



The Australasian Men's Health Forum presents the

NATIONAL MEN'S HEALTH GATHERING 2009

The life of men

Tuesday 6 October – Friday 9 October 2009

The University of Newcastle, NSW

5th National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Male Health Convention

8th National Men's Health Conference

4th National Men and Family Relationships Forum

Call for Abstracts and Bids for 2011 now open

Who will benefit from attending the gathering?

Health professionals, including general practitioners, specialists, nurses, allied health workers, counsellors, social workers, mental health workers, youth workers, academics, policy makers, health promotion and public health practitioners, community developers, researchers and health educators.

Anyone interested in improving male health in Australia is most welcome to attend. These events only happen once every two years. If you work in the area or are keen to increase your skills and knowledge in the area you should be in Newcastle in October 2009.

To register your interest please visit

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Following on from the success of the previous seven national conferences the 8th National Men's Health Conference and adjoining events will be the biggest ever. In this milestone year of the formation of our first National Men's Health Policy, join us for this opportunity to make a difference in men's health and wellbeing by sharing our knowledge, skills and practice in the area. This gathering will provide a chance for you to participate in strengthening the advancement of male health in the Australasian region and beyond through effective strategic planning and knowledge management.

AMHF and the Local Organising Committee hope you make the journey to Newcastle for these historic events. The National Men's Health Gathering 2009 consists of:

5th National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Male Health Convention Tuesday 6 October – Wednesday 7 October 2009

'Kore Pitalkoba' which means 'Men being Peaceful, Loving and Healthy'

The convention represents an exciting time for Indigenous men as it provides an opportunity to discuss men's issues and to evaluate the effects of the past, the disadvantage of men's health at present, and the measures necessary to promote and ensure a healthier future. An important area of the convention is to assist Aboriginal men understand their responsibility to improve Men's Health and the value of their roles such as fathers, brothers, leaders, elders, husbands, uncles, and grandfathers.

8th National Men's Health Conference Wednesday 7 October – Friday 9 October 2009

The 8th National Men's Health Conference will provide a range of opportunities for participants to share the successes and challenges in their current work, to mix and share experiences with others with a common interest in male health and wellbeing and to reflect on current achievements and discuss future ones with colleagues from Australia and abroad. The conference will invigorate you through stimulating papers, issue debates and interactive workshop sessions and provide you with many exciting and challenging learning experiences. The agenda will be broad reaching and the Social Programme is an exciting addition that creates more vital networking time for all.

4th National Men and Family Relationships Forum Thursday 8 October – Friday 9 October 2009

Language, Landscape, Engagement and Responses

The 4th National Men and Family Relationships Forum will explore the constantly changing context of men and their family relationships in Australia. It will recognise the significant achievements, identify examples of positive, strengths-based approaches to working with men, young men and children. It will also explore the current challenges and opportunities for relating with men, building relationships and partnerships for future sustainability.

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