health & Community Services

8 April 2009

Cover up! Easter Holiday Murray Valley Encephalitis Disease Warning

www.health.nt.gov.au/Agency/News_Archive/Cover_up_Easter_Holiday_Murray_Valley_Encephalitis_Disease_Warning/indexdl_2440.aspx

The NT Department of Health and Families has issued a clear warning to 'cover up' against the mosquito borne diseases Murray Valley encephalitis virus and Kunjin virus diseases for the Easter holiday period and the next three months. Historically, March to June is the peak period for the Kunjin virus and potentially fatal Murray Valley encephalitis virus throughout the NT, with activity continuing in higher risk areas until July.

QLD Health

13 April 2009

Nominate a young volunteer this year

www.cabinet.qld.gov.au/mms/StatementDisplaySingle.aspx?id=63276

Nominations are now open for the 2009 Queensland Young Volunteer Awards.

The awards recognise young volunteers, aged 12 to 25, who give up their time and energy to help others.

SA Department of Health

08 April 2009

Don't be a bunny - avoid food poisoning this Easter

www.health.sa.gov.au/Default.aspx?tabid=53

This Easter, SA Health is reminding people to think carefully about food safety, especially when packing food in their cars for holidays, going camping, having a bbq or reheating leftovers.

TAS Department of Health and Human Services

7 May 2009

Technology removing barriers for rural patients

www.media.tas.gov.au/release.php?id=26639

Innovative technology is helping break down the barriers of distance and isolation for patients living in rural and regional Tasmania.

30 April 2009

Mental Health Services for Young Tasmanians

www.media.tas.gov.au/release.php?id=26555

Mental Health Services is working to improve clinical support to young people under 18 years of age who need acute mental health care.

5 April 2009

Community set to make services better

www.media.tas.gov.au/release.php?id=26376

The State Government is asking Tasmanians to play a role in future planning and improving the State's health and human services with the release of a consultation paper Your care, your say.

VIC Department of Human Services

24 March 2009

Victoria Health Website Scoops Australia-wide Award

<http://hnb.dhs.vic.gov.au/web/pubaff/medrel.nsf/LinkView/E3573D70E7482627CA257583001A9E31?OpenDocument>

One of Australia's most trusted health websites has scooped a major national popularity award proving that quality health information still matters.

15 April 2009

Whooping cough risk for newborns

http://www.health.wa.gov.au/press/view_press.cfm?id=827

The Department of Health has reissued its advice to new parents and people caring for young children to have a whooping cough booster following a significant increase in the number of cases across WA in the past six months.

7 April 2009

Campaign steps up to prevent child flu

www.health.wa.gov.au/press/view_press.cfm?id=825

Parents are again being urged to vaccinate young children against influenza after new WA Health research showed that immunisation can reduce flu hospitalisation rates by close to 90 per cent.

20 March 2009

Young women encouraged to take advantage of cervical cancer vaccine

http://www.health.wa.gov.au/press/view_press.cfm?id=821

The Department of Health has joined forces with the Immunisation Alliance of Western Australia and a cervical cancer survivor to urge young women to take up the free cervical cancer vaccine.