SHARP –

WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE
An Indigenous Health forum entitled ‘Working Together to Make a Difference” was held on Saturday, 19th August at the UOW Campus. The forum main aims were to educate and inform students of Indigenous health and education. Topics covered were education, social justice and health. The speakers included:

Dr Sally Goold, 2006 Senior Australian of the Year and Sally is also the first Indigenous female nurse in NSW. Sally is the inaugural Chairperson and Executive director of CATSIN.

Mr Jeff McMullen, former ABC foreign correspondent and now Director, of Ian Thorpe’s Fountain of Youth and an advocate for the Fred Hollows Foundation for Indigenous projects in Jawoyn country.

Dr Ngiare Brown, AMA Women in Medicine for 2005, Advisor on Indigenous health to the AMA.

Professor Larissa Behrendt, Professor of Law and Director of Research at the Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning at UTS. Larissa is a Judicial Member of the Administrative Decisions Tribunal, Equal Opportunity Division and the Alternate Chair of the Serious Offenders Review Board.

Professor Geoff Scott, Director General of the NSW Dept of Aboriginal Affairs and the Deputy & Acting CEO of ATSIC.

Bronwyn Lumby, who established the Koori Youth Network (KYN) which is nationally recognised Indigenous youth group boasting over 100 members.

Students came from the the University of New South Wales, Charles Sturt University and even Canberra. We sent invitations to all the Indigenous Centres at Universities across New South Wales. Over 150 students attended this function and we hope to run it as an annual event.

ON THE ROAD – CrocFest (23 October – 27 October)
Five students from SHARP, along with students from the University of New South Wales woke early on Monday to travel by bus to Moree. It was an absolute adventure for all concerned with one of the many highlights of the trip – the bus getting a flat tyre half way between “downtown” Orange and “uptown” Bathurst. Our special thanks go to the fabulous farmer who walked down the highway to see if we were ok – this doesn’t happen in the city folks !!!!

We were joined by Sydney Uni and Charles Sturt Uni – what can we say, what a great crew!! Plastering – this is the “hip hop” word of the 20th century. I honestly believe that over 1,000 arms were plastered by our students. “Go to Tent 31” was the cry around the Moree CrocFest. Schools looked like they were in damage control with so many of their students looking as if they had fallen off buses, fallen off lounges, fallen off horses and so on and so on. It was a fabulous experience for students and they all wanting to go back again next year !!

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
So far we have over 40 new members in the Club and are aiming to have 100 by the end of Semester 2.