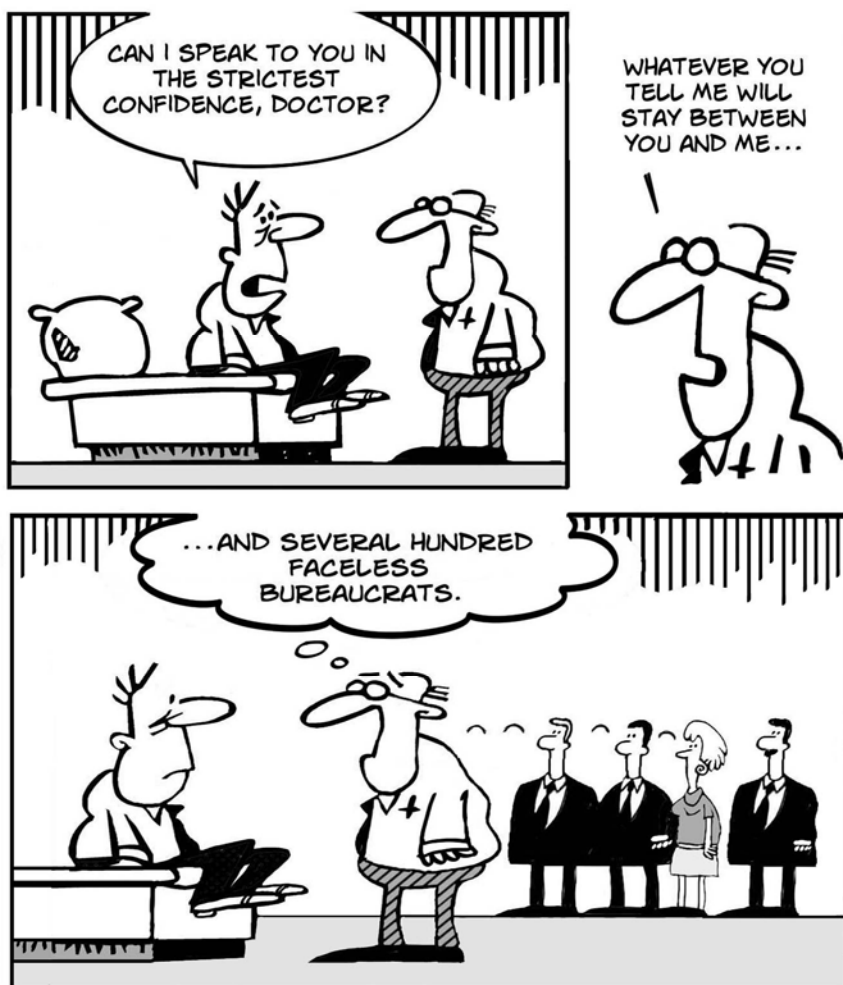


## GENERAL PRACTICE LINK - APRIL 2008

### WELCOME TO THE APRIL GENERAL PRACTICE LINK

Last month we commented on how the balmy summer days seemed to be continuing; however, after a significantly cooler and wetter last couple of weeks I think winter may finally have us within in her grasp. Not that we should be complaining really because we've had a great run with the whether and the poor farmers were in desperate need of some rain! Also, the first dustings of snow now appearing on our recreational mountains, something I'm sure all you avid skiers and snowboarders will be getting excited about, only further suggests winter is on its way. So, perhaps its time to think about dusting the cobwebs off the thermals, the woollies and the flannel PJs, and getting out the extra blankets out of the cupboard as we head into May...may you be warm and informed below.

### GENERAL PRACTICE GIGGLES



What do you think? Let us know...email [ipacnews@ipac.org.nz](mailto:ipacnews@ipac.org.nz).

## **IPAC08 – Conference on Reflection**

Now that IPAC08 has moved “offstage” it seems only appropriate to do a little post-conference reflecting. First of all though, a big thank you to everyone who was involved in making IPAC08 such a success, whether in a speaking, facilitating, questioning, attending, dining and grooving, exhibiting or organising role. We sincerely hope you enjoyed being a part of IPAC08 as much as we did in bringing it to you.

So, on reflection, here are just a few of the major highlights, the:

- Blessing of the Waka Huia (basket of knowledge) during the opening ceremony
- Excellence of visiting international speakers Dr Matt Handley, Janet Askham, Dr Randall Oates and David Garrett
- Debate generated by Health and Disability Commissioner Ron Paterson
- Engaging panel discussions and challenging questions posed by many delegates
- Wide variety of interesting concurrent sessions (how did delegates choose!)
- The powerful, witty and challenging address about the future of general practice by IPAC Chair Dr Bev O’Keefe
- Night on Broadway at the St James Theatre
- Quality and breadth of Exhibitors
- Very entertaining and enlightening views of event management specialists Arthur Klap and Robin Judkins
- Honouring of departing IPAC Executive members and IPAC co-founders Dr Tom Marshall and Dr Paul McCormack

That’s a lot of highlights and a good thing too!

