



6th National Rural Health Conference Program

**Good Health ~ Good Country
from conception to completion
Canberra 4-7 March, 2001**

SUNDAY, 4 MARCH 2001

Formal Statement of welcome to land and presentation of Welcome Stick

▶ **Formal welcome to the Conference**

Nigel Stewart, NRHA Chairperson

Marg Brown, Chairperson of Health Consumers of Rural and Remote Australia

▶ **Welcome to Canberra**

Michael Moore MLA, ACT Minister for Health, Housing and Community Services

▶ **Conference Opening Address**

The Hon Kim Beazley MP, Leader of the Opposition

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▶ **International social policy and non-metropolitan Australia (Keynote 1)**

Julian Disney, Director, UNSW Social Justice Project

▶ **Welcome from Telstra Country Wide**

Doug Campbell, Group Managing Director

▶ **Issues in Indigenous Health (Keynote 2)**

Julie Tongs, CEO, Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service

▶ **Employment and population growth in rural and remote Australia (Keynote 3)**

Brian Fisher, Executive Director, Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics

Meeting and BBQ for *friends* of the Alliance

MONDAY 5 MARCH 2001

Opening video and welcome

Chairpersons: Jean Kittson and Steve Clark

▶ **Health in Regional Australia (Keynote 4)**

The Hon John Anderson MP, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Transport and Regional Services



- ▶ **Walking together: across disciplines, across cultures, across time (Keynote 5)**

James Fitzpatrick, Medical student, Young Australian of the Year

Concurrent Session A

A1 - Men's Health; Child Nutrition

- ▶ **Promoting rural men's health through diabetes education and screening**

Samar Aoun, Lyn Johnson

- ▶ **What are the determinants for presentation and therapy options for rural men with prostate cancer?**

Karen Francis, Desley Hegney, Paul Bramston, Marie Warden

- ▶ **An evaluation of a nutrition program in a remote community in central Australia**

Ilan Warchivker, Angharad Hayter

A2 - Multi-disciplinary

- ▶ **Advanced nursing practice: experiences of clients and multi-discipline health workers in bush nursing centres in rural Victoria**

Lesley Siegloff, Mollie Burley, Elaine Duffy



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- ▶ **The general practitioner's role in the early identification of psychiatric illness**
Graham Fleming

- ▶ **Mental health in rural Tasmania: a preliminary report from the field**
Alistair Campbell

A5 - Building community capacity

- ▶ **Remote health services in the Kimberleys**
Henry Councillor

- ▶ **From the ground up - successful models of community capacity building to address recruitment and retention of GPs in rural SA**
Jenny Fleming

- ▶ **Binjang Marrang-Billa Project: a culturally effective drug treatment program in the Macquarie region**
David Kelly, Royden Griffen

A6 - Arts participation and health

- ▶ **In response - the Australian arts and health industry**
Sally Clifford

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- ▶ **New dimensions in water conversation, the health of water in handmade books**

Annie Bolitho

Singing for health and community

Fay White

A7 - Health consumers' networking meeting

Morning Tea

- ▶ **Aboriginal health: achievements through partnership (Keynote 6)**

Puggy Hunter, Chairperson, National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation

Concurrent Session B

B1 - "Inside the doctor"

- ▶ **The social construction of place and identity as obstacles to male students from rural and remote areas choosing health careers**

Angela Durey

- ▶ **What symbolises rural and remote general practice: the practitioner's perspective**

Richard Lawrance

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- ▶ **The medical student's intention to practise in rural Australia: a questionnaire**
George Somers

B2 - Primary health care and nursing

- ▶ **Climbing Sage Hill - the continuing story**
Brenda Harrison, Beth Carty
- ▶ **Good health for a good country: primary health care in focus**
Barbara Newman, Margaret Croke
- ▶ **Health and the ACOSS Agenda**
Michael Raper

B3 - Rural health students

- ▶ **Supporting the learning team**
Louise Lawler
- ▶ **Purpose of bush prac? A conflict of interests: industry and university**
Janie Mason

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- ▶ **The implications of an affirmative action student selection process for the rural medical workforce**

