

# Office of the Chief Nurse Communiqué

August 2010

*This is my last communiqué before I take up my new role as CEO, Country Health South Australia and I have been reflecting on what I have learned over the past 10 years as the Chief Nursing Advisor.*

*In this role I have particularly valued the diversity of people that I work with - their different backgrounds and paradigms often challenge my way of thinking. I am conscious that this diversity and tolerance of differences underpins our structures within healthcare in Victoria. As I have engaged in national consultations I have been aware that this pattern may have also contributed to the sense that Victoria often has a different line and that we can 'beg to differ' from the other jurisdictions.*

*I believe this diversity, individuality and even at times friendly competition has fostered resilience and strength in our system and is one of the reasons we have a health system that is the envy of others.*

*I am particularly proud of the achievements we have collectively made here in Victoria for the nursing and midwifery disciplines and the impact this has had on the care provided to patients/clients and their families. I am very conscious that these achievements have been the result of strong partnership and collaboration between our area and the Directors of Nursing and Midwifery.*

*I have no doubt I will continue to run into many of you and I wish you all the best personally and professionally for the future.*

*It has been a great privilege and a pleasure working with you and representing you and your staff within the department.*



**Adj Professor Belinda Moyes**  
Chief Nursing Advisor

## NP Funding Round open

Eligible health services are invited to apply in the following areas: Palliative care, Oncology, Mental Health and Drug and alcohol services and aged/palliative integrated care. This funding Round closes on **6 September 2010**

NP contact: [nonie.rickard@health.vic.gov.au](mailto:nonie.rickard@health.vic.gov.au)  
[www.health.vic.gov.au/nursing/furtheringpractitioner](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/nursing/furtheringpractitioner)

*Please circulate me to wards/areas where nurses and midwives work in your organisation!*

## Enrolled Nurse Study Leave Program

The next round of applications for Enrolled Nurse Paid Study Leave (previously Division 2 Paid Study Leave Program) will be processed on **6 December 2010**. This grant is currently under review.

NP contact: [Cathrine.Klomp@health.vic.gov.au](mailto:Cathrine.Klomp@health.vic.gov.au)  
<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/nursing/furthering/div2paid>

## Aged care scholarships

Applications have opened for undergraduate aged care nursing scholarships worth up to \$30,000 each. Applications for these Commonwealth scholarships close on **10 September 2010**.

<http://www.rcna.org.au/scholarships/agedcarenursingschols> or 1800 116 696

## Nursing/Midwifery student employment

The Health Service and Student Surveys have been extended to **30 September**. Your involvement (including drawing the attention of students on clinical placement to the Student Survey) will greatly assist the project team. *Links to the surveys at:*

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/nursing/career/nursing-student-employment-projectNP>  
NP contact: [christine.breakwell@health.vic.gov.au](mailto:christine.breakwell@health.vic.gov.au)

## Changes to Nurse Computer Match

Due to an increase in the number of new graduates applying through NCM there has been a change in the program. Health services preferencing local (ie Vic.home postcode) BN (EN/Div 2 conversion) students from interstate universities are invited to discuss their concerns with Nurse Policy.

<http://computermatching.pmcv.com.au/public/howto/index.cfm>  
NP contact: [Merin.Bamert@health.vic.gov.au](mailto:Merin.Bamert@health.vic.gov.au)

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