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Dear friends,

I am writing to ask for your assistance in publicising the 8th National Homebirth Conference.

Enclosed you'll find posters for you to put up. Not that we're expecting many will attend the conference as a result of seeing the poster but it's good publicity to keep the public aware of Homebirth.

Also I've included the information which we are sending out as pmedia kits. We'll be sending these to several media outlets nationwide (list enclosed) but if you could find the time to pass it onto your local papers and radio stations it would be much appreciated.

Many thanks

Birthplace Support Group Perth

MEDIA RELEASE

8TH NATIONAL HOMEBIRTH CONFERENCE

The 8th National Homebirth Conference is to take place in Bunbury during Easter 1987.

The conference will be held at the Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School, making use of the tranquil bushland setting, to cater for both interstate and local participants.

The theme of the conference is power to the family, joy to the world. A broad range of subjects will be addressed via workshops, films and book displays.

Topics include the birth experience, the viability of homebirth, midwives skill sharing, natural methods of health-care and doctors workshops. Other parenting issues such as the value of immunization, parental stress and loving discipline will also be addressed.

The conference will begin on Friday the 17th April and continue until the 19th, followed by a special farewell breakfast on Monday.

For further information please contact Liz Birkett on 097 - 218656.

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS AND WORKSHOP FACILITATORS:

- KATH FENTON - RN RM, Member of WHO Ovulation Method Billings, Midwife and Billings teacher.
- VAASUDEVA BARNAO - Homeopath, pioneer of Australasian wild-flower remedies, Chromatic Homeopathy and gemstone healing, Astrological counsellor.
- LINA CLERKE - Independent childbirth educator. Trained with Janet Balaskas Active Birth Movement London and PCA in Sydney.
- CAROL DELLER - MA MB BChir, DA Assistant Medical Director Family Planning Association, Perth.
- KAYE GERSCH - Naturopath, Homeopath in private practice, Fremantle.
- HILDA BASTIAN - National Co-ordinator of Homebirth Australia.
- JAN PILGRIM - Childbirth educator, Artist, mother of 5. Homebirth Australia representative to NSW Govt. working party on Women's Health. Homebirth Rep. on Childbirth Education Comm. of local Hospital.
- HENNY LIGTERMOET - Childbirth educator, tireless promoter of Homebirth, author.
- MIA NEWMAN - CM (ITAA) CPTM (WPTA), Psychotherapist in private practice, Perth.
- URSULA ODDIE - Co-author of "Feeling Our Way". Mother.
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- HELEN RITTER - MB BS FWASMed Hypn. Lecturer in stress management, assertiveness and assertive parenting, TAFE Collie. Mother of 3.
- GEOFF RILEY - MB BS MRCPsych, FRACGP General Practitioner in family Medicine, Pemberton. WA.
- ROBERT ST JOHN - Creator of Pre-Natal Therapy and Metamorphosis in private practice in Perth.
- ALICE SCHOLES - Waterbirth Midwife, in private practice, NSW.
- ROBERT MACLEOD - Teacher of Alexander Technique, in private practice, Perth.
- CHRIS MARSHALL - RN Midwife, in private practice, SA.
- PETER HAAJBOERN - Rebirthing therapist in private practice, Manjimup.
- J. GILL - MB BS (Sing) DPH(Sing) MPH&TM MFCM FRACMA Medical Co-ordinator Communicable Disease Control Branch, Public Health Dept. Perth.
- LYN HASTWELL - Metamorphosis therapist, reflexologist, in private practice, Perth.
- COLIN CLERKE - BSc JP, father, counsellor and therapist. Member of Australian Register of Massage Therapists.

Community Announcement

The 8th National Homebirth Conference will take place over the easter long weekend, in Bunbury on the sth west coast of W.A.

The conference will be held at the Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School, making use of the tranquil bushland setting.

A diverse range of topics associated with Homebirth and alternative health will be addressed via workshops, films and book displays.

For further information contact your local Homebirth group or write direct to the sth west Homebirth group 15 Hands St. Eaton W.A.

TO THE CHIEF OF STAFF

Enclosed are details of the 8th National Homebirth Conference. This is the first time that the annual Conference will be held in Western Australia. The Conference has attracted local, national and international specialist speakers who will address a diverse and potentially controversial range of topics associated with Homebirth and alternative Health.