

RURAL AND REMOTE AUSTRALIA THE HEART OF A HEALTHY NATION

11th National Rural Health Conference
Perth Convention Centre 13–16 March 2011

PROGRAM



First-time presenters



'Top 20' abstracts




Refereed paper

Sunday 13 March 2011

8.00 am	Registration desk open	Level 2
9.00 am – 3.30 pm	<p>Pre-conference events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Australian Department of Health, Heart Foundation WA, Diabetes WA, Aboriginal Health Council of WA: Deadly approaches to staying healthy, (9.30 am – 3.30 pm, Meeting Rooms 1 and 2) • National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO): Aboriginal Health Workshop (11.00 am – 3.00 pm, Meeting Room 7) • Australasian College of Health Service Management: Rural Health Workshop (12.00 pm – 3.30 pm, Meeting Room 3) • Australian Journal of Rural Health: Getting into print: the keys to publication Seminar (1.00 pm – 3.30 pm, Meeting Room 6) • Australasian Society for HIV Medicine's Training Course: STIs clinical management—engaging your Aboriginal clients (8.30 am – 3.30 pm, Meeting Room 8) <p>See information on page 91 of handbook</p>	
2.00 pm – 2.45 pm	Pre-conference concert by The Walkabout Boys from Yiyili, Western Australia	Riverside Theatre
2.00 pm	Exhibition opens in Pavilion 1	Pavilion 1

PLENARY SESSION 1: Opening


4.00 pm	Welcome to Country Barry McGuire and Gya Gnoop Keeninyarra (One Blood Dancers)	Convention Centre
4.15 pm	Welcome from Conference Convenor (Gordon Stacey) and MC (James Fitzpatrick)	Riverside Theatre
4.20 pm	Opening performance by Walkabout Boys from Yiyili, West Australia	
4.30 pm	'We  where we live'	
4.35 pm	Opening Address and Welcome to Western Australia Jenny May , Chairperson, National Rural Health Alliance Kim Snowball , Director General, representing the Deputy Premier and Minister for Health	
4.45 pm	Plenary session: Australia's rural health sector and health in the Pacific region A special focus on the roles of Australia's rural and remote health sector in the international region	
	★ KEYNOTE 1: <i>Implementation of integrated health systems at the community level (SISCa) in Timor-Leste</i> Madalena Hanjan Soares , Vice Minister of Health, Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste	
	★ KEYNOTE 2: <i>Treating club feet in the highlands of Papua New Guinea</i> Joseph Kombeng , Kundiawa General Hospital, Simbu Province, PNG	
	★ KEYNOTE 3: <i>Working for a healthier Papua New Guinea</i> Peter Macdonald , President, Australian Doctors International	
	★ KEYNOTE 4: <i>Eradicating scabies in the Asia-Pacific</i> Sam Prince , Principal, <i>One Disease At A Time</i>	
5.45pm	Chris Cliffe to be interviewed by James Fitzpatrick	
6.15 pm	★ KEYNOTE 5: <i>The struggle to grow our own health professionals in rural Australia</i> Max Kamien , University of Western Australia	
6.45 pm	Meet Council of the NRHA	
6.50 pm	Last call for the Delegate Dance Troupe—register at the Alliance Booth during the Welcome Reception (limited to 20)	

6.50 pm WELCOME RECEPTION

Pavilion 1

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6.30 am – 7.30 am	Heart Foundation Walking —start your day the healthy way with a 60-minute walk along the Swan River foreshore led by the West Australian Heart Foundation’s Lauren Clarke. Meet in the Convention Centre foyer at 6.20 am	
7.30 am – 8.30 am	Annette Carmichael’s Delegate Dance Troupe first rehearsal	River View Room 5
8.00 am	Registration desk open	Level 2
8.00 am	Exhibition open, posters on display	Pavilion 1
8.45 am – 10.30 am	PLENARY SESSION 2: The key themes	Riverside Theatre
8.45 am	‘We  what’s happening’	
8.50 am	★ Panel session (5-minute statements followed by facilitated discussion) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Judith Adams—Rural families as health consumers• Tom Calma—Health and wellbeing of Australia’s first peoples• Colleen Hayward—The social determinants of good health• Mike Daube—Public health in the bush• Sandra Dunn—Interprofessional learning, multidisciplinary care and workforce redesign	
10.00 am	Question and answer session	
10.30 am	MORNING TEA and viewing of posters	Pavilion 1
10.55 am	Chimes	