If you want copies of the speakers’ presentations and power points then you’re in luck because they are now available under the programme page of the conference website [www.ipac.org.nz/conference2008](http://www.ipac.org.nz/conference2008). We will also be putting up a selection of photos from the conference as soon as we can so watch this space.

So, once again, for those of you who attended – thank you! And for those of you who didn’t – hopefully the wonderful comments from colleagues and friends and the information you can gain from this website will inspire you to join us next time.

## **CONSULTATION WITH GENERAL PRACTICE**

Late last year several hundred people in general practice filled out a general practice futures survey produced by IPAC. As a wee incentive we offered three mystery weekends away around New Zealand. We are pleased to announce that...

**Jay Parr** (Practice Nurse, Whitianga)

**Philip Rushmer** (Chair HEALTHWEST, Titirangi, Auckland)

**David Crook** (GP, Green Island, Dunedin)

...are the lucky winners. Congratulations!

## **QUALITY INFORMATION 4 GENERAL PRACTICE (qi4gp)**

The QI4GP project has three stages:

- Stage 1 An Initial Perspective (completed)
- Stage 2 Clarify and Develop the Vision
- Stage 3 Implement the Vision

Stage 1 was completed late last year and commencement of Stage 2 is dependent on securing funding. Funding for Stage 2 is contained within the Key Directions (MoH Primary Care Information Strategy) business case which is currently with the Minister of Health awaiting submission to Cabinet.

Expectation around QI4GP has been growing from within the sector and from health agencies. The QI4GP Steering Group believes planning for Stage 2 should commence immediately and with the support of sector and an interim funding injection from the MoH they believe this is possible.

A significant component of Stage 2 (Clarify and Develop the Vision) will involve the participation of grass roots general practice as well as general practice leaders (clinical and information). This is based on the firm view, well supported by international experience, that engagement of stakeholders is critical to any change and development process.

The proposed start date for Stage 2 is 1 June 2008. A Project Definition / Terms of Reference has been developed and will be distributed to general practice networks following sign off from the Steering Group.

## **PSAAP NATIONAL CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS**

The next full PSAAP negotiating meeting is scheduled on 19 June, 2008. Planning has commenced for that meeting with all parties to the negotiation (MOH, DHBs, PHOs, general practice) preparing position papers. A full list of issues for discussion will be advised in our next newsletter.

## **GENERAL PRACTICE NURSING ALLIANCE (GPNA)**

### *International Nurses Day*

May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale Gale, has been celebrated as International Nurses Day since the mid 1960s. She is considered to be the founder of nursing, but for many she is no longer a role model, as nursing grows and evolves. In Britain it has been suggested that the day be moved the May 21, Elizabeth Fry's birthday. She was the founder of The Institution of Nursing Sisters and well known for her work in prisons.

The theme of International Nursing Day this year is Delivering Quality, Serving Communities: Nurses Leading Primary Health Care.

Whoever your role models are, take the time to celebrate the work you do, the people you work with across the primary health care team and let them know they are valued for the contribution they make to the well being of the communities we serve.

### *Leadership Day*

One of the main aims of the GPNA is to support and foster leadership in Primary Health Care. Our annual Leadership Day is being held in Christchurch this year on May 23 and we are very pleased to have a previous speaker, Richard Joseph, returning to build on the work he did with us a couple of years ago. It is a day for anyone who wants to uncover potential and learn how to get the best out of themselves. Whilst we are a nursing organisation, this day is not just for nurses so consider whether you or someone in your organisation would benefit from participating. Contact and enrolment details are as follows:

*Date:* Friday May 23  
*Time:* 9.00am-4.45pm  
*Venue:* Pegasus Health, 160 Bealey Avenue, Christchurch  
*Cost:* \$50

*Contact:* Michelle Day at [michelle.day@ropata.net.nz](mailto:michelle.day@ropata.net.nz).

For information about the GPNA or to sign up to the quarterly GPNA Report please contact Michelle Day at [michelle.day@ropata.net.nz](mailto:michelle.day@ropata.net.nz).

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

If you have a conference, workshop or other initiative running in 2008 and would like it mentioned in the General Practice Link email [ipacnews@ipac.org.nz](mailto:ipacnews@ipac.org.nz).

#### **NZMA GP CME Conference**

19-22 June, Rotorua  
*General Practice Conference and Medical Exhibition*  
[www.gpcme.co.nz](http://www.gpcme.co.nz)

#### **Youth and Development Conference**

2-4 July, Wellington Convention Centre, Wellington  
*"Involve 08"*  
[www.involve.org.nz](http://www.involve.org.nz)

#### **RNZCGP**

16-19 July, Queenstown  
*Annual Scientific Conference*  
[www.conference.co.nz/rnzcgp2008](http://www.conference.co.nz/rnzcgp2008)

#### **Australian General Practice Network (AGPN) Forum**

29 October – 1 November, Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin, Australia

*Real Health Solutions*

[www.gpnetworkforum.com.au](http://www.gpnetworkforum.com.au) or Trisha Wong at [twong@agpn.com.au](mailto:twong@agpn.com.au).

**Southlink Health Members Only**

22-23 November, St David Lecture Theatre Complex, University of Otago, Dunedin

*Southlink Health AGM & Conference*

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