

# ***“Making research work for better health”***

*Network Forum June 26<sup>th</sup> 2009, Adelaide*

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Primary Health Care Research Evaluation  
and Development (PHCRED) Tri State:  
*South Australia, Northern Territory,  
the Greater Green Triangle*





# PHCRED in Australia

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- Funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing
  
- Four Components
  - Primary Health Care Research & Information Service (PHC RIS)
  - Australian Primary Health Care Research Institute (APHCRI)
  - Research Capacity Building Initiative (RCBI) and Research Development Program (RDP) Fellows in - 26 University Departments of General Practice and Rural Health
  - Grants, Scholars, Fellows

# PHCRED History - what does it do

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## □ Phase 1 (2000-2005)

Purpose:

*"to embed a research culture in Australian general practice specifically and Australian primary health care more generally".*

# PHCRED History - what does it do

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- Phase 2 (2006-2009)- Key goals:
  - *Expand the pool of PHC researchers*
  - *Increase research relevant to practice*
  - *Improve collaboration with relevant organisations to result in improved PHC practice and policy*
  
- Phase 3 – *future directions to be announced soon*

# Today's Program

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- PHCRED Tri State Administrator: Elena DiBez
- PHCRED Programs in SA:
  - Adelaide University
  - Flinders University
  - Spencer Gulf Rural Health School
- Research and Policy Directions  
*Mr Hitendra Gilhotra, Commonwealth Dept of Health & Ageing*
- *Afternoon Tea: 3.10 – 3.25pm*

# Program cont..

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- Research opportunities in Primary Health Care

