

Welcome to sunny Gold Coast for the 2010 Australian College of Midwives
(Queensland Branch) Annual State Conference

15th -17th September 2010!

“Surfing the waves of change ~ a new era for women and midwives”



We are pleased to invite you to this exciting Conference which will be set amidst the stunning scenery and vibrant atmosphere of the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the beautiful Gold Coast. Enjoy the best of what the resort has to offer whilst enjoying the company of friends and colleagues and being inspired by our informative and innovative speakers.

Registrations now open

**Early Bird Registration available until the 28th June
2010. Limited time so be early. See
www.midwives.org.au for application form.**

About the Conference

The aim of the conference to bring midwives and consumers together in a celebration to share stories and experiences. Together we will hear from an array of speakers who will highlight changes and contemporary issues in maternity care and provide a vision for the future.

Pre - conference workshop

Watch out for regular e-bulletins from the College detailing the exciting Pre-Conference Workshop that will be held in the Sea World Resort on Wednesday 15th September 2010 prior to the Pre - Conference Reception

This workshop will be one of a series planned by The College to prepare midwives for taking advantage of impending legislative reform and access Medicare

The aim of the workshop will be to provide midwives with the tools they need to prepare to “get up and go for it”

Introducing some of your Conference Key Notes Speakers

Dr. Julie Jomeen. University of Hull United Kingdom



Julie Jomeen is both a qualified nurse and midwife, she has worked at both clinical and strategic levels within the maternity services in the UK and is now Associate Dean for Research and Scholarship in the Faculty of Health and Social Care at the University of Hull. Julie combines her passion for research with an ongoing passion for midwifery and for promoting optimal experiences for women throughout their maternity experience. Julie has an ongoing stream of both research and clinical work on psychological health outcomes for women across the maternity spectrum and midwives/health practitioners knowledge, perceptions and practice in relation to perinatal mental health Other research projects include, technology and practitioner decision making; the impact of interprofessional and intraprofessional relationships on consumer choice in maternity care; obesity in pregnancy and postpartum weight retention and screening for alcohol use in pregnancy as well as professionalism/professional behaviour in nursing/midwifery.

Professor Michael Humphrey Clinical Adviser in the Office of Rural and Remote Health Queensland



Professor Michael Humphrey is an academic obstetrician who currently holds positions as Clinical Adviser in the Office of Rural and Remote Health (primary functions are related to examining the available range of maternity service models suitable for safe and sustainable service delivery in rural and remote Queensland communities) and Senior Medical Coordinator (Obstetrics), Retrieval Services Queensland, and Chairs the Queensland maternal and Perinatal Quality Council. He held the post of Clinical CEO in Cairns and Hinterland Health Service District from March 2007 to March 2009, and has previously held Chairs in Obstetrics and Gynaecology at James Cook University, The University of Queensland and The University of Tasmania. His PhD thesis related to delivery of appropriate antenatal care to indigenous women in Cape York.

Other confirmed speakers include

- Professor Sue Kildea Mater Health Services Brisbane and the Australian Catholic University

- Ass Professor Jenny Gamble Griffith University Queensland ACM National President
- Dr Barb Vernon ACM National Executive Officer

Call for abstracts closes 30th May 2010

The key note and plenary speakers will be supported by speakers from around the world who are currently sending in their abstracts around the conference themes. Your abstracts will be welcomed too and we have extended the date for submission

Submissions for abstracts that demonstrate collaboration around the following themes are sought:

- Supporting women and families
- Innovations in Practice, Policy Education and Research.

Abstracts should be emailed to susan_rath@health.qld.gov.au

About the Venue



Sea World Resort and Water Park, on Sea World Drive, Main Beach at the Gold Coast, is just five mins drive from downtown Surfers Paradise, has direct access to the Broadwater, and premier surf beaches are 5 mins walk from the resort. Guests have free unlimited access to the 1.6ha Waterpark. Sea World Theme Park is next door to the resort and accessed by the monorail (theme park tickets are NOT included in resort accommodation fees). Parking is free of charge.
www.seaworldresort.myfun.com.au

Bring the family!! There is certainly a lot for everyone to enjoy

Sea world have generously agreed to provide conference rates for those delegates who choose to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to enjoy the resort, by providing an extension before and after the Conference as detailed in the accommodation section.

The Social Program

Pre Conference reception – at Sea World Resort

Come mingle and chat while viewing the poster exhibition and trade display- canapés and drinks included. Members of the ACM National and State Executive will also be in attendance and would love to meet with you. Come up and say 'hello'.

Conference dinner and disco – at the Southport Yacht Club

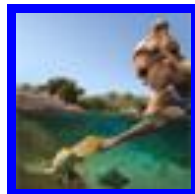
Not to be missed this will be the highlight of the social program !!

Come and kick up your heels, network and have fun at the beautiful Southport Yacht Club. Enjoy a three course meal overlooking the Marina and Broadwater, followed by a very cheesy disco –so if you want to come as a

dancing queen, a petulant punk or a pathetic new romantic, feel free to join your executive committee members and get your old gear out of the mothballs and dress up – wear your best disco dancing gear (optional). Prizes will be awarded, – not necessarily based on the best taste!

Shark Bay experience – Sea World

Come with us to a private viewing of the sharks – an up close and personal face to face encounter with sharks, stingrays and starfish. Included for all conference delegates on the morning of day two prior to the morning session



Accommodation

Stay in comfort on site at the wonderful Sea World Resort and avoid the hassles of transport to and from the Conference venue. The generous Conference Special Accommodation Rates are available to those who wish to book and stay for 3 days before or after the Conference.

For bookings or enquiries see www.midwives.org.au or phone Group Reservations: 07-5591 0077 or email group@seaworldresort.com.au

Take advantage of the Gold Coast and what it has to offer by extending your stay.

Treat yourselves and your family to a whole world of fun, excitement and relaxation;

- Swim and relax at the golden beaches
- Jet boat one day, have a round of golf the next
- Shop till you drop at Pacific Fair
- Family fun at one of the many theme parks
- Dance the night away at one of the vibrant nightclubs
- Take in the night markets at Surfers Paradise
- Catch dinner and a show at Jupiters Hotel and Casino
- Take a relaxing cruise
- World class restaurants

In fact, there's so much to see and do you'll want to come back again and again!

Further information

www.midwives.org.au (Queensland page)

or phone 1300 360 480