

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the August edition of Diabetes Network News. Since the last edition the Country Diabetes Network have met in Adelaide as part of a 2 day workshop. Diabetes Outreach hosted the meeting and it was a great opportunity for networking and reflection on the future direction of this network. Each Country Health cluster has representation on this network and so important information from the workshop will be disseminated through each of the clusters. A full report will be included in Edition 64.

Diabetes Outreach has updated the 'What is diabetes' factsheet so that there is now one called 'What is type 1 diabetes' and another called 'What is type 2 diabetes'. The Diabetes Outreach South Australian Rural Directory has also been updated and can be accessed via www.diabetesoutreach.org.au/directory/default.asp.

Some educators and CHSA services will now be aware of the changes to the blood glucose meter contract and ordering system. Abbott has the contract until 2012 to provide Xceed meters to SA Health. Please see page 10 for more details.

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Diabetes Outreach

Diabetes Outreach is a program of Country Health SA co-located with The Queen Elizabeth Hospital Diabetes Centre. The service provides continuing education and support programs for health care providers and assistance with service planning.

Diabetes Outreach

- > Provides training and support for rural and remote health professionals.
- > Contributes to local and regional networks.
- > Promotes evidence based standards of care.
- > Facilitates access to information about quality assurance and documentation.
- > Facilitates access to information about population health needs.

We offer:

- > Education resources for health professionals and people with diabetes.
- > Education programs conducted in rural and remote areas
- > Distance education programs.
- > Peer support.

The vision of Diabetes Outreach is:

Better health for rural and remote South Australians by supporting health service providers towards best practice in diabetes care.

The Diabetes Outreach team is located at 8 Woodville Rd, Woodville SA 5001. Visit our website www.diabetesoutreach.org.au for access to and information about education programs and free resources for both people with diabetes and health professionals.



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