Jo Adendorff, David Sutherland

B4 - Child and adolescent health

- ▶ **A co-ordinated approach to improving adolescent health in rural South Australia**

Meredith Appleyard

- ▶ **Promoting physical activity to children and young people in rural Western Australia**

Nicole Edwards

- ▶ **Nullicup, Nullicup**

Michelle Gahler, Jodi Smith

B5 - Indigenous health workers

- ▶ **Improving access to cardiac rehabilitation for remote Indigenous clients**

Elizabeth Chalmers

- ▶ **Binan Goonj - bridging cultures in Aboriginal health**

Mary Martin

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- ▶ **Good news stories - Aboriginal sexual health workers in rural and remote WA**

Juli Coffin

B6 - CHAMPS from SA

Arts on the brain: rural young people using the arts to address issues of drug and alcohol use and how it affects their mental health and well-being

Dana Shen, Cindy Turner and CHAMPS

B7 - Scholarships Workshop

- ▶ **convened by NRHA**

Alison Miles and Toni Alexandrow

Lunch

Opening of Conference Exhibition (Keynote 7)

- ▶ **General Practice Partnership Advisory Council (GPPAC) and Board of General Practice Education and Training**

Dr Jill Maxwell, Chairperson, GPPAC

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▶ **It's Different in the Bush: a comparison of general practice activity in metropolitan and rural areas of Australia, 1998**

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare/University of Sydney Launch

Dr Richard Madden, Director, AIHW;

Associate Professor Helena Britt, Director, AIHW General Practice Statistics and Classification Unit, University of Sydney;

Professor Ian Wronski, President, Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine

▶ **Panel session**

Chairs: Jean Kittson and Steve Clark

Members of Panel: Jane Bennett, Dr Jack Best, Dr Paul Hemming, Puggy Hunter, Megan McNicholl, Michael Raper, Sabina Knight

Afternoon Tea

Concurrent Session C

C1 - Remote health ("I'd give my eyeteeth to work in a remote area")

▶ **Anangu oral health - the status of the Indigenous population of the Anangu Pitjantjatjara lands**

Colin Endean

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- ▶ **The remote classroom: recruitment and orientation of Aboriginal and remote area nursing students to the university distance education learning environment**
Margaret Hamilton
- ▶ **Follow-up of cataract surgery in remote people from the Top End of the Northern Territory**
Alex Hewitt, Nitin Verma, Russell Gruen, Judi Walker

C2 - Evidence

- ▶ **Evidence-based practice and rural GPs**
Judy Taylor, Joanne Dollard
- ▶ **Maximising the benefits of clinical trials involving an Aboriginal community**
Bev Hayhurst
- ▶ **Graphical displays of clinical data to improve the understanding and compliance of patients**
Martin Knapp

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C3 - Aged care - without aGISm

- ▶ **A national study of rural and remote health in Australia**

Shirley Preston

- ▶ **Meeting the aged care needs of rural and remote areas**

Marcus James

- ▶ **Identifying gaps in health service provision: Geographical Information System (GIS) approaches**

Errol Bamford

C4 - Focus on the RFDS

- ▶ **Improving access and equity in rural and remote Australia - provision of women's health medical services by female GPs in remote and rural areas**

Priscilla (Vall) Whittle, Libby Williams

- ▶ **Psychological first aid training for health professionals: the development of an interactive educational CD-ROM**

Robert Williams

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- ▶ **The changing face of the RFDS in Queensland: seven years on from "The Best for the Bush"**

Brenda Masutti, Robert Williams

C5 - Mental health

- ▶ **Capacity building in rural mental health in Western Australia**

Samar Aoun

- ▶ **Regional mental health planning: juggling the rational and contingent agenda**

Jeff Fuller

- ▶ **A model for improved health of rural and Indigenous Australians through education, support and training for psychologists**

Maureen Dollard

C6 - Indigenous arts in health

- ▶ **Moving Stories - therapeutic theatre for counselling**

Marie Cox

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- ▶ **Looking, listening and learning from young people through photographs: a photovoice project with young Aboriginal people in Carnarvon, WA**

Ann Larson, Elsie Mitchell

Exploring our internal landscape
June Staunton

C7 - Singing for health

A singing workshop with Fay White

Smorgasboard

Night at the Theatre

Alan Hopgood - scenes from "For Better, For Worse"
International music and dance
Vital Statistix - "Titbits!"