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11.00 am –
12.35 pm

CONCURRENT SESSION A

	A1 Interprofessional learning	A2 Soapbox—brief presentations	A3 Colloquium—Sustainable health services for the future	A4 Staying connected	A5 Oral health	A6 Heart Foundation stream: heart health 	A7 Rural and remote food security	A8 Arts and health	A9 Rural health speed dating
	Riverside Theatre Chair: Robert Williams Scribe: Cheryl Au	Meeting Room 1 Chair: Lesley Barclay Scribe: Katherine Murphy	Meeting Room 2 Chair: Jenny May Scribe: John Clark	Meeting Room 3 Chair: Brian Bowring Scribe: Al Dyason	Meeting Room 6 Chair: Sophie Heathcote Scribe: Anne-Marie Rowell	Meeting Room 7 Chair: Pauline Wardle Scribe: Marie Leknys	Meeting Room 8 Chair: Amanda Sheedy Scribe: Elysse Taylor	River View Room 5 Chair: Ruth Smiles Scribe: Barb Bradshaw	River View Room 4 Chair: Jeff Wearne Scribe: Sally McKenzie
11.00	<i>Interprofessional learning—what is it and why is it important for reform?</i> Janie Smith 	<i>Working for improved Indigenous health through allied health</i> Kylie Stothers  <i>Delivery of ear health and hearing services to remote communities in the NT as part of the Australian Government Intervention Hearing and ENT Project</i> Amarjit Anand	Introduction 11.05 am <i>Linking service reform with infrastructure upgrades in rural health services</i> Rob Pulsford  11.20 am <i>A value case assessment for remote utility provision</i> Gavin Shearing	<i>Connecting rural and remote women through online social media</i> Dianne Treble 	<i>The not so good, the bad, and the quite ugly: an oral health policy vacuum in rural and remote Australia</i> Bruce Simmons	<i>Have regional Australians shared equally in health gains?</i> John Glover	<i>Rural and remote food security: multiple determinants</i> Michelle Young	<i>Sound body, sound mind, sound investment—effective creative ageing strategies for regional Australia</i> Margret Meagher	An opportunity for delegates to meet some of the leaders of the rural and remote health community in Australia. 20 x 3 minute one-on-one sessions
11.25	<i>Interprofessional learning in rural south-east New South Wales</i> Ian Goater, Daniel Heard, John Sullivan	<i>Mobile women's health services in rural and remote communities in Queensland</i> Dee Wallis <i>Our foot prints: Regional Aboriginal Health Forums in Western Australia</i> Kevin Cox, Vicki O'Donell, Linda Waters	11.35 am <i>Workforce development and skills policy: shaping the future community services and health workforce</i> Robin Flynn	<i>MensLine Australia: improving access to support for Australian men</i> Randal Newton-John	<i>Incorporating oral health into primary health care—a productive partnership</i> Tarja Martin, Judith Townsend-Stahre 	<i>Issues in Aboriginal rural heart health: results from a mixed method study in Western Australia</i> Kate Taylor	<i>Food relief for the needy in rural and remote Northern Territory</i> Richard Sager 	<i>Binge on Art</i> Karyn Hodson, Joanne Lawrie 	

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11.50	<p><i>Celebrating multidisciplinary practice and learning: three years' evaluation of an undergraduate interprofessional rural education pilot</i> Judith Spencer, Jessica Woodroffe</p> 	<p><i>The first national survey of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sexual health</i> Clint Airzmendi</p> <p><i>'Dad was alone in his head'—National Relay Service for people with a hearing impairment</i> Annabel Vasquez</p>	<p>11.50 am <i>Demographic and utilisation changes for rural and remote populations—subacute admitted care</i> Jim Pearse</p>  <p>12.05 pm Discussion session with all four presenters</p>	<p><i>NSW rural and remote nursing grand rounds via videoconference</i> Jenny Preece</p>	<p><i>Parent perceptions—oral health for rural children with intellectual disability</i> Linda Slack-Smith</p>	<p><i>Regional and remote support for children with childhood heart disease and their carers</i> Lee Morgan, Neil McWhannell</p>	<p><i>Garden Tucker Program</i> Merrian-Jo Nahow</p>	<p><i>Pina Palya, Pina Kulilku (good ears, good learning)</i> Ruth Monck, Michelle Forrest</p> 	
12.15	<p><i>Midwifery and medical students—learning together in rural communities</i> Pauline Glover</p>	<p><i>Meeting the educational needs of the rural and remote practitioner</i> Libby Bowell, Julia Stewart</p> <p><i>The National Rural Health Students' Network—pursing passion and professional development</i> Francesca Garnett</p>		<p><i>Adopting and adapting an Internet intervention to support breastfeeding duration and research throughout regional Western Australia</i> Roslyn Giglia</p> 	<p><i>Not just house-keeping: the Federal policy vacuum on oral health</i> Tessa Boyd-Caine</p>	<p><i>Encouraging young Western Australians to be Smarter than Smoking</i> Vanessa Beal</p>	<p><i>Beyond emergency food relief</i> Fiona Hughes</p>	<p><i>Gomerol gaaynggal: a creative start to health, a healthy start to life</i> Kym Rae</p>	
12.35 pm Session concludes									

