

**Locum Availability**

Expressions of interest of locum placements for February 2010 are now being taken. For more information, see attached flyer.

**New GP Mental Health Nurse**

BRHS is pleased to announce that its sixth GP Mental Health Nurse will start on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2010. Chris Heys will work full time and will be based at the Cannonvale Office. Chris has more than 20 years of experience in nursing that encompasses caring for those with some form of mental illness. For more information, contact Scott Harris on 4942 0311.

**Indigenous Health Incentive PIP**

The new Indigenous Health Incentive PIP was announced yesterday and will commence in May 2010. The PIP includes: a sign-on payment, payable when practices meet specified criteria; a payment linked to registration of eligible Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients with the practice; and an outcomes payment linked to services provided to registered patients. For more information, see attached flyer.

**Panvax® H1N1 vaccine is Registered**

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has registered Panvax® H1N1 vaccine for use in children from 6 months to 9 years of age. The Product Information is available at: <http://www.healthemergency.gov.au/internet/healthemergency/publishing.nsf/Content/kids-vaccine-qna-toc>  
The Queensland Health Immunisation Program (QHIP) has *pre-allocated* Panvax H1N1 Junior® PFS vaccine orders for vaccine service providers based on usual childhood vaccine order quantities. If your Practice does **not** wish to receive Panvax H1N1 Junior® vaccine prior to Christmas, **please notify QHIP urgently by fax 3328-9720**. Your practice will then need to order Panvax H1N1 Junior® after 04 January 2010.

**Remotely Monitored Exercise for Chronic Disease Project**

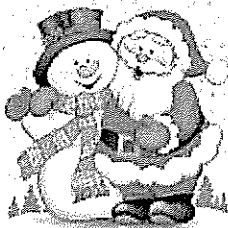
The Queensland University of Technology Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation, in conjunction with the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing, is conducting a project to trial a new approach to programming and monitoring outdoor exercise for chronic disease patients in rural and remote areas. For more information, please phone 07 3138 0137 or email REX@qut.edu.au

**Last Friday Fax for 2009**

MDGP and BRHS will be closed over the Christmas period from close of business 18 December 2009 and will reopen 4 January 2010, making this as the last Friday Fax for the year. We wish you all an enjoyable and safe break as we prepare for another eventful year in 2010.



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**Visiting Specialists**

Dr P Bastian – Geriatrician	14 December 2009	For booking please contact the Pioneer Valley Hospital. Phone - 4942 1144
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