



# EMPHN News

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## EMPHN Announcements

### **Phase 3 Mental Health Stepped Care Model Tender Released**

EMPHN is seeking responses from tenderers to deliver Phase 3 of our Mental Health Stepped Care Model.

We are seeking submissions from suitably qualified providers to deliver a whole of model response integrated with general practice for the entire inner-east area (local government areas of Boroondara, Whitehorse, Manningham and Monash) for service delivery planned to start on 14 January 2019.

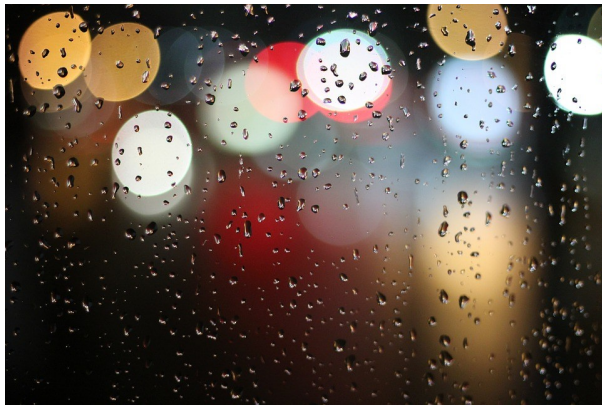
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**Wallan to become innovative  
'after-hours medical  
neighborhood'**

### **EMPHN events**

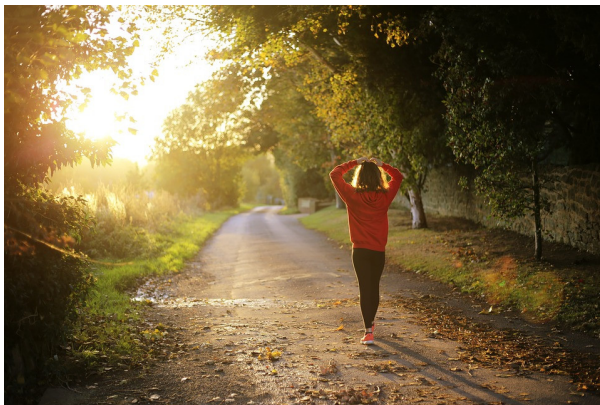
Events for GPs,  
Nurses & Allied



People living in and around Wallan and Kinglake will soon benefit from a new innovative after-hours program called the 'Medical Neighborhood' that will be delivered by Nexus Primary Health and funded by Eastern Melbourne Primary Health Network (EMPHN). The Medical Neighborhood is an expanded patient-centered care model where GPs, specialists, hospitals and other health care professionals work together to provide coordinated care for patients.

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## Beyond Dry July, say hello to a healthier life



For the residents of east and north east Melbourne, Dry July represents an opportunity to start a healthier lifestyle, particularly for those aged 40-65 years who are the age group most commonly admitted to hospital for alcohol misuse in the region.

Data from Turning Point shows that during 2014-15 there were just over 4,000 hospital events (presentations and admissions) related to alcohol for residents aged between 40 and 65 living in Eastern Melbourne Primary Health Network's (EMPHN) catchment, compared to those aged 25 to 39 who had just over 1,400 events.

## Health Professionals

### **QUM Educational Visiting Program Events 2017**

- Opioid Replacement Therapy  
- Schedule 8 Management

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### **RACGP 5th edition Standards training workshop**

16 August 2018  
8:30am - 3:30pm  
[More information](#)

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### **Women's health antenatal and postnatal update**

16 August 2018  
6:00pm - 8:30pm  
[More information](#)

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### **STIs and PrEP: an update for primary care**

21 August 2018  
6:30pm - 9:00pm  
[More information](#)

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### **Mental Health Stepped Care Model and Clinical Staging- A professional development session for primary health service providers**

22 August 2018  
9:00am - 4:00pm  
[More information](#)

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### **Stepped care and e-Mental health in general practice**

30 August 2018  
6:15pm - 9:00pm  
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### **Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) for healthcare providers and community - Whittlesea**

4 September 2018  
9:00am - 5:00pm  
[More information](#)

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### **Risk assessment and management CPD event**

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## My Health Record



Over the coming months, EMPHN will be attending a number of events across the catchment to inform people about My Health Record.

