

CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS



VHA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2007 **"The Push and Pull of Policy & Practice"**

The Victorian Healthcare Association (VHA) welcomes scholarship applications from students interested in attending the annual conference being held at the Sofitel Melbourne on the 12th and 13th of November 2007.

To view the program for this event, visit our website www.vha.org.au.

Key sessions of the conference will include:

- The importance and impact of policy
- The reform agenda
- Investigating how community expectations can be balanced against evidence based practice.

Key note speaker Julian Inch, CE, District Health Boards New Zealand will address the conference on contemporary health policy in the New Zealand health context. The New Zealand health system remains one of the most reformed in the world and VHA is confident that delegates will appreciate the insight provided by the New Zealand experience.

VHA have a range of speakers from across academic, government, and healthcare sectors including Fran Thorn, Secretary, Department of Human Services; John Menadue, Centre for Policy Development; and, Associate Professor Christopher Newel, University of Tasmania and Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Healthcare.

Four Scholarships will be offered to students studying in the fields of Health Policy, Public Health, Health Management, Political Studies and Political Science.

The Scholarship provides for a full two-day registration valued at \$650.

Application Process

Interested applicants should send a copy of their resume along with a covering letter describing how they would benefit from attending the conference to:

David Towl
Victorian Healthcare Association
Level 6 136 Exhibition St
Melbourne 3000
Or by emailing David on david.towl@vha.org.au

Applications must be received by no later than 8.30am Monday, 30 October 2007.
Applicants will be notified of the result by Thursday, 1 November 2007.

Note - Successful applicants will be asked to prepare a 500 word conference report for the VHA board by 1 December 2007.