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Early bird registrations soon to close for Australia's leading rural health event

Tropical Cairns is set to host the National Rural Health Conference, the peak event of its kind in the country, between April 26 and 29 this year, and discounted early registrations will close at the end of January.

This is the 14th time this unique biennial conference has been staged, and up to 1,200 participants from across Australia, and internationally, are expected to attend. This year the Conference is part of 'A World of Rural Health' that includes the 14th World Rural Health Conference from 29 April to 2 May 2017 (see www.aworldofruralhealth.org.au).

The four-day event helps set the rural health agenda for the next two years with a set of delegate-agreed recommendations presented to Minister David Gillespie on the final day.

The Conference program includes presentations from leaders in the field, professionals and public figures, with sessions focusing on key issues, as well as opportunities for social interaction and engagement. It also showcases services specifically related to improving health and wellbeing for those living where options are limited or more difficult to access.

According to David Butt, CEO of the organising body, the National Rural Health Alliance, early interest is again strong.

“This is considered the pre-eminent conference of its kind. It's an opportunity for those engaged and involved in improving the health of those who live outside our cities to contribute to discussions on the sector's developments and challenges, and more than that, influence outcomes.

“Along with a number of high-profile keynote speakers, we will also run 45 concurrent sessions, allowing maximum exposure and interactivity for participants across a range of relevant topics and areas of interest. In other words, there's something for everyone. The program is currently being finalised and will be available on the Conference website shortly.”

While the take-up of spots has been high, Conference Manager, Leanne Coleman, encourages those wanting to attend to take advantage of the discounted registration while it remains open.

“If people register before January 31, they can secure a very attractive rate. We have a number of options available and welcome all who are invested in improving health care and associated services for our rural and remote communities.”

For further details and registration, visit www.ruralhealth.org.au/14nrhc or contact the National Rural Health Alliance on 02 6285 4660 or email conference@ruralhealth.org.au.

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