TUESDAY, 6 MARCH 2001

Breakfast Specials:
Australian National Gallery
Australian War Memorial

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▶ **Volunteers in our Communities - International Year of Volunteers 2001
Breakfast Seminar at the National Convention Centre**

Senator Amanda Vanstone, Minister for Family and Community Services

The proposed volunteers award of the NHMRC
Kerry Arabena

Opening video and welcome

Chairpersons: Jean Kittson and Steve Clark

▶ **Introduction of NRHA Council**

Nigel Stewart

▶ **International video hook-up**

Chair: Steve Clark

Special guest (in Canada): Dr Raymond Pong, Research Director, Centre for Rural and Northern Health Research, Laurentian University, Sudbury, Ontario

▶ **Rural health is on the agenda (Keynote 8)**

The Hon Dr Michael Wooldridge MP, Minister for Health and Aged Care

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▶ **Beyond Blue: the National Depression Initiative**

Ian Hickie, Professor of Community Psychiatry, University of New South Wales, and CEO of "Beyond Blue", the National Depression Initiative

▶ **Recipients of Des Murray Scholarship, 2001 (Keynote 10)**

*Introduced by Nigel Stewart, Chairperson of the NRHA
Presented by Mary Murray*

▶ **Recipient of Des Murray Scholarship, 2001**

Ms Hayley Gilbert

▶ **Recipient of Des Murray Scholarship, 2001**

Mr Ian Harvey

▶ **Recipients of Infront Outback Rural Health Research Award**

Summarised by Ms Lesley Fitzpatrick, Director, The Cunningham Centre

▶ **Recipient of the Louis Ariotti Award for Excellence**

Gordon Gregory

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Sabina Knight

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Morning Tea

▶ **Key issue for rural health (Keynote 13)**

Jenny Macklin MP, Shadow Minister for Health

Concurrent Session D

D1 - Symposium: Women's Health Australia

▶ **Women's Health Australia: introduction**

Christina Lee

▶ **Access to health services in urban and rural Australia: a level playing field?**

Anne Young

▶ **Young rural women: life choices, aspirations and well-being**

Penny Warner-Smith

▶ **A sense of belonging: how do you measure it and does it matter?**

Anne Young

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D2 - Asthma, public health and evidence

- ▶ **Shared-care approach to asthma management**

Robyn Gunter

- ▶ **Rural public health capacity**

Gillian Durham

- ▶ **Implementing evidence-based health care: a new model for rural areas**

John McDonald

D3 - Teeth and transport

- ▶ **Dearth in the desert - looking for a dentist in remote Australia**

Colin Endean

- ▶ **Teeth for Keeps**

Marion James

- ▶ **Transport to access health services in rural and remote NSW: a community perspective**

Ros Bragg, Liz Reedy

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D4 - Information technology, WWW and education

- ▶ **Rural health and information technology: a critical discourse analysis perspective**

Judi Walker, Quynh Lê

- ▶ **Teaching the Master of Rural Health on-line: reflections on the experience**

Steve Kirkbright

- ▶ **Right, I've turned the computer on - what next?**

Sue Whetton, Judi Walker

D5 - Flexible models and community capacity

- ▶ **Working together to improve maternity services: recent experiences of an Aboriginal health worker (Midwifery Program) based at Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service**

Annette Kennedy, Nicky Leap

- ▶ **Building community capacity and capability within the Avon Health Service**

Grace Ley, Shane Matthews, David Singe

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- ▶ **Flexible funding as an underpinning to community resiliency: early reflections on the introduction of local area co-ordination in Queensland**

Daniela Stehlik, Lesley Chenoweth

D6 - Playin' up for Indigenous health

Playin' up - young Aboriginal people play up in the far west of NSW

Louise Moriarty and young people from the Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation

- ▶ **Use of the arts in health promotion for Aboriginal women**

Barbara Davis

D7 - Arts-in-health

Get-together with Alan Hopgood

Lunch

Siesta and Singing

Fay White and the New Group

- ▶ **The voice of the rural health consumer (Keynote 14)**

Marie Lally, National President, Country Women's Association of Australia

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Rural Health Debate - "Young health professionals should selflessly serve the bush - like we did"

For the motion: Fiona O'Loughlin (Team Captain), Nigel Jefford and Janine Watts

Against the motion: Martin Pearson (Team Captain), Kerry Arabena and Ralph McLean

Adjudicator: Jean Kittson

The Vote

Afternoon Tea

Concurrent Session E

E1 - Small hospitals - or none?

