

Ray Messom new CEO for WentWest

WentWest (Western Sydney Primary Health Network) is pleased to announce the appointment of our new CEO - Ray Messom. Originally from Toronto, Canada, Ray has resided in Australia for the last eight years. Ray most recently led System Information and Analytics Branch for the NSW Ministry of Health. The Branch enabled the effective purchasing of health service and fulfilment of the Ministry's role as System Manager through high-quality data, analytics and performance reporting. He brings to WentWest in-depth expertise in Health and Business Economics, Health System Performance, Informatics and Analytics: all skills which are critical to the next phase of health system reforms - and to the evolution of PHNs.

Ray says he is honoured and excited to be taking up the CEO role.

"I have always admired the work of WentWest. Whether that be working with partners to lead better system integration and coordination or the work they do to strengthen equity and empowerment for Western Sydney communities and the people who care for them.

I'm proud to be taking up this leadership role with such a dedicated and passionate team. I'm determined to build and expand on the great work done by previous CEO Walter Kmet and the WentWest team." Mr Messom said.

Ray has worked in academic, commercial and public settings, with responsibilities over that time ranging from the management of large PwC business work programs, through to monitoring NSW Local Health District purchasing and performance functions. Recent collaborative work with PHNs includes the refinement of needs assessment processes, Integrated Care rollouts and progression of the NSW Data Linkage Project.

A passionate advocate for equitable access, system improvement and patient centred approaches, Ray is ideally placed to build and expand on the great work done by previous CEO Walter Kmet and the WentWest team. Please join us in welcoming Ray to WentWest and Western Sydney.



Ray Messom, CEO WentWest

Events

My Health Record Training on Best Practice

Wednesday 7th August 2019

6:30pm - 9:00pm

General Practice Quality Improvement Series: Accreditation, Data Driven Improvement and PIP QI

Tuesday 13th August 2019

6:00pm - 9:30pm

My Health Record: Allied Health, GPs and Specialists

Wednesday 14th August 2019

6:30pm - 9:30pm

Mental Health Professional Network Event - Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Training

Wednesday 21st August 2019

6:00pm - 9:30pm

Other News

Practical Paediatrics for GPs

The two-day course held annually will commence on Saturday 3rd August and Sunday 4th August at The Children's Hospital in Westmead. The program covers a wide variety of topics to update knowledge and skills in paediatrics.

The conference has been designed for maximum participation and interaction, with an emphasis on small group practical and case study sessions.

For more information including a registration form please see the attached brochure, or contact the Education Centre.

Annual Western Sydney Homeless Connect

On Monday 5th August, the Annual Western Sydney Homeless Connect day is being held in Parramatta. This day connects over 1,000 people experiencing or at risk of homelessness to essential services in the community. Our community has multiple barriers to accessing basic health and well-being services and this events helps to break down these barriers. WentWest is providing funding for this event and we would encourage your organisation to register to support our community. Registration is free for all service providers.

Vaccine Storage and Cold Chain Management – What’s New?

The National Vaccine Storage Guidelines ‘Strive for 5’ (3rd edition) 2019, was released in June and mailed to all Immunisation providers by the Department of Health. Additional copies and resources can be downloaded and ordered by contacting (02) 6269 1080 or health@nationalmailing.com.au

From July 31, at least one staff member must successfully complete the NSW Health Vaccine Storage and Cold Chain Management online learning module to order vaccines, however it's recommended that all staff complete the online learning module.

Thrive@5 Doonside - Term 3

Doonside’s free kids soccer program kicks off on Wednesday 31st July. Children from the ages of three to five can join ‘Mini Tots Soccer’ and ‘Story and Rhyme Time’ at Crawford Public School, Power Street Doonside. Healthy sandwiches and fruit snacks will also be provided on the day.

To find out more about Thrive@5 contact Steven on 0419 401 320 or email stevep58@tpg.com.au

The full term 3 timetable is also available on our website.

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