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Rural infrastructure under the spotlight

The infrastructure required for productive and healthy living in rural, regional and remote Australia – including broadband applications in health – will be the subject of a free public seminar in Canberra on Monday 30 August.

Held as part of the annual meeting of Council of the National Rural Health Alliance, the seminar which starts at 9am will hear addresses from a range of interest groups concerned with rural infrastructure.

There will be a focus on telecommunications and health infrastructure. Chris Pearce, Clinical Lead with the National E-Health Transition Authority, will describe some of the broadband-based e-health applications for rural communities. Sue Salthouse, Chair of the Australian Communications Consumer Action Network, will talk about regional communications from a consumer perspective.

Also on health, Bill Coote will provide insights into matters relating to the Pambula Hospital on the NSW south coast.

Speakers from the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), the Department of Infrastructure, and Infrastructure Australia will describe some of the challenges involved in providing local infrastructure in a federal system. Michael Deegan, Infrastructure Coordinator, will discuss the work that agency does to underpin regional communities. Adrian Beresford-Wylie, Chief Executive of the ALGA, will describe some of the physical infrastructure challenges and successes for local authorities.

Lee Morgan from South Australia will talk about the principles of infrastructure management and how to align developments with service delivery.

The public seminar will be held in the Peninsula Room at the National Museum of Australia. Registration is free and can be completed by sending an e-mail to carol@ruralhealth.org.au. The program can be found on our website at www.ruralhealth.org.au

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