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Country people already having their say

With the 12th National Rural Health Conference still ten days away, some delegates’ recommendations for improving rural and remote health are already being publicly aired.

One of the strengths of the National Rural Health Conference is its capacity to generate recommendations from people directly involved in delivering and receiving health services in rural Australia.

Recommendations from the biennial Conference help set the agenda for rural and remote health and, with the support of the 1000 delegates attending, will be considered by government and non-government organisations alike in efforts to improve health and wellbeing for country people.

Over 300 presenters will be speaking in concurrent sessions at the three day event in Adelaide (7-10 April). Many of their papers contain recommendations and these are already being incorporated into the Conference’s formal recommendation process.

For this, the 12th Conference, the recommendations proposed are accessible at the Conference’s online hub – the Sharing Shed.

To see the topics that are beginning to generate interest click, click, click on www.nrha.org.au/12nrhc/sharing-shed and link to the Sharing Shed. If you would like to comment on these recommendations or contribute your own ideas in response to papers presented at the Conference, there is still time to register and to attend in person: www.nrha.org.au/12nrhc

If you can’t be there, you can still keep abreast of recommendations as delegates put them up.

During the Conference, delegates will select and endorse a small number of priority recommendations and these will be agreed in the final plenary session in the presence of Tanya Plibersek, Minister for Health.

All other information about the 12th Conference, including the detailed program, is available at www.ruralhealth.org.au

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