

Congratulations Dr Di O'Halloran, AO

Congratulations go to WentWest Chair, Dr Di O'Halloran who was named an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in the 2018 Australia Day honours list.

Di was recognised for her distinguished service to medicine in the field of general practice through policy development, health system reform and the establishment of new models of service and care.

Having been involved in divisions of general practice and Primary Health Networks for nearly 25 years, she has held senior roles in some of the largest health organisations in Australia, including Western Sydney Local Health District, NSW Health, the Australian Health Care Reform Alliance and the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners.

As the WentWest Chair since 2008, Di continues to drive our innovative approach to improving quality health care and better health outcomes for the western Sydney community.

"We have an opportunity at the moment to which is unique, but we haven't yet tipped over into something really exciting", says Di.

"My heroes in all of this are the GPs who keep delivering really compassionate quality care for their patients even though the system doesn't reward that particularly well at the moment."



Events

My Health Record webinar series - Change management and communicating with consumers

Thursday 8th February 2018

5:00pm - 6:00pm

Get Bloody Serious - A workshop all about hep C: From prevention to cure

Tuesday 13th February 2018

9:30am - 4:30pm

Diabetes Support Group - Maintaining oral health with diabetes

Tuesday 13th February 2018

5:45pm - 7:00pm

Better Teeth, Better Health: A symposium on diabetes and oral health

Thursday 22nd February 2018

5:30pm - 8:00pm

Other News

EOI for Primary Mental Health Care providers

Western Sydney Primary Health Network (WSPHN) is seeking expressions of interest from mental health professionals to be a provider in the Primary Mental Health Care (PMHC) program. PMHC replaces the former ATAPS program in western Sydney.

Applications close on Monday 19th February. For further information please visit tenderlink.com.au/wentwest

My Health Record training modules

New online My Health Record training modules are now available for pharmacists. There are five modules in total, each being accredited 0.5 CPD points.

Updates to the five general practice training modules have also been released.

All modules are available on the Australian Digital Health Agency's training website training.digitalhealth.gov.au

Active Kids program

In a bid to help kids get more active, the NSW Government have launched their Active Kids program, allowing NSW families access to a \$100 voucher that can be used towards registration or membership fees for sport and

fitness activities.

Vouchers are valid for one calendar year and are available for every child in NSW that is enrolled in school.

More information can be found on the Office of Sport website.

GP Association meetings

The below GP Association meetings are upcoming in western Sydney:

Hills: Kickstart the change: Inspiring patient engagement in the management of type 2 diabetes - Wednesday 7th February

Mount Druitt: Sleep disorders - Friday 16th February

Westmead: Emergency procedures GP updates - Wednesday 21st February

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