12.35 pm – **LUNCH**
1.20 pm

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12.45 pm – Lunch time session
1.15 pm Developments in media and their implications for rural health, by **Melissa Sweet**, Convenor of Crikey's health blog, Croakey

The Melissa Suite
(MR10)

1.20 pm – **PLENARY SESSION 3: The foundations of good health**
3.05 pm

Riverside Theatre

1.20 pm Performance by moveMENT, contemporary male dance group from Denmark, Western Australia

1.30 pm Report from the Colloquium: Sustainable health services for the future: Jenny May

1.40 pm 'We  what's happening'

1.45 pm ★ **KEYNOTE 6: *Healthy regions for healthy communities***
Brendon Grylls, Western Australian Minister for Regional Development

2.05 pm ★ **KEYNOTE 7: *Mental health and racism***
Pat Dudgeon, University of Western Australia

2.25 pm ★ **KEYNOTE 8: *Seriously creative: managing chronic conditions in the heart of Western Australia***
Christine Jeffries-Stokes and **Annette Stokes**, University of Western Australia

2.45 pm Questions

3.05 pm **AFTERNOON TEA** and viewing of posters








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3.25 pm Chimes

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3.30 pm –
5.05 pm

CONCURRENT SESSION B


	B1 'Preparing for practice'	B2 Team care	B3 Alcohol and foetal alcohol spectrum disorder	B4 beyondblue stream: mental health 	B5 Carers and disability	B6 Heart Foundation stream: heart health 	B7 E-health in practice	B8 Arts and health	B9 Workshop—Digital storytelling
	Riverside Theatre Chair: Kathy Kirkpatrick Scribe: Marianne Dowsett	Meeting Room 1 Chair: Tanya Lehmann Scribe: Nushin Ahmed	Meeting Room 2 Chair: Tom Calma Scribe: Katherine Murphy	Meeting Room 3 Chair: Sophie Heathcote Scribe: Philippa Gray	Meeting Room 6 Chair: Lynne Strathie Scribe: Cat Ryan	Meeting Room 7 Chair: Rob Curry Scribe: Iana Jorgensen	Meeting Room 8 Chair: Gordon Stacey Scribe: Frayne Gomez	River View Room 5 Chair: Paul MacPhail Scribe: Nidhi Verma	River View Room 4 Chair: Amy Stephenson Scribe: Mitchell Milanovic
3.30	<i>Volunteerism: a pathway to paramedic practice</i> Tina Ivanov, Robyn Cameron	<i>Bush Buddies—a rural team clinical leadership program</i> Jan Dent	<i>The Lililwan Project: a remote Australian Aboriginal community overcomes its biggest challenge</i> Maureen Carter, Harry Yungabun 	<i>The roadmap to mental health reform</i> Mental Health Council of Australia	<i>The tyranny of distance? Carers in regional and remote areas of Australia</i> Mary Reid 	<i>Heart health for our people by our people: a culturally appropriate Western Australian cardiac rehabilitation program</i> Lyn Dimer, Ted Dowling	<i>Personally controlled electronic health record demonstrator</i> Chris Pearce (35 minutes)	<i>Reggae hits the spot: Out There: youth arts development program</i> Wendy Carmichael, Bel Skinner	<i>Shaping rural health service delivery through consumer engagement: the potential of digital storytelling</i> Amanda Kenny, Pip Hardy
3.55	<i>Unexpected benefits of medical student rotations to a small rural community</i> Peter Arvier	The impact of context-specific education as preparation for remote and Indigenous health practice Robyn Aitken	<i>The Lililwan Project: the power of diversity in achieving a common goal</i> Elizabeth Elliott, Jane Latimer 	<i>Perinatal mental health: implications for service delivery in the rural and remote community</i> Nicole Highet	<i>The Disabilities Services Commission's remote area strategy in Western Australia</i> Helen Nys	<i>Heart Foundation Walking and Heartmoves—aiming to increase physical activity in population subgroups</i> Lauren Clarke, Dannie Butcher	4.10 pm <i>Clinical services via telehealth in the Kimberley</i> Linda Hannig		
4.20	<i>Investing in the future: promoting mental wellbeing for students, by students</i> Stephanie Frazer, Samantha Johnson 	<i>Providing primary health care in remote Western Australia</i> Gabrielle West 	<i>Is foetal alcohol spectrum disorder a rural and remote issue? A mother's perspective</i> Elizabeth Russell	<i>Evaluation of a suicide prevention training resource for Central Australian Indigenous communities</i> Jessica Lopes	<i>A partnership arrangement for the provision of therapy services for people with disabilities in rural and remote Western Australia</i> Joanne Nodwell	<i>Lessons learned in relation to state-wide social marketing campaigns and regional perspectives</i> Ninka James, Clover Maitland	<i>e-health initiatives: mental health services in South Australia</i> Niranjan Bidargaddi, Ken Fielke	<i>Western Desert Kidney Health Project</i> Annette Stokes, Samuel Stokes	

