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Dear Wagga Wagga Regional Dental Practitioner

Re: CSU-Dentistry Focus Workshop Wagga Wagga/Albury

I am sure you will be aware of the recent Federal Government announcement of the funding of a new Dental School to be established by Charles Sturt University. Since the announcement, in May, there has been a significant level of planning and development taking place within the University. We have now reached a stage where it is possible to provide the first of a number of consultation workshops to inform the local profession of the progress towards a 2009 commencement of the program.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to take part in a workshop to be held on the Wagga Wagga campus of Charles Sturt University specifically for leading proponents of the dental community from the Albury, Wagga Wagga and surrounding area communities. The workshop will be held on:

Date: Thursday 16th August, 2007

Time: 6.00pm for a 7.00pm start

Venue: Conference Centre, CSU Wagga Wagga Campus
Boorooma Street, Wagga Wagga (see below for map access)

RSVP: Tuesday 7th August, 2007 to Jillian Webb (02 6365 7823,
jwebb@csu.edu.au)

Light refreshments and drinks will be served from 6.00pm, prior to the workshop commencement at 7.00pm.

A location map can be found at the following website or forwarded on request to Jillian:
<http://www.csu.edu.au/about/maps/wagg-map.html>

For more background to the dentistry development I refer you to the dentistry website:
<http://www.csu.edu.au/student/dentistry/>

The aims of the workshop, which will be facilitated by Dr Matthew Fisher (CEO ADA (NSW)), will be to:

1. Provide an update on the progress of the dentistry development
2. Provide an opportunity for feedback from the professional community on the interim plans for the clinical facilities
3. Introduce the opportunity for expressions of interest in potential commercial partnerships with CSU in the clinics
4. Promote expressions of interest in potential opportunities for teaching involvement
5. Promote opportunities for suggestions for future professional development opportunities and education for inland NSW in the area of oral health.
6. Designation of other issues

I would be pleased to provide any further information that you may require and should you be unable to attend on the 16th August please feel free to make contact with me at any time. In addition the following supporters have kindly agreed to act as a liaison point for your particular area:

CSU Wagga Wagga region:

- Albury – Dr Peter Harper
- Wagga Wagga – Dr Kathleen Matthews

CSU Orange region (held on 10th August):

- Dubbo – Dr Bruce Gray
- Orange – Dr Arthur Mills
- Bathurst – Dr Mark Sinclair

I would very much appreciate your joining us for this workshop and thank you for your support.

Regards



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