NEW STUDENT ACCOMMODATION IN BROKEN HILL ALMOST COMPLETE

The additional student accommodation located in Bromide Street Broken Hill is nearing its final stages. It consists of 6 double bedrooms each with own bathroom, an open plan kitchen dining lounge area, a big walk-through laundry that leads to a small outdoor area for student BBQs. Painting has finished (the internal walls are a contemporary fresh ‘chalk’ colour with a ‘burnt orange’ feature wall in each bedroom) and floor coverings are being laid this week. Furnishings will then go into the housing over the next few weeks and it should be ready for students by mid June. All students who will be lucky enough to be placed into the new dwelling will really enjoy their brand new comfortable surroundings, and they no doubt will be the envy of other students housed in the nearby functional but older accommodation.

Farewell to Tara Walker

As many would be aware Dr Tara Walker has recently resigned her position as Director of Primary Health Care with the BH UDRH to take up a new managerial role at Brewarrina Health Service. Tara came from the Lightning Ridge Health Service to join the BH UDRH in 2004 but her passion for frontline health in very remote fields drew her back to the real bush again. Staff at the BH UDRH really enjoyed working with Tara - we wish her all the best in her new position and adventures in Brewarrina.

New Role for Deb Jones

Deb Jones who was a PHC Health Education Officer with the BH UDRH since 2003 has been appointed on nomination for 6 months into the Directors position. Deb has a longstanding work history within the former Far West Area Health Service and rural and remote communities across Australia. Deb brings to the position extensive management and strategic skills as well as a commitment to Primary Health Care, Indigenous health and education and training. Deb also has a strong focus on action based research and service evaluation. Academically Deb is currently undertaking a Masters in Indigenous Health through the University of Wollongong and hopes to progress into a PhD focusing on an Indigenous health aspect. Congratulations Deb.

Should anyone want any details on any of the courses run by the BH UDRH, eg. the Diploma and Advanced Diploma in Indigenous Primary Health Care, and the Enhanced Isolated Practice Program please feel free to contact Deb on 08 8080 1239 or any of the Primary Health Care team staff on 08 8080 1200.
The Centre for Remote Health research has two new staff members. Justin Gladman has started with the Centre as a Research Scholar and Janet Dalby has come on board as a Research Assistant. Justin is currently completing a Master of Clinical Education and as part of this is looking at the use of Problem Based Learning (PBL) to train Aboriginal Health Workers. Justin will be using this research as the basis for his PhD.

Janet Dalby has started in the Centre as a Research Assistant working with A/Prof Gaynor Heading on projects related to physical activity and nutrition. Janet has had a long involvement in the Broken Hill health sector through her previous role as the Chief Executive Officer of the Barrier Division of General Practice. She has also previously been involved in the Centre through her participation in the 2005 Researcher Development Placement round. We will be welcoming even more staff to the Centre next OH issue!

SOCIAL REPORT

Always a highlight of the local social calendar, Broken Hill’s St Patrick’s Race Day on April 1 which attracted a number of enthusiastic students who enjoyed the carnival atmosphere. Also one of the bonuses for many students during their time here is the opportunity to socialise with students from other disciplines, other universities and other countries. Over the Easter period a group of seven students from Sydney and Germany undertook a four-day camping trip to the Flinders Ranges, enjoying the landscape, undertaking outdoors activities and seeing the country.

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