

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

**15<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> June  
2010. Limited time so be early. See  
[www.midwives.org.au](http://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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 More of your Conference Key Notes Speakers**

### **Professor Sue Kildea**

**Chair of Midwifery - Australian Catholic University & Mater Mothers' Hospital Mater Health Services Sue**



Sue holds a Clinical Chair in midwifery and is a joint appointment between the Mater Health Services Brisbane and the Australian Catholic University. She has extensive clinical experience in primary health care models and women's health in rural and remote areas of Australia and is one of Australia's leading advocates for maternity service reform, promoting the return of birthing services to rural and remote areas. Sue's interests are in safety, quality and professional collaboration in maternity care. She has a particular interest in increasing the capacity of the health workforce to maximise their effectiveness to make a difference to the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families. Sue was the Perinatal Health Analyst who compiled the Maternal Deaths in Australian Report, 2000-02. In 2004 she was awarded the UTS Human Rights Award for her contribution to advancing reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians during her PhD work. Sue is the Vice President of CRAN*plus*, who she represented during the development of the National Framework for Rural Maternity Services.

**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.

## **Call for abstracts closes 30<sup>th</sup> 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**

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](mailto: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](http://www.seaworldresort.myfun.com.au)

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

### **Why not visit the fantastic Marina Mirage**

Marina Mirage is Queensland's finest waterfront shopping and dining resort and is within walking distance from Seaworld resort!

Marina Mirage is situated on the Gold Coast, directly opposite the five star Sheraton Mirage Resort & Spa and is adjacent to the world's first Palazzo Versace Hotel.

Marina Mirage offers award winning restaurants, designer boutiques filled with the world's top fashion labels, specialty stores overflowing with elegant homewares, gifts and exceptional artwork.

With its spectacular waterfront location overlooking the beautiful Broadwater, Marina Mirage is one destination you cannot miss!

## **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](http://www.midwives.org.au) or phone Group Reservations: 07-5591 0077 or email [group@seaworldresort.com.au](mailto: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](http://www.midwives.org.au) (Queensland page)

or phone 1300 360 480