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1 Future directions for the Bulletin
The Bulletin’s new website and design have been informed by surveys of the readership, current scientific practice and environmental sustainability.

D. Lynne Madden, Megan E. Black, Carlie-Jane Naylor, Richard Hecker

2 Strengthening learning opportunities to promote the capacity of the public health workforce
[Editorial] A skilled workforce is a major strategic resource for any industry and is dependent upon effective and accessible learning opportunities.

D. Lynne Madden

4 Problem-based learning in public health workforce training: a discussion of education principles and evidence
Despite the challenges, problem-based learning has the potential to offer substantial educational gains in a field that is largely unexplored.

Lyndal J. Trevena

9 Using problem-based learning in public health service based training
This approach could play an important role in workforce development – its value is linked to experiential learning where knowledge, insight and understanding facilitate change in individual practice.

Gaynor S. Heading, Jeffrey D. Fuller, David M. Lyle, D. Lynne Madden

13 Use of communication technologies by the public health workforce in New South Wales
Factors that foster use include ease of access to facilities and assistance in organising the technique; barriers include cost and the perception of difficulty.

Carlie-Jane Naylor, D. Lynne Madden, Deborah J. Oong

17 Influencing population health performance: Introduction of standards for area health services in New South Wales
Pilot evaluation revealed that with respect to the performance requirements of Greater Western Area Health Service, the standards were principally confined to the work of specialist population health staff.

Jeannine Liddle, David Lyle, Margaret Lesjak, Andrew Milat, Emma Webster, Thérèse Jones

22 Health surveillance among Australian health workers assisting tsunami victims in Aceh, Indonesia
Information, preventive measures and the provision of prepackaged food and water appears to be important in avoiding illness.

Jeremy M. McAnulty, Michael Flynn

Factsheet

25 Cryptosporidiosis

Bug Breakfast in the Bulletin

26 Refugee health

Katina Kardamanidis, Mitchell M. Smith, Sanjyot Vagholkar

Communicable Diseases Report, New South Wales

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