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4.45	<p><i>Not just dogs, dumps and dustbins! How collaboration between local government and health educators can benefit the rural community</i> Julie Forgan, Barbara Linden</p> 	<p><i>Establishing cross-agency service models in the rural and remote context: learnings for health reform</i> Kristine Battye</p>	<p><i>Making certain Alcohol and Other Drugs Non-Government Organisations are involved in the National Primary Healthcare Reform Agenda</i> David Templeman</p>	<p><i>Meeting primary mental health care needs for people in rural and remote areas of central Australia</i> John Setchell</p>	<p><i>Medicare health assessments for rural people with an intellectual disability: benefits for patients, doctors and carers in a rural community</i> Heather Burton, Lucie Walters</p>  	<p><i>Ongoing support for rural heart patients</i> Graham Neville, David McAndrew</p> 	<p><i>Electronic distance nursing system, E-KANGO—model simulation and assessment</i> Kazuyo Kanzaki-Sooudi</p>		
5.05 pm	Session concludes								
6.45 pm	Book launch: <i>Seeded—great arts and health stories grown in regional Australia</i>								Ballroom Foyer
7.00 pm for 7.30 pm		<p>Super Heroes Dinner, sponsored by HESTA Announcing the winners of the Rural Health Research Award, the Louis Ariotti Memorial Award, the <i>friends</i> Unsung Hero and the Des Murray Scholarship</p>							Bellevue Ballroom

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6.30 am – 7.30 am	<i>Heart Foundation's Heartmoves Exercise Group with Dannie Butcher—a gentle physical activity program suitable for anyone who hasn't exercised in a while. Safe for people with stable long-term health conditions such as heart disease, diabetes or obesity. All delegates are encouraged to join in the fun!</i>	Riverside Theatre Foyert
6.30 am	Student Recovery Breakfast	The Old Brewery
7.30 am – 8.30 am	Annette Carmichael's Delegate Dance Troupe rehearsal	River View Room 5
8.00 am	Registration desk open	Level 2
8.00 am	Exhibition open, posters on display	Pavilion 1
8.45 am – 10.30 am	PLENARY SESSION 4: Listening to consumers and citizens	Riverside Theatre
8.45 am	'We  what's happening'	
8.50 am	★ KEYNOTE 9: <i>From public participation to social movements: engaging citizens in policy development in Canada</i> Amanda Sheedy , People's Food Project, Canada	
9.15 am	★ KEYNOTE 10: <i>Engaging rural communities to produce a sustainable decision</i> Desley Renton , President, International Association for Public Participation	
9.40 am	★ KEYNOTE 11: <i>Citizens' juries: a citizens' revolution in rural health</i> Gavin Mooney , University of Sydney and Cape Town University	
10.05 am	Discussion session	
10.30 am	MORNING TEA and viewing of posters	Pavilion 1
10.55 am	Chimes	

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11.00 am –
12.35 pm

CONCURRENT SESSION C

	C1 Retaining rural and remote health professionals	C2 Best practice care of chronic conditions	C3 Silver Chain stream: Healthy ageing at home 	C4 beyondblue stream: mental health 	C5 Colloquium—Community engagement	C6 Health services in the NT	C7 Environmental challenges	C8 Arts and health	C9 The business of health services
	Riverside Theatre Chair: Sandra Schmidt Scribe: Cecile Chu	Meeting Room 1 Chair: Terry Battalis Scribe: Philippa Gray	Meeting Room 2 Chair: Carole Bain Scribe: Al Dyason	Meeting Room 3 Chair: Nicole Highet Scribe: Elyse Taylor	Meeting Room 6 Chair: Irene Mills Scribe: Fiona Hanks	Meeting Room 7 Chair: Bruce Simmons Scribe: Katherine King	Meeting Room 8 Chair: Tom McCue Scribe: Ainsley Nuyens	River View Room 5 Chair: Philippa Maughan Scribe: Tara Naige	River View Room 4 Chair: Nicole O'Reilly Scribe: Sam Johnson
11.00	<i>Measuring and improving health workforce retention in rural and remote Australia</i> John Wakerman	<i>What can we learn from other countries in managing chronic kidney disease through primary care?</i> Beth Amega <i>Ten top reasons to support more rural placements for students</i> Amy Stephenson, Teena Downton	<i>The broker: bridging the gap between the bureaucratic and the local in supporting older rural people</i> Peter Orpin	<i>Mental health awareness and capacity building in rural communities: beyondblue's Don't beat about the bush! campaign</i> Nadine Bartholomeusz-Raymond	Introduction 11.05 am <i>Communities as allies in primary prevention in rural and remote Australia</i> Judy Taylor  11.20 am <i>Rural Health Outreach Program—Hastings Council and North Coast Area Health Service</i> Dianne Penberthy	<i>Dealing with disease in the desert: a new approach</i> Simon Madin	<i>The farmer's phoenix—engaging with farm families after natural disasters</i> Catherine Mercer-Grant	<i>Keeler healing—helping an Aboriginal community heal themselves</i> Suzanne Taylor, Garry Taylor	<i>Meeting the business support needs of rural and remote general practice</i> Kelli Porter, Lawrence Donaldson
11.25	<i>Back from the edge: reducing and preventing occupational stress in the remote area nursing workforce</i> Sue Lenthal 	<i>To the back of Bourke, delivering brain injury rehabilitation to remote areas in New South Wales</i> Virginia Mitsch 	<i>Getting involved in the country: productive ageing in different types of rural communities</i> Sam Davis	<i>Online technologies for rural and remote wellbeing: Suicide Call Back Service</i> Christopher Groot	11.35 am <i>A healthy start to life: research as a strategy for change</i> Lesley Barclay	<i>Planning it, getting it, keeping it—a framework for the Aboriginal primary health care workforce in the Northern Territory</i> Rob Curry	<i>Climate, cardiovascular disease and crops—an unlikely trio?</i> Susan Brumby  	<i>Unfurling our spirits (hands)</i> Loretta Weatherall	<i>A safe system of work for the evacuation of patients by the Royal Flying Doctor Service</i> Greg McHugh

