

**Date: 30 January 2009**Level 3, 11 National Circuit, Barton ACT 2600. PO Box 7426, Canberra BC ACT 2610. [P]: (02) 6273 9000, [F]: (02) 6273 7000, [W]: www.apha.org.au**AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS**

In the Australia Day Honours, Professor Harvey Whiteford was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM). Professor Whiteford holds the Kratzmann Chair in Psychiatry and Population Health at Toowong Private Hospital (CEO Christine Gee) and his citation reads "For service to medicine as a leader in mental health reform, the development of national standards of clinical care, professional competence and economic policy."

If Members and Sponsors are aware of any other recipients of Australia Day honours in the private hospital sector, could you please send the details to Marie McCoy at APHA marie.mccoy@apha.org.au

ACHS EQUiP REVIEW

The Australian Council on Healthcare Standards (ACHS) released a draft simplified framework of its EQUiP 4 standards, criteria and elements specific to Day Procedure Centres (DPCs) in December, 2008, for field review and comment. The field review is due for completion on 28 February 2009.

The draft of the revised EQUiP 4 standards, criteria and elements specifically for DPCs is available on the ACHS website at <http://www.achs.org.au/DPCFieldReview/> The ACHS is requesting DPCs to review the draft and provide feedback via the SurveyMonkey website. The link to the survey is: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=guL_2bAUz9xvEYYYYqN_2bRnDvQ_3d_3d

ACHS is also seeking expressions of interest from DPCs to participate in a desktop audit of the DPC program as a pilot test organisation. Inquiries to djones@achs.org.au

EXPERIENCE THE LATEST IN HOSPITAL INNOVATION – APHA CONNECT INTERNATIONAL STUDY TOUR

APHA Connect provides you with a unique opportunity to benefit from a truly global perspective on the advancement of private healthcare. Taking in San Francisco, Seattle and Vancouver from 17 to 29 April 2009, APHA Connect will visit world class private health providers, where you'll meet with highly respected health professionals, experience cutting edge clinical and educational facilities and learn about alternative service delivery models. Visit www.aphaconnect.com for program details and to register your interest in attending.

NHCDC

The Department of Health and Ageing has conformed via Circular PHI 5/09 that it is scheduling training sessions on the National Hospitals Cost Data Collection (NHCDC). The sessions are expected to cover costing, data requirements and quality assurance of the processed data. The sessions are:

4 February Sydney
5 February Melbourne
6 February Brisbane
10 February Adelaide
11 February Perth

The Department has asked for your expressions of interest in the training sessions by Thursday 29 January to nhcdc@health.gov.au.

INNOVATIVE PRACTICE IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR 2009

Now in its 6th year, PHAQ in conjunction with HESTA Super Fund invites national participation in the *Innovative Practice in the Private Sector Conference*, by submitting an abstract to present at this conference to be held in Brisbane on Friday 26 June 2009. The closing date for abstracts is 13 February 2009. More information

from Lucy Fisher at lucyf@phaq.org or (07) 3279 7600

SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS FROM THE 2008 APHA CONGRESS AVAILABLE

Speaker presentations at the 2008 APHA Congress – Private Hospitals: 2020 provided the very latest information and insights into the future role, emerging trends and challenges facing the industry. APHA has a limited number of surplus discs of speaker presentations that are available on a 'first-in' basis to delegates or members who missed out on attending the 2008 Congress. Simply send a self-addressed and postage stamped padded envelope or CD mailer to the APHA office to receive your disc:

Australian Private Hospitals Association
Attn: 2008 Congress Speaker Presentations
PO Box 7426
Canberra BC
ACT 2610

REMINDER: MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

APHA is pleased to offer Management and Leadership Workshops as our latest member initiative. These workshops have been developed to be particularly relevant to the private healthcare sector, using specific examples from practice. To ensure APHA accommodates the management and leadership development needs of you and your staff, please contact the APHA office at info@apha.org.au.

PRIVATE HOSPITAL MAGAZINE

APHA's Public Affairs Manager, Lisa Ramshaw is looking for contributions for the next issue of Private Hospital magazine, which will have a focus on **Mental Health**. If you have a story you would like to share with a wider audience, please contact Lisa at lisa.ramshaw@apha.org.au by **6 March 2009**.