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BE AN EARLY BIRD FOR 8th NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

There is one month to go for Early Bird registrations for the 8th National Rural Health Conference. After 17 December the full price goes up from \$682.00 to \$880.00.**

Your link to the on-line registration site is at <http://www.ruralhealth.org.au>

The Conference Program is now available on the website. It includes confirmed keynote speakers, concurrent sessions and special workshops. The Conference will also include posters, a Conference Exhibition, formal opening and closing sessions, some pre-Conference meetings, and a Dinner-Dance. As in previous National Rural Health Conferences there will be an arts-in-health component.

The Conference is in Alice Springs from 10-13 March 2005. It will be the year's most significant public event for issues affecting the health of people in remote, rural and regional Australia.

Twenty Keynote Speakers from Australia and overseas will deal with the health impacts of land and educational policies, Indigenous issues, inter-professional education, changes in clinical practice, and alcohol and drugs. The 90 concurrent papers have been selected from over 400 offers and will report on new service models in remote and rural areas and some of the challenges that are still to be overcome if people in rural areas are to have health status as good as that of their city cousins.

Confirmed Keynote Speakers include:

- * Alison Anderson, ATSIC Commissioner for Northern Territory Central;
- * Pat Anderson, CEO, Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the Northern Territory and Chairperson of the Co-operative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health;
- * Tony Gleeson, Synapse Research, Brisbane and Amanda Addison;
- * Professor John Humphreys, School of Rural Health, Monash University, Bendigo;
- * Professor Debra Humphris, Director, New Generation Project, UK;
- * Fay Johnston, Centre for Remote Health and David Bowman, Director ARC Key Centre for Tropical Wildlife Management, Charles Darwin University;
- * Dr Sally Matthews;
- * Dr Helen Milroy, Director, Centre for Aboriginal Medical and Dental Health, UWA;
- * Steve Morton, Group Executive, Environment and Natural Resources, CSIRO;
- * Professor Alan Pettigrew, CEO of NHMRC, and
- * Judge David Sheppard, The Environment Court of New Zealand.

On Thursday 10 March there will be eight separate pre-Conference events, including a National Health and Medical Research Council workshop on building research capacity for remote and rural health.

The NHMRC is principal sponsor of the event and the Department of Health and Ageing provides core support to the NRHA.

Registration includes access to all sessions, posters, the Conference Dinner and Exhibition, and a copy of the post-Conference CD ROM.

All Conference Early Birds can get their worm by going to <http://www.ruralhealth.org.au> and following to '8th National Rural Health Conference'. You can also register there for the pre-Conference events.

Travel and accommodation can be handled for you by Travel Makers at <http://www.travelmakers.com.au>

If you have questions or are having any difficulty with registration, please contact us.

Further information: conference@ruralhealth.org.au

** There are special rates for members of friends of the Alliance, speakers, students and for day registration.

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2004-05 STATE OF THE REGIONS REPORT

The 2004-05 State of the Regions report exploreS the case for the use of infrastructure development to assist regions to improve their performance and to update and extend the SOR regional performance indicators.

A constant theme of these reports has been the inadequate response by all spheres of government in Australia to globalisation and the rise of the knowledge economy. These inadequacies have been particularly noticeable in the continued divergence between regions. The SOR reports have argued that an adequate response to globalisation and the knowledge economy requires local government involvement

