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Moira Miller and Assoc. Professor Victoria Traynor
World Alzheimer's Day 2006 Information Stand at
Wollongong Hospital.

Welcome !

It is with great delight that we welcome you to the first edition of the EADTSC newsletter. You have received this newsletter because you gave us your contact details at one of our events, so **thank you** for your interest and support.

EADTSC was established in July 2006 with funding from the DoHA Dementia - A National Health Priority: Initiative.

The lead site is based at the University of Wollongong and Queensland University of Technology hosts the other site. Our partnership takes a collaborative approach between academic and industry partners to offer dementia based training and study opportunities, increasing the awareness of dementia. We also support the professional development of practitioners across disciplines and care settings.

Our partners are -

NSW

- * University of Wollongong
- * Hammond Care Group
- * UnitingCare:Ageing

Queensland

- * Griffith University
- * Queensland University of Technology
- * RSL Care
- * Blue Care

As you can see there is a wealth of expertise among our partners who will work to deliver a range of relevant and high quality services.

Prof. Patrick Crookes (UoW), Richard Fleming (Hammond Care), Prof. Jenny Abbey (QUT), Deborah Oxlade (RSL Care), Prof Wendy Moyle (Griffith Uni), Jane Nolan (UnitingCare), Ass. Prof. Victoria Traynor (UoW) and Graham Pemberton (QUT)



Upcoming Events in 2007:

FEBRUARY

21/2/07 EADTSC
Wollongong Site Launch
Event at University of
Wollongong NSW

21/2/07 Prof. Rhonda Nay -
Guest Lecture at University
of Wollongong NSW

March

Dr Jeff Rowland - Guest
Lecture in Queensland





EADTSC Core Activities

We offer activities across NSW and Qld.

- ***Undergraduate Content*** - A suite of dementia topics available for students across health related disciplines.
- ***Postgraduate Studies*** - A collaborative PG programme in dementia studies will be available at all partner Universities.
- ***Clinical Workshops*** - A range of interactive day workshops on a range of dementia topics.
- ***Scholarships*** - Each year a competitive round of awards will be announced for UG & PG students.
- ***Clinical Placements*** - Specialist dementia placements for UG & PG students.
- ***Guest Lectures*** - A series of 10 seminars from leading researchers in the field of dementia
- ***Research & Consultancy*** - Projects which focus on improving clinical practice and service delivery.



Visiting Professor Helen Bartlett hot desking, Oct 2006.



Centre Opening, Vicki Traynor Sept. 2006.



Professor Wendy Moyle Guest Lecture Dec 2006

EADTSC Current Projects

Raising Awareness of Dementia Among Acute Care Staff

This DoHA project saw the development, implementation and evaluation of Dementia Workshops in three acute hospitals in the Illawarra. The project was launched at Wollongong Hospital on World Alzheimer's Day with an information stand at the front of the hospital and a guest lecture. Professor Susan Koch very appropriately spoke about the

benefits of research in acute practice. To date the workshops are complete with attendance and evaluation data being collated. The single most common feedback comment from all workshops was the desire for increased time for this type of education. The interactive nature of the workshops was also appreciated.

Dementia Quiz spreads to Community

A short quiz was designed to obtain indicative information on dementia knowledge levels of staff in acute hospitals. This has been very successful and analysis is underway, the questionnaire has been refined and is to be

tested for reliability and will then roll out to residential care settings. This information will be used to identify the current level of awareness about dementia care issues.



Guest Lectures

This has been a very successful series with up to 50 practitioners attending each event. The sessions have been topical and relevant being delivered by a variety of specialist researchers. These gatherings also serve as opportunities for practitioners and academics to

network and the enthusiasm and commitment by both these groups have been demonstrated in the high attendance numbers.

Here is a peak at next years planned guest lecture programme.



*Guest lecture
12th December 2006*



*Brisbane Workshops
November 2006*



*Part of the catering
team in Brisbane
November 2006*

Feb	NSW	Professor Rhonda Nay	Professor of Gerontic Nursing LeTrobe University
Mar	QLD	Dr. Jeff Rowland	Aged care physician, Prince Charles Hospital. Executive member Australian and New Zealand Society of Geriatric Medicine.
Apr	NSW	Assoc. Professor Andrew Robinson	Associate Prof. Aged Care Nursing Research University of Tasmania
May	QLD	Professor Leon Flicker	Professor of Geriatric Medicine at the University of Western Australia.
Jun	NSW & QLD	Professor Laura N Gitlin	Director, Center for Applied Research on Aging and Health
Jul	NSW & QLD	Professor John Keady	School of Health Community and Education University of Northumbria
Aug	NSW	Assoc. Professor Victoria Traynor	Assoc. Professor University of Wollongong, Director Eastern Australia Dementia Training Study Centre
Sep	QLD	Professor Mark Matthews	Professor University of Sydney
Oct	QLD	Assoc. Professor Barbara Horner	Director Curtin University Centre for Research on Ageing
Nov	NSW	Jan Dewing	Senior Fellow Practice Development, RCN Institute, Cavendish Square, London, UK

Finally from the Team at the Eastern Australia Dementia Training Study Centre, may we wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!