

Newsletter – October 2010

✓ - visa - register - accommodation - travel bookings

The weeks are flying – 13 days to go! Registration, accommodation and have you booked your travel? For those that require Visas please let me know if you need assistance.



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It is time to review your check list of things to do before you start the journey to the Muster.

*If you have **already registered** please check your confirmation email to ensure all the details are correct, and the booking and payment you made are as you expect. From this detail we will print your namebadge and ensure you have access to the social events, and your accommodation is available.*



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NOTE: the venue, Novotel Barossa Valley Resort is a 90 min drive from Adelaide, if you have not booked a transfer please confirm via email, or if you wish to hire a car and require assistance with this please let the **Secretariat** know.

Barossa Valley - It's the wine capital of Australia, a place where you can get a real taste for the finer things in life. But if you're thinking that it all sounds a bit highbrow, think again.

The Barossa is a relaxed and friendly place, where during your holiday, you can share a drink with the people who actually make the region's world class wines. You might meet them at the Barossa's wineries and cellar doors, or you might run into them at restaurants, or on a golf course.

Of course, there's more to a Barossa Valley holiday than just wine.

When you travel to the Barossa, you can browse art stores for something special to take home, sit in a friendly restaurant and enjoy local cuisine, or get out into the sunny countryside and stretch your legs with a walk in a national park.

Communication

On the website there is a 'Message Board'. This facility is for delegates and families to connect before the conference – any questions or ideas, please connect to the message board by following the link below:
<http://members.boardhost.com/gcmem2010/>

Program

Two of the workshops plan to be interactive with access to internet and therefore for these sessions you will need your own hardware. The sessions are:

Tuesday 19, 1030 - Workshop B – Developing and using Virtual Patients – an Introduction by Rachel Ellaway

Wednesday 20, 1330 – Oral Presentation – Learner Evaluation using Smartphones - Paul Mackey.

Keynote Speakers

The conference has secured the following for plenary sessions:

Dr Arjun Karki – Community Engagement

Assoc Prof Barbara Ogur – Continuity

Prof Alison lee – Interprofessional Authentic Learning

Ms Bjorg Palsdottir – Social Accountability

Dr Malcolm Cox – Health Professional Education for the Future

Transfers

Transfers from Adelaide Airport to the Novotel Barossa Valley Resort have been arranged for Monday 18th October 1100 and 1400. Both of the transfers will go via North Terrace to pick up anyone who has booked from there. Return journey leaves the resort Thursday 21st October at 1400.

Airport - Bus drivers will display a sign 'GCEMEM 2010' – please look out for this as you come down on the escalator before you collect your luggage.

Tuesday and Wednesday – morning shuttles will pick up from 7.15am, starting at Weintal. Sessions start at 0800 and in particular on Tuesday we have the Governor of SA opening the Conference and you are required to be seated before 0800.

Breakfast at Alternate accommodation – Weintal – The Barossa Motor Lodge – Tanunda Apartments

Please check with reception of the property regarding breakfast arrangements as your morning transfer may be earlier than they open. Continental breakfasts can be arranged for delivery the previous evening.

Other Activities – to register your interest please email: gcemem2010@sapmea.asn.au, indicating the activity

There are additional activities that have been planned, limited numbers, during the program. This will give you an opportunity to 'engage' with the community.

Tuesday 19 October

- ✓ 1245-1600 – **Art Tour** with a member of the Barossa Artist Community.

Wednesday 20 October

- ✓ 0800-0945 – **Barossa Valley Walk** with a member of the committee
- ✓ 1330-1600- **Kegel 9-Pin Bowling** is the original bowling game and the forerunner of Tenpin bowling. It's a game for the whole family, friends or social groups. **Kegel 9-pin** bowling is not your average bowling game. It is a game rich in history and tradition dating back as early as the 11th century. This is a game enjoyed by all and must be experienced by anyone who can roll a ball down a lane. You will be joined by members of the Tanunda Kegel club to help you learn the game. www.tanundaKegelclub.8m.com.au 20 places, Transfer will be provided.

Thursday 0930-1100

- ✓ **Green Thumbs** – 50 places
Novotel Barossa Valley Resort is committed to Green Globe, the worldwide environmental certification program. This requires the hotel to set up a performance-improving action plan dedicated to main areas of the property, including establishing a sustainable development program.



Why not take the opportunity to join the Novotel Barossa Valley Resort with their environmental initiatives and take time to go green, by planting some local flora within the resort grounds.

Greg Donovan will talk about the plants and give you time to ask questions. You will then break into groups of three and get down and dirty with the planting of trees and shrubs that are native to the local area.

To book these activities please email: gcemem2010@sapmea.asn.au,

Limited places, so get in quick.

Outback Trails – tickets are still available for these tours – please register on-line

Hills Mallee Fleurieu – Showcasing the Parallel Rural Community Curriculum

Departing Sunday 17 October - Pickup: Adelaide Convention Centre, North Terrace, Adelaide at 0830.

