

## Aspen Medical staff trial water ambulance capabilities in S.I.

Aspen Medical and the Australian Federal Police (AFP) members in the Solomon Islands have been combining resources and personnel in a number of emergency response exercises conducted on Iron Bottom Sound off of the coast of Honiara.

The exercises have been a great success and are enhancing the skills of the emergency response teams in marine patient transfers with the use of the inflatable rescue craft. The training exercises have contributed to the operational planning requirements of Aspen Medical and the AFP at the Guadalcanal Beach Resort.



## Aero Medical Evacuation Services Update

Aspen Medical has recently celebrated the first anniversary of the commencement of our dedicated Aero Medical Evacuation (AME) service for the oil, gas and mining industry in West Australia.

The AME service consists of a dedicated Cessna Citation 550 aircraft (pictured right) and a medical team including a doctor and paramedics permanently based at Karratha. Since the launch of this service our team has provided 27 missions in support of the oil and gas industry in the west.

Aspen Medical is a major contributor of aero medical support to the Australian Defence Force by providing equipment and personnel to a number of ADF exercises that have taken place in northern Australia over the past year.



The Aspen Foundation has been established by Aspen Medical to act as a health promotion charity. The Foundation's mission is to support significant reductions in the occurrence of key illnesses that persist in the Australian community through collaborative approaches to health promotion, improved health care provision and other health services.

The Foundation's first focus is the condition of trachoma which persists in Australia's Indigenous communities and affects the health and in particular, vision, of many children and adults. The Foundation has been assisting the Indigenous Eye Health Unit (IEHU) at the University of Melbourne's School of Population Health by assembling and printing a Trachoma Resource Booklet and supporting the printing of a number of other resources for the unit's Trachoma program in the Northern Territory. For information on the IEHU visit: [www.iehu.unimelb.edu.au](http://www.iehu.unimelb.edu.au)



## Aspen Medical promotes healthcare capabilities to the Oil & Gas Industry

Aspen Medical has just returned from exhibiting at the Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association (APPEA) Conference in Brisbane. The APPEA conference is the major annual opportunity for oil and gas executives, government officials and those wishing to do business in the Australian oil and gas sector to come together.

Aspen Medical is already the preferred supplier of health services to a number of major oil and gas companies operating in Australia and is currently supplying health care services for the sector in Western Australian and Queensland.

Left: The Aspen Medical trade display stand at the APPEA Conference in Brisbane.

# staff profile

## Damien Godfrey

Aspen Medical Registered Nurse - Primary Health Care



Damien Godfrey is a highly experienced registered nurse who has been employed with Aspen Medical since 2006. Prior to coming to Aspen, Damien worked as a nurse manager for 11 years in surgical & emergency services.

Throughout his Aspen career, Damien has worked on both the East Timor and the Solomon Islands projects. Damien is currently contracted in the Solomon Islands where he works on call 7 days a week. Damien describes his job as extremely satisfying due to the characters he has worked with and treated and the cultural diversity he has been exposed to.

“What keeps me working for Aspen Medical is the opportunity of working hand in hand with highly experienced health professionals such as doctors, dentists, nurses and other staff.”

The language barrier has however thrown in a few challenges for him from time to time in the Solomon Islands. To overcome this Damien is learning the pidgin language.

Aspen Medical's Solomon Islands Deputy In Country Manager, Antony Robinson describes Damien as the ideal Aspen Medical nurse. “He brings a wealth of knowledge from a very diverse nursing career and adapts it to effectively care for the deployed population we serve. His cultural awareness is invaluable in assisting our local patients and employees. Beyond that, his freely available sense of humour helps keep the social machine at the facility well-oiled.”

After his time in the Solomon Islands he will be deployed to work on the East Timor project once again.

## CPR training update

Within our scope of practice as a Registered Training Organisation, Aspen Medical provides staff with CPR training and assessment which is nationally recognised. This training is aligned with the Australian Resuscitation Council's standards for resuscitation.



In addition, the program is also endorsed through the RACGP and RCNA. Upon achievement of competency, participants are issued with a certificate detailing Continuing Professional Development points as relevant to the individuals professional requirements.

To date this year 124 Aspen Medical staff have achieved competency in CPR.

A version of this training, in the form of Basic CPR training, has also been provided to 36 of our locally engaged staff at our international sites.



The training is interactive including a face to face presentation by an experienced clinical trainer, opportunity for hands on skill practice and feedback for participants, followed by a scenario-based competency assessment.

## current opportunities

### General Practitioners Perth - Western Australia

- Generous remuneration
- Interstate relocation considered
- No on-call or weekend work

Aspen Medical is seeking experienced GPs to provide medical services at Australian Defence Force health centres in Perth.

The positions deliver general practice medical services to Australian Defence Force members within a multi-disciplinary primary health care setting – in accordance with professional standards, legislation and the Australian Defence Force health delivery policy. Positions are part-time (4 days a week or 64 hours a fortnight).

#### Requirements:

- Unrestricted registration with the WA Medical Registration Board or ability to obtain this.
- Fellowship of the RACGP, or Fellow of CRRM, or Vocational Registration.
- Evidence of involvement in continuous professional development programs.

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