11.50	<i>A coordinated approach to GP recruitment and retention</i> Estrella Lowe, Fiona Strang, Scott McLachlan	<i>Shaping the LIFE program: adaptation of the Stanford Chronic Disease Self-Management Program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities</i> Kate Warren	<i>A multidisciplinary network to preserve eye health and minimise the risk of blindness for healthy ageing in rural Australia</i> Philip Anderton	<i>Mental health promotion through sporting clubs</i> Nicholas Tolhurst, Elle Milne 	11.50 am <i>When reform becomes the norm: celebrating a culture of learning in one Tasmanian rural site</i> Beth Smith, Karyn Parker 12.05 am Discussion session with all presenters	<i>Remote Area Health Corps uses innovative methods to attract and retain health professionals for remote Indigenous health work</i> Lisa Studdert	<i>Alcohol and drug use amongst fishing and farming workers: preliminary indications, perceptions and implications</i> Julaine Allan	<i>Art in health—an integrated approach to health education in a rural/remote setting</i> Paul Bennett 	<i>Rural e-health—low-hanging fruit or the usual mix of the good, the bad and the inevitable cock-ups?</i> Emma Hossack
12.15	<i>Rural health workforce retention: strengthening the evidence base</i> Deborah Russell 	<i>Evidence-based success factors for community-based Aboriginal health projects</i> Ann Larson	<i>Mobile low-care nursing home in the bush</i> Cherie Nichols	<i>Men in the kitchen: distress, anxiety and depression. Evidence from three bereavement programs for men</i> Anna Petterson		<i>One size fits all? The national bowel cancer screening experience in one remote Aboriginal community</i> Kay Coppa	<i>Climate change and rural primary health care: Towards better regional health impact and risk assessments</i> Erica Bell 	<i>Reducing social isolation through creative writing</i> Laura Wardleworth, Rosie Rowland 	<i>Leaders of the pack—innovative technological solutions to rural issues</i> Howard Bunt 
12.35 pm	Session concludes								
12.35 pm – 1.20 pm	LUNCH —have a heart-to-heart with people from your State—lunch will be served to designated State catering stations—international delegates may choose!								Pavilion 1
12.45 pm – 1.15 pm	Lunch time session How can Twitter help rural health?: Melissa Sweet , Convenor of Crikey’s health blog, Croakey								The Melissa Suite (MR10)
12.45 pm – 1.40 pm	Lunch time session How to run a citizens’ jury on health: Gavin Mooney								Johnnie Walker Lounge

1.20 pm –
3.30 pm

PLENARY SESSION 5: Celebrating our heroes and mentors

Riverside Theatre

1.20 pm Disability in the Arts, Disadvantage in the Arts, Australia (DADAA) Film Showcase: The Lost Generation Project

1.35 pm Report on speed dating—Jeff Wearne

1.36 pm 'We  what's happening'

1.40 pm ★ **KEYNOTE 12:** The Libby Harricks Memorial Oration: *Molecules, managers or mentors: how can we minimise noise damage at the worksite?*
Dr Rob Patuzzi, University of Western Australia; **Jenny Rosen** and **Kris Newton**, Deafness Forum of Australia

2.40 pm First pass of the Conference recommendations—with two Fitzpatricks: James and Lesley

3.00 pm Celebrating the sector:

