

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the first edition of Diabetes Network News for 2011. The theme of this edition is Aboriginal health and we would like to thank the many people who have contributed to the material. Without your input and participation we would not have been able to produce this publication.

Look out for further editions later this year which will feature type 1 diabetes and also what is happening in the area of dietetics.

You are probably already aware that there have been a number of staff changes at Diabetes Outreach over the past few months. We would like to officially farewell Dr Pat Phillips who has recently retired and welcome our new administration team Tracey Gerhardy and Kathy Melino. To find out more about the staff changes please go to News page 9.

We would like to remind our readers that the monthly electronic Diabetes Update has moved to an online subscription. Please go to [www.diabetesoutreach.org.au/newsletter/default.asp](http://www.diabetesoutreach.org.au/newsletter/default.asp) to register.

And finally, please keep your eye out for some new resources which will be available in the next few months, in particular, an online interactive module called 'Sick days' and an online introduction to diabetes program called 'Diabetes fundamentals'.

Cheers

Jane Giles, Manager - Education

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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 South SA 5011. Visit our website [www.diabetesoutreach.org.au](http://www.diabetesoutreach.org.au) for access to and information about education programs and free resources for both people with diabetes and health professionals.



L-R: Kathy Melino, Tracey Gerhardy, Jane Giles, Kate Visentin

Cover pict: Murray Bridge WiseMove group: back L-R Gay Jackson, Yvonne Thomson, Jennadene Smith, Valda Rigney, Kayleen Roberts; front row L-R Dorothy Kartinyeri, Bessie Rigney

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