PEARLY WHITES PREVENTATIVE
ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

## North Richmond Community Health (NRCH) Oral Health Program has established an outreach Aged Care Program which visits facilities to provide preventative mobile oral healthcare.

The ‘Pearly Whites’ program started in 2014 and its aim was to deliver high quality services in this area of great need. To date, the program has successfully provided care to residents of 13 facilities in inner northwest Melbourne.

At present there are three more places available. Once these are filled, we will add a further ten to the waiting list. There may be capacity to visit facilities on the waiting list later in the year once funding and capacity issues are clarified.

# **We invite you to participate in this program at no cost to your facility or its** residents.

The program involves Dental Hygienists providing individual oral health assessments using portable equipment at your facility. It is anticipated that 3 – 4 visits will be required to complete the program. Assessments take approximately 5 -10 minutes per resident. Oral health and healthy eating information that integrates with your policies and procedures will also be provided. Information sessions with your staff will take up to one hour and are best integrated with staff meetings or at change of shift.

A letter regarding the resident’s oral health status will be given to all residents. This can be entered into the resident’s file and should be passed onto the resident’s GP, and the resident’s carer or guardian as required. NRCH can arrange for follow up care at NRCH dental clinic for residents identified with dental problems. They can also liaise with the resident’s family dentist as needed.

Please see the attached brochure which provides further information on ‘Pearly Whites’.

**Complete the information below and return via fax or email. Places will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.** If your facility is chosen to participate, the information you provide below will be passed onto NRCH, who will contact you to make further arrangements. Please note that you will need to ensure participating residents are available on the day of their visit. You will also need to consider the best time to conduct a presentation to staff.

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| **Please send this information to Samantha Milford** samantha.milford@mpcn.org.au **or on fax number 9347 7433.** |
| **Facility Name** |  |
| **Facility Address** |  |
| **Number of Beds** |  |
| **Key Staff Member** |  |
| **Email**  |  |
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