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Positive aspects of rural and remote living
Can you help?

Would you like to improve the lives of people in rural and remote Australia? Are you a health professional, student, policy maker, researcher or community member with great ideas about rural health you would like to tell people about?

The National Rural Health Alliance is calling for abstracts for the 12th National Rural Health Conference, to be held in Adelaide from 7 -10 April 2013. The Conference will focus on the positive ways it is possible to meet the challenges of living and working in rural and remote areas.

Strong Commitment, Bright Future is the Conference theme and we are looking for presentations that reflect the passion and commitment for improved health for the one-third of Australians who live and work in the rural and remote areas of this country.

Potential topics could include health in mining communities, eHealth, multi-disciplinary training for rural health professionals, mental health and wellbeing in rural and remote communities, successfully managing chronic conditions, maternity services in the bush and lessons learnt from natural disasters.

“The call for abstracts is the backbone of producing an exciting and stimulating program for delegates,” said Conference Convenor, Marie Lally, who hopes that the Conference will attract a wide range of passionate people.

Abstracts of 400 words can be submitted online through the Conference website via the National Rural Health Alliance’s: www.ruralhealth.org.au and are open from 1 June to 1 October 2012. A wide range of potential topics for inspiration and details about how to submit an abstract can be found at the website.