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Culture, Sport, Society. Editor, J A Mangan. ISSN 1461-0981, two issues per year, May, December. This new journal will provide a multi-disciplinary forum for social anthropologists, sociologists, social historians, political scientists and others in the arts and social sciences. It will consider issues associated with sports in societies, cultures and political systems, both separately and jointly, with the purpose of exploring collaborative possibilities, advancing understanding and developing new approaches to the study of sport. For more information, see Website <http://www.frankcass.com/jnls/css.htm>

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The National Health Data Dictionary, Version 7. Australian Institute of Health & Welfare Cat. No. HWI 15. Price: \$25.00. The NHDD Version 7 published under the National Health Information Agreement, is the authoritative source of standard data definitions which are recommended for national use in health care settings, including acute general and psychiatric hospitals in both public and private sectors; labourforce; community nursing; and perinatal and injury surveillance.

Alzheimer's Disease: Activity Focused Care, by Carly Hellen. Woburn, MA: Butterworth Heinemann.

The New Public Health: an Australian Perspective, edited by Frances Baum. Professor of Public Health, School of Medicine, University of South Australia. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Topics covered include: the definition and history of public health; research methods; ideologies, politics and ethics of public health; patterns of health, illness and mortality; environmental issues; public health initiatives; and future directions. The book argues that new approaches to promoting health and sustainability are urgently required.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health reviews Number 1; Eye Health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People, by Neil Thomson & Beverley Patterson. National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Clearinghouse. School of Health Studies, Edith Cowan University, 100 Joondalup Drive, Joondalup, WA 6027. Tel: (08) 9400 5104; Fax: (08) 9400 5449; Email: natsihc@www.cowan.edu.au; Website: <http://www.cowan.edu.au/clearinghouse/>

Qualitative Research: Discourse on Methodologies, edited by Joy Hicks, and **Writing Qualitative Research**, edited by Joy Hicks. These complementary books are numbers 1 and 2 in the CPEA R&D Series, published in Sydney by Hampden Press.

Community Health and Wellness: A Sociological Approach, by Anne McMurray. Artarmon: Mosby.

Recent Publications

- Ethnography: Theory and Application in Health Research**, by M. DeLaine. Sydney: MacLennan & Petty.
- Womens Health: A Primary Health Care Approach**, edited by Cath Rogers-Clark & Angie Smith. Sydney: MacLennan & Petty.
- Stop, Listen and Look: Child Health Surveillance in Primary Health Care**, by B. Robson & L. Lamont-Herps. Sydney: MacLennan & Petty.
- Palliative Care: Explorations and Challenges**, edited by J. Parker & S. Aranda. Sydney: MacLennan & Petty.
- Sex and Suffering: Women's Health and a Women's Hospital**, by Janet McCalman. Melbourne: Melbourne University Press.
- Skills and Clinical Supervision for Nurses**, by M. Bond & S Holland. Buckingham: Open University Press. This book is one of the series *Supervision in Context*, edited by Peter Hawkins & Robin Shohet.
- Recasting the Stone: Human Suffering and the Business of Blame**, by R. Williams. Melbourne: Harper Collins Religious.
- Stress at work: A sociological perspective**, by Chris Peterson. This book provides a theoretical background to occupational stress, and traces the early work of Hans Selye and the development of bio-physiological, psychological and then sociological models of stress. Amityville NY: Baywood Publishing Co Inc.
- Occupational health and safety in Australia**, edited by Claire Mayhew and Chris Peterson. The approach in this book is multidisciplinary and includes contributions from Ted Emmett, Yossi Berger, Andrew Hopkins and Ann Williamson. Sydney: Allen & Unwin.