*Ms Heather Petty, Principal Project Officer  
Strategic Research SA Health*

- A General Practice Perspective

*Dr Helena Williams CEO GPNS*

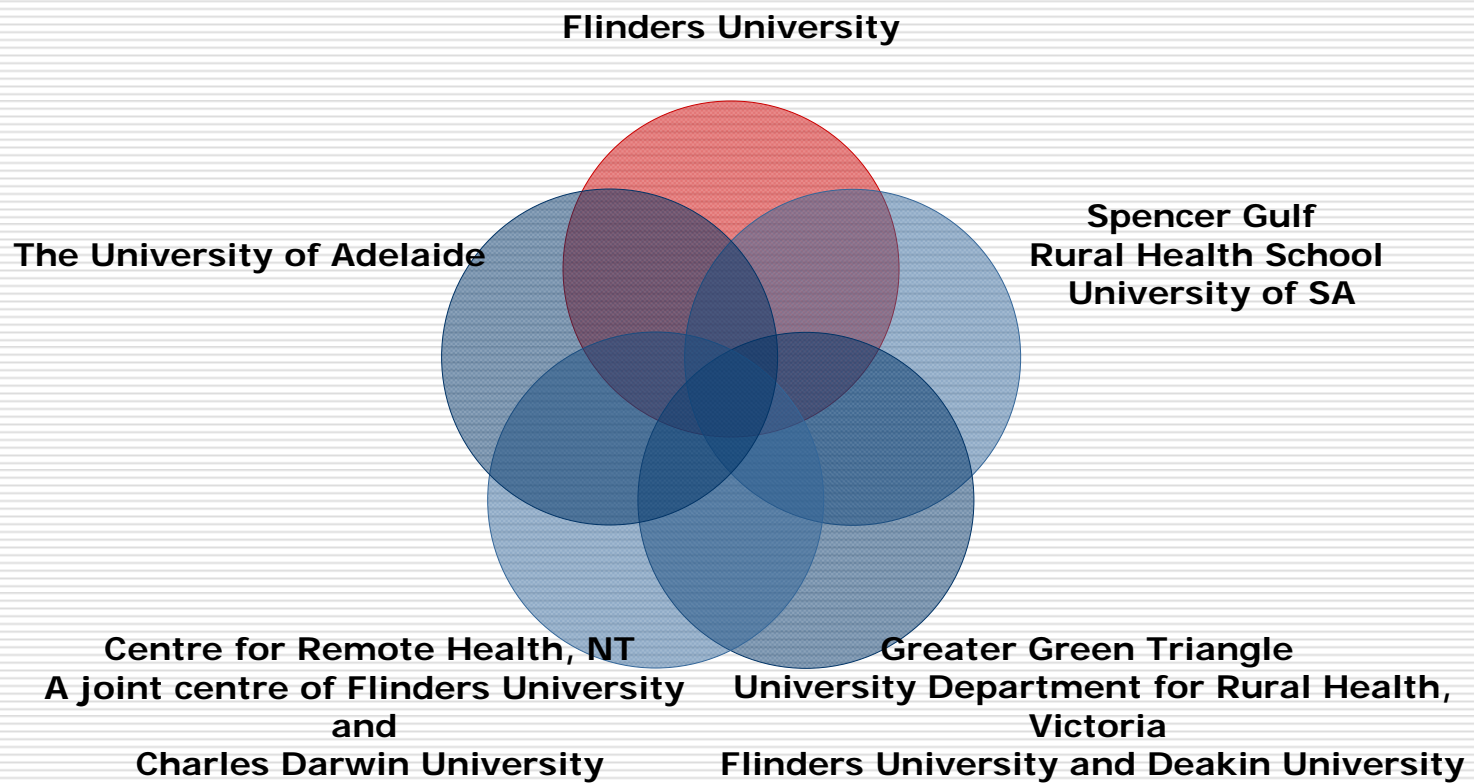
- Discussion in Groups

- Report back & Summary – where to from here

- *Drinks & Networking – 4.40 – 5.30pm*

# PHCRED Tri State (SA, NT & GGT)

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# Tri State Role: SA, NT & GGT

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## □ Objectives

- Increase the pool of PHC Researchers by up skilling early/mid career researchers and supporting the sustainable advancement of research careers in PHC
- To support early – mid career researchers to undertake more high quality PHC research and ensure its relevance to policy and practice by aligning it with identified needs and priorities.
- To disseminate and facilitate the uptake of evidence in policy and practice

## Tri State Program this year

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- ❑ Today- Networking and planning for better PHC research
- ❑ Annual Tri-State Conference  
24 -25 September in Alice Springs
- ❑ Research Capacity Building Initiatives-  
Workshops/Seminars/Collaborations with visiting Academics
- ❑ Website [www.phcredtristate.org.au](http://www.phcredtristate.org.au)



# PHCRED Tri-State Program (SA, NT, GGT)



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## Tri-State Program



The Primary Health Care Research Evaluation and Development (PHCRED) Tri-State Program is a collaboration between the University of Adelaide, Flinders University, the Spencer Gulf Rural Health School in South Australia, the Centre for Remote Health in the Northern Territory and the Greater Green Triangle University Department of Rural Health in Victoria. The program engages the Universities to work collectively to increase the pool of primary health care researchers, to build research capacity and sustainability in health research, and to facilitate the uptake of evidence in policy and practice. The program is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing.

### NEWS BITES

#### "Draw a graph" key message from Quantitative Research Methods Workshop

"Draw a graph first" that was the recommendation of John Petkov presenter of the Quantitative Research Methods Workshop in Whyalla on the 22 May. The workshop was well attended by local researchers. John Petkov provided a comprehensive overview and introduction to Quantitative Research. He is Director of the Applied Statistics Unit, Centre for Regional Engagement in Mount Gambier. The workshop was hosted by the Spencer Gulf Rural Health School and funded by PHCRED Tri-State.



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# PHCRED Tri State

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# PHCRED Programs in SA – Highlights

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- **Dr Karin Ried**, Adelaide University
- **Professor Richard Reed**, Flinders University
- **Associate Professor Gary Misan** Spencer  
Gulf Rural Health School, University of South  
Australia

# Research and Policy Directions

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## □ **Mr Hitendra Gilhotra**

- Director Strategic Research Evidence Section, Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing.

*Afternoon Tea*

# Research and Policy Directions

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- **Ms Heather Petty**
- Principal Project Officer, Strategic Research & Acting Program Director, Centre for Intergenerational Health Policy and Intergovernmental Relations Division Strategic Research, SA Health

# A General Practice Perspective

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**Dr Helena Williams**

CEO

General Practice Network South Inc (GPNS)

# Discussion in Groups – 2 Questions

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- 1. What PHC Research is required in SA to inform policy and practice*
- 2. What structures or systems do we need to facilitate better collaboration between researchers and PHC practice*

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- Where to from here
  
- Evaluation – please complete
  
- CLOSE & DRINKS**