We'll be discussing how My Health Record could benefit you and your family and how you can personally control it. Have your questions answered about the system including opting-in or out.

By the end of 2018 an online summary of your key health information, My Health Record, will be created for every Australian unless they choose not to have one.

Learn more about these events on [our Facebook page](#).

## EMPHN Tenders and Opportunities

As part of our commissioning framework, we release opportunities of various kinds, e.g. Requests for Tender, Requests for Quote and requests for Expressions of Interest, to identify and contract the best providers for delivery of health services in our community.

We do this through the online tendering system eProcure. It helps us provide a transparent and accountable process, in line with commonwealth procurement guidelines, that is more efficient and less costly for both EMPHN and our providers.

**Free registration**

11 September 2018  
6:00pm - 9:00pm  
[More information](#)

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### Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid Dependence (MATOD)

16 September 2018  
8:30am - 5:00pm  
[More information](#)

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### Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) for healthcare providers and community - Maroondah

20 September 2018  
9:00am - 5:00pm  
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### Better questions – the answer for successful chronic disease management

9 October 2018  
6:30pm - 9:00pm  
[More information](#)

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11 October 2018  
6:30pm - 9:00pm  
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### Better questions – the answer for successful chronic disease management

30 October 2018  
12:00pm - 2:30pm  
[More information](#)

Looking for all our events and others in the community?

Visit the events section of the [EMPHN website](#)

To use this system and to access the procurement opportunities, you must first be a registered provider. There is no charge for registration. To register, click [Register](#).

## Follow us on social media

Keep up to date with everything EMPHN through our social media channels.

Connect through our Twitter and LinkedIn accounts.



# Industry News

## New review of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children's respiratory diseases says more can be done



Australian Indigenous  
*HealthInfoNet*

The Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet (HealthInfoNet) at Edith Cowan University has published a new Review of respiratory diseases among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

The review found that the lung health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children requires a greater focus. The review recommends that to reduce the burden of respiratory illness in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, best-practice medicine is essential.

[Access the review on the HealthInfoNet website.](#)

## Oncology attachment for Primary Care Professionals

The Clinical Placement Program in Cancer Survivorship invites GPs, primary care nurses and allied health professionals to enhance their knowledge and confidence in the area of cancer care in a shared care model with local oncology specialists by attending a free hospital attachment.

Eight partnering hospitals will provide oncology placements between January 2018 - April 2019 including St Vincent's Hospital, Austin Health and Monash Health.

The program includes:

- Multidisciplinary meetings
- 2-3 specialist clinics (across a range of cancer types and stages of management)
- Face-to-face workshops (optional)

Positions still available for GPs. Waitlist for primary care nurses and allied health.

Accredited with [RACGP](#) and [ACRRM](#) (40 pts, Cat 1 QI&CPD) and APNA.

**Apply online [here](#).**

For more information contact Ashlee, Education Coordinator, Australian Cancer Survivorship Centre E: [ACSCplacements@petermac.org](mailto:ACSCplacements@petermac.org) P: (03) 8559 6222 or view the [program flyer](#) or [Peter Mac website](#).

This program is proudly supported by the Victorian Government.

## **Hepatitis A Outbreak in Victoria - Order Vaccine for Risk Groups**

(Via [DHHS Immunisation newsletter](#))

There is an ongoing outbreak of hepatitis A in Victoria, with more than 190 known cases since March 2017. More at-risk persons need to be vaccinated to prevent the outbreak worsening.

The hepatitis A vaccine is free to at-risk groups until 31 December 2018.

Who is at-risk of hepatitis A?

- Men who have sex with men
- People who have injected drugs in the past 12 months
- Homeless rough sleepers
- Adult prisoners.

For more information: [Important health information for men who have sex with men: a guide for health professionals and immunisation providers.](#)