▶ **Review of rural health service models**

Bernadette Hodgins

▶ **Developing a strategic research program for addressing cardiovascular disease and related disorders in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and rural and remote settings**

Pat Field

▶ **A regional approach for implementing critical pathways in smaller hospitals in rural areas**

Jenni Ham

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E2 - Sitting and thinking

- ▶ **Can Rural Communities Cope with the Burden of Mental Illness**

Des Graham

- ▶ **A 'man-made' environment? A century of health in tropical Australia. Historical perspectives as frameworks for future strategies**

Daniela Stehlik

- ▶ **Continuing professional development for rural and remote health care practitioners**

Helen Geissinger

E3 - Hearing, seeing, breathing

- ▶ **Aboriginal, rural and remote audiological services: where do we start? Best practice guidelines**

Jeanette Scott

- ▶ **Our health, our future, our responsibility**

Karen Evans

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- ▶ **Practical strategies to improve asthma management and health outcomes in rural Australia**

John Fardy

E4 - Collaboration and research

- ▶ **Understanding and engaging rural males for healthier outcomes**

Bernard Denner

- ▶ **Promoting good food for bush people**

Patricia Rankine

- ▶ **Moving over boundaries: the MOB partnership**

Peter Drake, Anne Greenaway, Julie Tongs, Ian King

E5 - Networks for health

- ▶ **Evaluation of the South East Telehealth Trial**

Rae Gibson

- ▶ **Networking North Queensland: an e-health revolution in the bush**

Julie Watson, Lee Gasser

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▶ **The World Wide Web - an information tool**

Anske Robinson

E6 - Images of remote areas

It's the pits - images of the Pitjantjatjara lands

Stewart Roper

Before other help arrives - fairy penguins, theatre and trauma

Judi Walker, Lorraine Green

▶ **Creating an oasis from a resource desert: a right-brained approach to teaching about health issues**

Julia Gill

E7 - Workshop

▶ **Management of episodes of violence in remote areas**

Kerry Arabena

Exhibition Happy Hour

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Dinner - Dance

WEDNESDAY, 7 MARCH 2001

Breakfast Specials:

By the Hot Air Balloons

Students' Recovery at Yarralumla Bay

▶ **Early childhood services: an Australian context**
Breakfast Special at the National Convention Centre

Chair: Dr Nigel Stewart, Regional Paediatrician, Port Augusta

Special guest: Professor Frank Oberklaid, Director, Community Child Health, Royal Children's Hospital

Opening video and welcome

Chairpersons: Jean Kittson and Steve Clark

▶ **Mental health - including for young Australians (Keynote 15)**

Senator Meg Lees, Leader, Australian Democrats

Concurrent Session F

F1 - Women's health; female practitioners

▶ **National Female Rural General Practitioners Project**

Helen Tolhurst, Noela Lippert

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▶ **Goonimoo women's projects**

Christine Thorne

▶ **Not waving but drowning**

Janine Watts

▶ **Rural doctors and retention**

Naarilla Hirsch,Carolynn Fredericks

F2 - Another focus on Indigenous health

▶ **Workforce initiatives in Aboriginal health**

Glenys Watts, Mary Buckskin

▶ **Food, fun and fitness for Noongars**

Jo Webb, Michelle Gahler

▶ **Good tucker for Aboriginal old people in Alice Springs**

Heather Campbell

▶ **The spatio-temporal distribution of notifiable diseases in Australia**

Brett Bryan

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F3 - Experiences of change

- ▶ **Outback and in again - a new graduate's experience of rural and remote nursing**
Tegan Chandler
- ▶ **Victorian rural women practitioner survey**
Jo Wainer
- ▶ **Rural POPPIES: extracting the best - interdisciplinary education and support for rural and remote preceptors**
Lisa Dalton, Judi Walker
- ▶ **Rural hospitals and metropolitan universities: forging new partnerships**
Marilyn Prieditis