- Friends of the Alliance Unsung Hero
- Des Murray scholars
- Toowoomba Hospital Foundation Rural Health Research Award—announced by Ray Taylor, Chair of the Board
- Toowoomba Hospital Foundation Louis Ariotti Memorial Award—announced by Ray Taylor, Chair of the Board

3.15 pm ★ **KEYNOTE 13:** Louis Ariotti Awardee

3.30 pm **AFTERNOON TEA** and viewing of posters

Pavilion 1

3.55 pm Chimes





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4.00 pm –
5.35 pm

CONCURRENT SESSION D


	D1 Palliative care	D2 Soapbox	D3 Choosing rural practice	D4 beyondblue stream: mental health	D5 Colloquium— Technology and health	D6 Community case studies	D7 Training and Indigenous health	D8 Arts and health	D9 Colloquium— Rural, remote and regional differences in women's health
	Riverside Theatre Chair: Lawrie Donaldson Scribe: Nidhi Verma	Meeting Room 1 Chair: Janie Smith Scribe: Alison Hughes	Meeting Room 2 Chair: Tim Kelly Scribe: Felicia Higgins	Meeting Room 3 Chair: Katherine Kirkpatrick Scribe: Catherine Ryan	Meeting Room 6 Chair: David Perkins Scribe: Marie Leknys	Meeting Room 7 Chair: Moya Sandow Scribe: John Clark	Meeting Room 8 Chair: Glenda Humes Scribe: Mitchell Milanovic	River View Room 5 Chair: Jessica Machin Scribe: Teena Downton	River View Room 4 Chair: Lesley Barclay Scribe: Sally McKenzie
4.00	<i>How national approaches to palliative care can benefit rural communities</i> Yvonne Luxford	<i>Epidemiology at the extremes: an examination of the factors that affect health outcomes in very remote areas of Australia</i> Lachlan McIver <i>Career induced infertility—a growing problem for tomorrow's doctors</i> Rebekah Adams	<i>Factors influencing generalist intention across medical school years</i> Louis Landau	<i>beyond maturity blues—peer educators take depression awareness to the bush</i> Michelle Elding	Introduction 4.05 pm <i>Consumer views on quality use of pathology in Australia</i> Sarah Watt 4.20 pm <i>'Let's pop that pill and get it right'—computerised medication administration</i> Rosemary Jeffrey, Marysia Kalcher	<i>'Sowing the Seeds of Hope'—community crime prevention</i> Gwen Cooke	<i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander continence training in rural and remote Australia</i> Ailsa Sutherland	<i>Resourcing the arts and health sector</i> David Doyle, Andrea Lewis, Natalie Georgeff	Introduction 4.05 pm <i>Why are death rates higher in rural areas?</i> Deirdre McLaughlin 4.15 pm <i>Chronic health conditions and risk factors</i> Annette Dobson
4.25	<i>Rural palliative care research engages end user in pastoral care, counselling and support: from adaption to adoption of a state-of-the art learning environment</i> Joy Penman	<i>Injury prevention and safety promotion in the Aboriginal community of Cherbourg</i> Andrew Beckett <i>Partnering with technology</i> Janet Struber	<i>Mad, maverick or missionary? A framework for studying individual physicians' decisions to work in rural areas</i> Michael Jones	<i>Building resilience in the schools sector</i> Brian Graetz	4.35 pm <i>Breaking the sound barrier—innovations in the Rural Women's GP Services</i> Susan Downes, Alessandra Sippl	<i>An AMS and a Division collaborating on chronic disease management</i> Anne Munzel, Mavis Egan, Karlene Dwyer	<i>'When they give you the nod, they give you the confidence'—Indigenous students' perceptions of the Pre-Medicine Program</i> Lisa Watts		4.25 pm <i>Pap tests and mammograms: are there urban/rural differences in take-up in women?</i> Julie Byles 4.35 pm <i>Out-of-pocket costs for medical services</i> Julie Byles

