

# INVITATION

We would like to invite you and your staff to an Expo of Rural Support Services in the Wheatbelt and Great Southern to create new networks and strengthen existing inter-agency collaborations. Whilst we appreciate the time pressures that services are under, we have planned the Expo as an opportunity to take the time out to “recharge our batteries” by building stronger networks and gaining a more comprehensive understanding of other services, therefore allowing us to be more effective in our work and to create a seamless referral system. If your service delivery area covers any part of this region and in particular rural communities we hope you are able to join us.

**Where: Narrogin – John Higgins Complex**

**When: Wednesday December 14, 2011**

**Time: 9.30 am to 5:30 pm**

**Cost: FREE**



**Who Else is Out There?** The agenda for the day will include the opportunity to give a 5 – 10 minute presentation on your service and set up a ‘display area’ with contact details and promotional material. This will give your organisation the opportunity to ‘showcase’ your service and engage with others who will be very interested to know what you do!

**There are Too Many Gaps!** Feeling like you are already stretched too thin? There will also be an opportunity to discuss gaps and overlaps, and identify opportunities to work together more effectively to ensure we are best able to use our limited resources. This includes planning a resource directory and the best way to maintain this.

**I can’t get away...** We appreciate how busy everyone is, but also know how important it is to network and support each other. Lunch will be provided in recognition of all the lunches you have had on the run or missed out on all together! However, if you can’t make it we would still like you to be involved, so please send us your information and we will display it on your behalf.

**And there’s more!** From 4pm onwards we will be inviting other organisations who work with rural clients to meet with you and find out what services you provide. These include bank staff, accountants, police, and those working in agricultural industry: many have had concerns about their clients and their mental health, particularly during last year’s poor season, and are very interested in knowing who they can refer clients onto for further support.

**For more information or to RSVP for catering purposes please ring**

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**We are looking forward to this Networking opportunity on the 14<sup>th</sup> December!**

