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Proceedings

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PRELIMINARIES

Preface, Editor’s Introduction
Bruce Chater and Kristina Malko

1. Opening Addresses

Keynote Address & Official Opening
The Honourable Ron Phillips NSW Minister of Health

Introduction: Setting the Scene
David Rosenthal
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2. Keynote Panel Addresses

- Col Owen President, Rural Doctors’ Association of Australia
- Ailsa Bond National President, Country Women’s Association
- Jenny Macklin Director, National Health Strategy
- Des Murray Director, Workforce Policy Branch, Dept of Health, Housing & Community Services
- John Boffa Senior Medical Officer, Anyinginyi Congress Aboriginal Corporation, NT
- Ken Laughton Assistant Deputy Director, Institute for Aboriginal Development

3. Concurrent Session 1: Facilities and Planning

- Utilisation Review in Rural Hospitals: A Fair Go?
  *Barbara Schmidt & Naomi Grundy*

- Neglected Factors in Planning Rural Health Services
  *John Humphreys & Fran Rolley*
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- **Western Australia’s County Regions: Going Forward Together**  
  *Kim Snowball & Helen Morton*

- **Designing and Developing a Mental Health System in the Central Wheat Belt of Western Australia**  
  *Helen Morton*

### 4. Concurrent Session 2: Associated Papers

- **The Koorie Conundrum: Helping to Develop Strategic Plans for Health Services**  
  *Neil Croll & Selina Griffin*

- **Primary Health Care as a Model for the Delivery of Mental Health Services to the Community**  
  *Cecil Deans*

- **A Fair Go for the Rural Community of Yeoval**  
  *Barbara Newman*

- **A Model of Allied Health Service Delivery to Country Communities in the Upper Eyre Peninsula**  
  *Nick Neville*
5. Concurrent Session 3: Health Care Services

The Establishment of a Rural Community Health Group: The Kilcoy Community Health Conference
Tom Doolan, Craig Veitch & Mary Sheehan

Health’s ‘in’ in the Outback - We’re Having a Go!
Nadine Brayley, Adrian Booth & Jenny Oram

An Appraisal of Coordination and Assessment Used for Community Care
Dianne Beatty

6. Concurrent Session 1: Education and Training

Educational Needs of Rural Nurses
Desley Hegney

Remote Area Nursing: Bush or Bushed?
Sabina Knight

The Design and Development of Training Curricula for Rural General Practitioners
Mark Craig & Anna Nichols
Rural Health Training Units
Denise Degn

The University of Sydney Rural Careers Project
Richard Hays

Concurrent Session 2: Associated Papers

- Quality Intern Training in Provincial City Hospitals: Short and Long Term Benefits for Rural Health
  Annmarie Rutledge & Anne Wise

- A Rural Health Information Network Current Operation and Future Directions
  David Fuss & Elizabeth Firman

- The South Australian Rural Practice Training Unit. A Year of Operation
  David Gill

- Health Worker Education in Queensland - its Relevance to Practice
  Ian Bernard (Abstract only)
8. Concurrent Session 3: Technology and Communication

- An Information System for Rural Community Services
  Jenny Sheehan

- An Innovative and Accessible Multi-media Education Programme for Rural Mental Health Workers
  Paul O'Halloran & Brian O'Neill

9. Concurrent Session 1: Workforce Issues

- Geographical Mobility of General Practitioners
  M. Adhikari, G. Calcino & Jim Dickinson

- General Practitioner Rural Incentive Program
  Margaret Norrington & Jean Douglas

10. Concurrent Session 2: Associated Papers

- Recruitment, Retention & Recreation: The Three R’s of Staffing
  Karyn Johns & Adrian Booth
Dementia - A Challenge for Rural Health Planning
Jean Hines & Debbie Black

Expansion and Extension of Rural Health Workers Roles to Increase Access to Health Services in Rural Areas
Alan Pearson

Hearing Loss - Occupational Health and Safety: A Rural Perspective
Cathy Challinor & Helen Milne

11. Concurrent Session 3: Health Care Issues

A Survey of Sexual Behaviour and Knowledge of Sexual Health of Rural Youth
Michael Dunne, M. Donald, J. Lucke & B. Raphael

AIDS in Rural Australia
Virginia Furner (Abstract only)

The Aboriginal Tree Applied to an Aged Care Complex
Terry Thommeny
12. Plenary Session on Conference Recommendations

- Recommendations
  *David Rosenthal*

- Key Recommendations Presented to the Honourable Brian Howe MP, Minister for Health, Housing and Community Services

- Rural Health Services for the 1990s and Beyond
  *Address by the Honourable Brian Howe, Commonwealth Minister of Health*

13. Appendix 1

- The National Rural Health Alliance