F4 - Child and family health

- ▶ **Antenatal care and perinatal health: how to do it better in an urban Indigenous community**
Rachel Atkinson

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- ▶ **Disability in schools: supporting teachers and children with health care plans and credentialed workers**
Nigel Stewart
- ▶ **Achieving baby-friendly accreditation in a rural setting**
Debbie Sachse
- ▶ **"Tell Me About It": a community-based project to reduce the rate of teen pregnancy in Wagga Wagga**
Jacinta Makin, Susan Butler

F5 - New and flexible models

- ▶ **Rural health matters - spreading the capacity (the St Mary's Lymphoedema Clinic)**
Shelagh Lowe
- ▶ **The Rural and Remote Area Placement Program: lessons learned in regional training delivery**
Paul Worley, Anna Nichols

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- ▶ **Tele-education: a collaborative project in the delivery of mental health education in rural Victoria**

Anne Fahey, Harry Gelber

- ▶ **Pit stop: gentlemen - check your engines**

Elsa Alston

F6 - Young people's arts in health

- ▶ **Labelled a Freak - eating disorder prevention through body image workshops for young women**

Nikki Fallon, Zoe Scrogings

- ▶ **The big RORRT! Young people using the web to promote positive mental health in rural areas**

Carolyn Sullivan, Meg Morrison, Kylie Lee

Aboriginal Resource and Development Services Inc, Darwin
Richard Trudgen

- ▶ **Tapping into art to relieve depression**

Garry Fry

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F7 - Workshop

▶ **"Alternative pathways to GP Fellowship" - Seminar**

ACRRM, the National Consortium for Education in primary Medical care and other interested bodies

Morning Tea

▶ **Rural and remote environments and health (Keynote 16)**

Rick Farley, Farley Consulting Group

1st recommendation session

The recommendations must benefit consumers and improve health outcomes

Networking Lunch

Siesta and Slideshow - Images of remote Australia

Stewart Roper

▶ **Health, rights and discrimination. Some of the success stories for Aboriginal Peoples and Torres Strait Islanders (Keynote 17)**

Linda Burney, Director General, NSW Department of Aboriginal Affairs

2nd recommendation session

The recommendations must be practical, cost-effective, and owned

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Afternoon Tea

Concurrent Session G

G1 - Preparing for practice

- ▶ **Simulation training for rural health practitioners: a transformative approach**

John McDonald

- ▶ **Recent graduate preparedness for rural employment**

Joan Loud

G2 - Telehealth showcase

Link by videoconference to a clinical site for demonstration of some of the latest developments in telehealth.

Chair: Mark Brommeyer

G3 - Diabetes and diet

- ▶ **Community control - the key to tackling diabetes in Aboriginal communities**

Colleen Prideaux, Dulcie Flower

- ▶ **The Laramba family wellness model: integration, sustainability and transferability**

Pat Field

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G4 - Roe and Simmons

▶ **From little things**

Yvette Roe

▶ **The Victorian Rural Physicians Survey**

David Simmons

G5 - Healthy lifestyles

▶ **The Healthy Lifestyle Program: implications for preventative intervention in the rural setting**

Gavin Booth

▶ **Consumers and volunteers as collaborators: lessons from rural palliative care research**

Chris Moorhouse

G6 - The arts as a resource for health promotion

▶ **Arts for health's sake**

Susan Ball

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- ▶ **Arts for Health: arts therapy program at the National Gallery of Australia**
Philippa Winn

G7 - Conference recommendations clinic

Communiqué and Recommendations

WONCA 2002

presentation by Roger Strasser

Closing Session

We've come a long way since we first shook hands - but we've still got a long way to go
Nigel Stewart and Jean Kittson

Presentation re Hobart 2003

Farewell Drinks

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