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4.50	<p>An innovative approach to improved care in the last days and hours of life in rural Western Australia Valerie Colgan</p>	<p>A taste of oral health in undergraduate medicine Gillian Laven</p>  <p>Engaging local governments to create supportive environments for physical activity and healthy eating Elisha McGuinness</p>	<p>GP workforce research in rural and remote NSW Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services: from adaption to adoption Kaylie Harrison, Victoria Jones</p>	<p>Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex rural mental health Mandy Arnold, Gabi Rosenstreich</p> 	<p>4.50 pm A multidisciplinary computer literacy program for rural and remote clinicians Jackie Poyser</p> <p>5.05 pm Discussion session with all presenters</p>	<p>Analysis of the impact of the Osteo-arthritis Hip and Knee Service Theo Kapakoulakis</p>	<p>Indigenous health—the career intentions of generation ‘next’! Margie Mahon</p>	<p>Impact of Healthway’s arts sponsorship on the health and wellbeing of regional Western Australians Lindsay Lovering, Christina Mills</p>	<p>4.45 pm Differences in birth interventions by area of residence Deborah Loxton</p> <p>4.55 pm Narratives from women in drought Jane Rich</p> <p>5.05 pm Discussion session with all presenters</p>
5.15	<p>Development of a regional palliative care nurse practitioner service Jade Odgers</p> 	<p>The value of ‘qualitative descriptive’ methodology within Aboriginal research Hilton Gruis</p> <p>Understanding rural and remote health: what do the experts think? Judy Taylor</p>	<p>The future health workforce: what is it going to take to get them out bush? Shannon Nott</p>	<p>Strengthening alliances in child and adolescent mental health—promoting parent/carer participation Harry Gelber, Rosemary Lawton</p>		<p>Case studies in rural innovation: pain management and second-stage recovery Dorothy McLaren</p>	<p>Indigenous health communication: the ‘Strong’ series Don Perigut</p>		
5.35 pm	Session concludes								
5.40 pm – 7.00 pm	Recommendations roundtable								Council Room
5.45 pm		<p>An evening at the theatre. My dog has stripes, a Bay Street Production sponsored by <i>beyondblue</i></p> <p>A play about mental illness, with a focus on depression. The latest addition to the HealthPlay series developed by Alan Hopgood AM in association with Tania Nahum, it features well-known Melbourne actors: Margot Knight, Marcella Russo, Paul English and Alan Hopgood.</p> <p>Following the performance, Alan will facilitate a panel discussion, including contributions from: Nicole Highet, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, <i>beyondblue: the national depression initiative</i> Sophie Heathcote, credentialled Rural Mental Health Nurse, Dubbo Plains Division of General Practice, New South Wales Harry Gelber, Senior Social Worker, Royal Children’s Hospital Integrated Mental Health Program, Victoria John Setchell, General Manager, Health Services, Royal Flying Doctor Service, South Australia</p>							Riverside Theatre
6.45 pm	EXHIBITION HAPPY HOUR and viewing of posters								Pavillion 1

Wednesday 16 March 2011











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6.30 am – 7.30 am	Heart Foundation Walking —start your day the healthy way with a 60-minute walk along the Swan River foreshore led by the West Australian Heart Foundation’s Lauren Clarke. Please meet in the Convention Centre Foyer at 6.20 am.	
7.30 am – 8.30 am	Delegate Dance Troupe final rehearsal	River View Room 5
8.00 am	Registration desk open	Level 2
8.00 am	Exhibition open, posters on display	Pavilion 1
8.45 am – 10.30 am	PLENARY SESSION 6: Rural and remote health workforce development	Riverside Theatre
8.15 am	Recommendations on screen: James and Lesley	
8.45 am	‘We  what’s happening’	
8.50 am	★ KEYNOTE 14: <i>The costs and benefits of reform in the rural and remote health workforce</i> John Menadue , Centre for Policy Development	
9.15 am	★ KEYNOTE 15: <i>Good things take time—and come in little parcels</i> Robyn McDermott , University of South Australia	
9.40 am	★ KEYNOTE 16: <i>Reducing health inequalities for Maori</i> Teresa Wall , Te Kete Hauora, New Zealand Ministry of Health	
10.05 am	Discussion session	
10.30 am	MORNING TEA and viewing of posters	Pavilion 1
10.55 am	Chimes	










