

**MDGP Christmas Drinks for GPs, Practice Staff and Stakeholders**

Please join MDGP staff for a Christmas drink on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2008 at the MDGP offices on Evans Avenue North Mackay. **See attached flyer.**

**Reminder – Patient with Mental Health Problems**

This is a reminder that patients referred to see a Division Psychologist should have a mild to moderate mental health problem. Patients with a more severe condition, who are not acutely unwell, can be referred to the Division’s GP Mental Health Nurses. Patients, that you are concerned may be at risk of self-harm, should be referred directly to the Base Hospital or, if appropriate, to a GP Mental Health Nurse. The waiting list for Psychologists is often two weeks.

**Reminder – PIK Podiatrist**

Podiatry services for patients with diabetes are now available. Referral criteria and referral templates were emailed to all practices this week. For further information, contact Diana at the Division.

**Survey for Rural GPs**

The Mackay Health Community Council is conducting a survey of rural GPs to ascertain whether their patients are encountering barriers to accessing health services in Mackay. **See attached survey.**

**“Clinical approaches to suicide prevention: What works?” with Professor Graham Martin**

For GPs, Psychiatrists, Paediatricians, other Specialists and Psychologists. GPs don't miss this unique opportunity to engage one of Australia's foremost experts on Suicide prevention. **See attached flyer.**

**Apology to MIMS**

We apologise to MIMS that we sent out a letter from the Mater Private After Hours Service that criticised MIMS. MDGP does not believe that MIMS is trying to compete with GPs, and the Division does not endorse the criticisms directed at MIMS. We would encourage any GP who is concerned about MIMS to talk with them directly.

**REMINDERS**

For	Workshop	Date/time	Venue	Contact
Practice Managers	SMART Virtual Seminar Recall and Reminders	20 <sup>th</sup> November	MDGP	MDGP- Val Ph: 4953 4491
All	Drought Rural Health Expo	25 <sup>th</sup> November	Moranbah Community Ctr	MDGP-Donna Ph:4953 4491
All	Medicare-Working Together to Get it Right	26 <sup>th</sup> November	Grand Mercure	MDGP- Val Ph: 4953 4491
GPs	Minor Surgery for General Practitioners	29-30 November	Melbourne	RACS Ph: 03 9276 7455
Practice Nurses	Assessment and Management of the High Risk Foot	6 <sup>th</sup> December	MDGP	MDGP- Mandy/Diana Ph:4953 4491
All	Clinical approaches to suicide prevention. What works?	11 <sup>th</sup> December	Grand Mercure	MDGP – Karin Ph: 4953 4491