Spend time taking in the best of the Southern Fleurieu region of South Australia while also being introduced to local medical staff and students who will showcase the full year longitudinal integrated student clerkship known as the Parallel Rural Community Curriculum.

Goolwa, a town rich in the history of railway and paddle steamer transportation, is located at the end of the famous Murray River and is now a well known tourist destination. Victor Harbor, also a well known tourist destination, is the home of the horse drawn tram to Granite Island. Murray Bridge and Mannum are both significant River Murray towns, one being a regional city, the other a town and community whose background is closely linked to the rural nature of local enterprise and the history of transportation of wool and wheat down

the river to the port of Goolwa. Spend time in discussion with local clinicians and student preceptors who are passionate about ensuring the provision of medical education in rural areas

Riverland – Growing Your Own Health Professional Workforce

Departing Sunday 17 October - Pickup: Adelaide Convention Centre, North Tce, **Adelaide at 1030**

The Riverland is a unique agricultural region on the banks of the mighty River Murray. The region is internationally renowned for innovation in irrigation. It is also the pioneer site of the Parallel Rural Community Curriculum, the Rural Paramedic Program, the first simulation unit in rural Australia and the mobile simulation van.

This outback trail will allow you to see for yourself a harsh desert which has been transformed into the fruit bowl of Australia and to meet with local health professionals, local community members and students. Hear their stories of how the Riverland, with a dearth of health workforce has become the national engine driver for rural health workforce development, as they demonstrate how they have harnessed their local resources to grow their own workforce.

Flinders Ranges – Vertical Integrated Training in the Outback – FULL BOOKED

Departing Saturday 16 October - Pickup: Adelaide Convention Centre, North Tce, Adelaide at 0830

Sponsorship

We are grateful to the following

- *Joint Conference Host* - Flinders University and the Northern Ontario School of Medicine
- *Platinum Sponsor* - Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM)
- *Gold Sponsor* - Majestic Opals
- *Gold Sponsor* - Sturt Fleurieu
- *Silver Sponsor* - The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP)

Displays will be in the Function Foyer of the Venue adjacent to the Poster display and also the Registration desk.

We would like to introduce you to one of our sponsors, Majestic Opals, who would like to welcome you to South Australia, the Opal Capital of the World which produces 86% of the World's Opals.

They have kindly donated an Opal necklace (an Opalised Fossil – irreplaceable), commercial value \$1300, to raffle and the benefiting charity will be the Cancer Council SA.

Majestic Opals recognises the value in sponsoring conferences and will have some of their collection at the GCEMEM Conference, taking the opportunity to showcase the best South Australian Opals and Opal Fossils to national and international delegates.

From their mine to you, Majestic Opals have a range of opals to suit every taste and budget, starting from \$10 to collector's pieces. Majestic Opals mine, cut and set their own opals all in Australia, and are proud members of the Australia Mined Australia Made Brand.

They have also been chosen by the Government to produce a book and video in Safety in Opal Mining, also chosen by the Opal Industry to create the Australian Opal Dress, housed at the South Australian Museum.

Patriarch and miner John Provatidis was Inducted into the Coober Pedy Hall of Fame as one of the Original Opal Miners, and for his contribution to the Opal Industry: You can purchase with confidence.

They look forward to meeting you, sharing their vast knowledge about Opals with you, and wish that you enjoy your stay in South Australia.

ATM – Banking facilities

There is no ATM facilities at the Novotel Barossa Valley Resort only EFTPOS. Please ensure if you require cash you make arrangements before arriving at the Resort. There are bank facilities in the town of Tanunda and short taxi ride away.

Kids Program

There is no formal program available at the Novotel, however you may wish to make direct contact with a nanny service, Dial an Angel for child care in your own room. Their phone number is +61 8 8267 3700, or <http://www.dialanangel.com.au/>. Cost is to be paid directly by the parents.

Tourism

The web site for Tourism South Australia <http://www.southaustralia.com/> offers many ideas for your stay in South Australia.

And for international visitors ...

You may wish to continue your stay in Australia by visiting...

AAT Kings – Nationwide tour operator. This site is all their tours, gives you an idea of costs.

Darwin, Northern Territory <http://www.nttravel.com.au/aat-kings-nt.html>

Ayres Rock/Uluru <http://www.ecotours.com.au/>

Cairns and the Great Barrier Reef <http://www.cairns.aust.com/>

Australia's North West - Kimberley and Pilbara Regions, including Broome - Well known for its pearls and access to the Kimberley Ranges

<http://www.australiasnorthwest.com/en/Pages/Home.aspx>

If there is anything else we can help you with or you have any questions please contact Lesley:

gcemem2010@sapmea.asn.au or +61 (8) 8274 6055

We look forward to welcoming you to an exciting and enjoyable meeting.

Co Chairs Lucie Walters, *Flinders University*; and
David MacLean, *Northern Ontario School of Medicine*

Deans: Paul Worley, *School of Medicine, Flinders University*; and
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