

NATIONAL ORAL HEALTH Promotion Clearinghouse

The National Oral Health Promotion Clearinghouse was formally launched on 8 July 2008 during the Population Health Congress 2008 in Brisbane. Ms Christine Morris, Vice-President of the Public Health Association of Australia, cut the ribbon at the ceremony during the Oral Health Breakfast Seminar. The mission of the Oral Health Promotion Clearinghouse is to contribute to the reduction of oral disease in Australia.

The Oral Health Promotion Clearinghouse is a web-based information resource that provides up-to-date, accurate and comprehensive information about oral health promotion research, reviews, practice and resources in Australia and

overseas. The Clearinghouse works to support researchers and practitioners in oral health promotion.

The Clearinghouse aims to foster the development and implementation of effective prevention and oral health promotion strategies to improve the health of Australians.

Its goal is to link people and organizations involved in oral health promotion in Australia to resources and expertise. The resource information has been sorted into pages depending on what has most relevance to dental professionals, other professionals and the general public. The resources are further subdivided into such areas as fluoride issues, oral health and chronic disease.

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Dr Bruce Simmons, Chairman of the Oral Health Significant Interest Group, and Dr Julie Satur, Senior Lecturer of Population Oral Health, The University of Melbourne.

The Clearinghouse identifies relevant research papers and reviews from the oral health and health promotion literature. It has research papers on oral health for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people with special needs, and the relationship between smoking and oral health.

In addition, the Clearinghouse hosts a noticeboard for activities and opportunities in oral health promotion such as scholarships, job vacancies, courses and conferences. One such conference is the Australian Health Promotion Association 18th Annual Conference, to be held in Perth from 17-20 May 2009.

Oral health promotion programmes are presented so that you may learn from others. One such programme is the South Australian Dental Service Smoking Cessation Project, the aim of which is to provide a referral pathway for Community Dental Service clients to the QUITLINE.

The Clearinghouse is designed to encourage information sharing and networking among people working in oral health promotion across Australia. If you have materials and experience that you would like to share with others, you could either forward us the item, provide a detailed description of what you want included, or simply give us a lead and we'll follow it up.

Your contributions are necessary for the Clearinghouse to be successful.

The Clearinghouse is hosted out of the Australian Research Centre for Population Oral Health (ARCPOH) at The University of



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Adelaide. A Reference Group of experts in oral health promotion from around Australia oversee the development, implementation and running of the site.

The Reference Group consists of:

- Professor Neil Thomson: Director of the Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet
- Professor Anthony Blinkhorn: NSW Health Chair of Population Oral Health
- Dr Julie Satur: Senior Lecturer of Population Oral Health, The University of Melbourne
- Associate Professor Kaye Roberts-Thomson: Director of the Dental Practice Education Research Unit, ARCPOH, The University of Adelaide
- Ms Christine Morris: Health Promotion Director, South Australian Dental Service

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