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### 9th Rural and Remote Health Scientific Symposium

Research plays a vital role in driving the development of initiatives, approaches, policy and funding to improve healthcare accessibility and wellbeing, especially for communities living in regional, rural and remote Australia.

It is an essential component in the effort to advance rural health reform and achieve equitable outcomes for rural populations.

As a step towards achieving this, the **National Rural Health Alliance** (the Alliance) together with the **Australian Rural Health Education Network** (ARHEN), the **Federation of Rural Australian Medical Educators** (FRAME) and the **Lowitja Institute** will host the [9th Rural and Remote Health Scientific Symposium](#) on 20 and 21 June 2023 at Hotel Realm, Canberra, ACT.

This important event aims to bring together the rural and remote health research sector, policymakers and other stakeholders in the government and non-government sectors to help shape the future of rural and remote health research. Hence, the theme this year is *'Connecting research, practice and communities.'*

The Symposium will include general presentations, high-quality keynote speakers, as well as concurrent and poster sessions that enable delegates to share insights into current trends that shape rural health service delivery.

#### Call for abstracts

This is an opportunity to make your voice heard and inform others about your findings. The call for abstracts for the Symposium is now open and closes 20 February 2023.

Abstracts are invited for a variety of presentation types including 20-minute oral presentations, 15-minute lightning talks, poster presentations and interactive workshops. Visit [www.ruralhealth.org.au/9rrhss/abstracts](http://www.ruralhealth.org.au/9rrhss/abstracts) for full guidelines.

#### Presentation options

Oral presentations: Presenters will be allocated 20-minute time slots on the program. Oral presentations provide an opportunity to share current research, including systematic reviews and primary research projects that address rural, regional and remote health issues.

Lightning talks: This aims to support early career academics and the next generation of rural health researchers. Fast-paced lightning talks can be accompanied by no more than five PowerPoint slides summarising the presentation. Authors speak for five minutes, followed by 10 minutes of discussion with delegates.

Workshop: Allocated 60 minutes approximately in a concurrent session. Abstracts should include details of topic, presenter(s), process and desired outcome.

Poster presentation: AO portrait (841mm x 1189mm) posters will be on display during the Symposium and authors should be available to discuss the poster's content with delegates.

Contact the Alliance on 02 6285 4660 or [conference@ruralhealth.org.au](mailto:conference@ruralhealth.org.au) for further information.

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