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11.00 am –
12.35 pm

CONCURRENT SESSION E

	E1 Residential aged care in the bush	E2 Cancer	E3 Promoting careers in health	E4 More on the health workforce	E5 Farmers' health	E6 Research on relationships and change	E7 Innovation and inclusion	E8 Arts and health	E9 Patient access
	Riverside Theatre Chair: Pauline Wardle Scribe: Sam Johnson	Meeting Room 1 Chair: Jackie Poyser Scribe: Felicia Higgins	Meeting Room 2 Chair: Julianne Bryce Scribe: Pamposh Verma	Meeting Room 3 Chair: Phil Anderton Scribe: Lauren Simkin	Meeting Room 6 Chair: Lyndon Seys Scribe: Nushin Ahmed	Meeting Room 7 Chair: Lynne Strathie Scribe: Stephanie Frazer	Meeting Room 8 Chair: Brenda Tait Scribe: Anne-Marie Rowell	River View Room 5 Chair: Wendy Carmichael Scribe: Tara Naige	River View Room 4 Chair: Heather Taylor Scribe: Cheryl Au
11.00	<i>National approaches to ageing well in rural and remote areas</i> Nick Mersiades	<i>Interactive technology aims to deliver evidence-based breast cancer education to health professionals in rural Australia</i> Kevin Comlossy	<i>The Health Careers in the Bush program—encouraging Queensland's rural and remote secondary students to pursue careers in health</i> Francine Riley 	<i>The Combined Allied Health Workforce Study: filling the knowledge gap</i> Tony Smith	<i>Improving farm clients' pathways to health care</i> Phoebe Begg	<i>Should we play basket ball with our patients? Professional boundaries and overlapping relationships in rural Australia</i> Rosemary Anderson 	<i>Well ways for carers in rural Western Australia</i> Pam Gardner, Samantha Harris	<i>Singing, dancing and smoking for country: using arts, music, photography and performance to improve the health and wellbeing of communities in the southern Wheatbelt</i> Pilar Kasat, Dave Palmer, Geri Hayden	<i>Cost and policy issues in relation to patient travel</i> Jeff Wearne 
11.25	<i>Hanging on by our fingernails: providing culturally sensitive, high-quality residential aged care in remote areas</i> Rosemary Young	<i>Impacting cancer through community engagement</i> Jenny Beach 	<i>Promoting health careers to rural students</i> Carol McKinstry  	<i>Ten years on: a decade of innovation and developments in rural health through the rural clinical schools program</i> Judith Walker  	<i>Reducing farming fatalities in Australia: a positive story, but more to come</i> Emily Herde	<i>Drawing the line in the Centre: the difficulties in defining child neglect in the Northern Territory</i> Nettie Flaherty 	<i>'Unlocking value': corporate support models and Indigenous primary health care services</i> Kate Silburn, Alister Thorpe 		<i>No transport, no treatment</i> Anita Tang, Samantha Edmonds

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11.50	<p><i>Developing oral health teams in rural Australian residential aged care services</i> Rachel Tham</p> 	<p><i>The strength of a network—creating opportunities for consumer engagement</i> Amanda Winiata</p> 	<p><i>Investing in the future of rural and remote allied health and communities</i> Debra Jones</p>  	<p><i>'I got to experience ... so much!' Multi-university work-based learning in far west New South Wales</i> Chris Roberts</p> 	<p><i>Staying healthy: how farmers and fishers maintain good health in difficult times</i> Karla Peek, Susan Johns</p> 	<p><i>Considering models of practice: challenges faced by the Bush Support Service in developing service delivery to support remote area Aboriginal health workers</i> Mark Millard</p>	<p><i>Let's make tracks: a multidisciplinary preschool screen for rural kids</i> Carajane Millar</p> 	<p><i>Sand Tracks: remote touring in central Australia</i> Philippa Maughan, Mark Grose</p>	<p><i>Breaking down barriers and the importance of Aboriginal consumer engagement</i> Laura Elkin, William Trott</p> 
12.15	<p><i>True heart and soul belongs with ageing rural communities</i> Nicole Brooke</p>	<p><i>Breast cancer—knowledge and skills to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women</i> Hannah Nancarrow</p>	<p><i>The rural generalist: a new generation of health professionals providing the rural medical workforce the bush needs</i> Dan Manahan</p>	<p><i>Learning and living together: a rural immersion program for medical and allied health students</i> Amanda Barnard</p>	<p><i>The Alcohol Intervention Training Program—arming 'new generation' health professionals assisting the farming community to reduce alcohol misuse</i> Alison Kennedy</p>	<p><i>Health sector reform—implications for rural health services</i> Susan McAlpin</p> 	<p><i>Australian Government policy approaches to health equity in early childhood</i> Daniel Yore</p>		<p><i>A whole-of-journey approach for rural consumers and their families who travel for health care</i> Michael Janssen</p>


12.35 pm Session concludes

12.35 pm – 1.15 pm **LUNCH**

Pavilion 1

PLENARY SESSION 7: Health and health services in a turbulent environment

Riverside Theatre

1.00 pm	Recommendations roundtable	Council Room
1.15 pm	'We  what's happening'	
1.20 pm	Performance by Annette Carmichael's delegate dance troupe	
1.35 pm	★ KEYNOTE 17: <i>Rural people's responses to environmental stress</i> Methuen Morgan , environmental psychologist and farmer	
1.55 pm	★ KEYNOTE 18: <i>After the Victorian bushfires: not just surviving but building and growing</i> Colin McAllan , Chair, Gormandale Community Recovery Committee and Youth Leadership Program	
2.15 pm	★ KEYNOTE 19: <i>E-health and natural disasters: planning, communications, mitigation and recovery</i> Mukesh Haikerwal , Lead Clinician Group, National e-health Transition Authority	
2.35 pm	Panel session: Vanessa McAllan, Mukesh Haikerwal, Methuen Morgan and Colin McAllan	
3.00 pm	★ Closing address: Nicola Roxon, Minister for Health and Ageing	
3.20 pm	Presentation of recommendations	
3.50 pm	Performance: The Bartlett Boys	
4.00 pm	Taking heart from our successes: moving on to 2013: Jenny May , Chair, National Rural Health Alliance	

4.10 pm FAREWELL AFTERNOON TEA

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