

Guest Editorial

6th National Australian Community Health Association Conference

Visit Hobart in winter? You must be mad! Yet 288 people braved the weather (which was actually quite good) to attend the 6th National Australian Community Health Association Conference in Hobart from 28-31 July 1996.

Those of us who live in Tasmania were thrilled that we had the opportunity to meet and share information, concerns, groans and delights with so many visitors from the mainland.

The feedback we have had about the conference has been generally very positive. People said that they came to the conference to increase their knowledge of developments in community health and to meet and network with others in the field, and the vast majority thought that the conference was successful in facilitating this to happen.

The conference program met with most people's approval, but several told us that the 10 minute time-slots for short paper presentations were too short. People also suggested that some of the sessions, particularly workshops, were not sufficiently participative.

Highlights of the conference were presentations by Fran Baum, Ron Labonte and Dale Spender, and the food, friendly people, the stimulating ideas, laughter, fun and the relaxed atmosphere.

On behalf of the organising committee we would like to thank everyone who came and participated, and made the conference such a success.

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Conference Co-convenors

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Editor's Note

Carole and Julie have referred to some of the presentations at the conference and the *Australian Journal of Primary Health-Interchange* is very pleased to announce that these and other papers from the conference will appear in the forthcoming issue (vol. 2, no. 4). In this issue of the journal you will find one paper from the conference. Prue Cameron, University of Tasmania, *Problematising poisons: Embodied knowledge and environmental health risks*.

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