

Rural Health

Residential Conference

Victorian Healthcare Association

15-16 March 2012

Putting rural health under the spotlight for two days, the Victorian Healthcare Association will be running a residential rural health conference on 15 March followed by a Department of Health Ministerial on 16 March. Experts from across the state will be giving their views on building the capacity of rural communities to improve health outcomes.

*Do not miss this opportunity to influence the future direction of rural health in Victoria. **Residential registration is now closed, but day rate registration is still available.***

Who Should Attend

Board members, CEOs, Executive Managers and Directors, DONs

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Location

Novotel Forest Resort Creswick
1500 Midland Highway
Creswick VIC 3363

Cost

Day rate registration

Members \$365 inc GST

Non member \$465 inc GST

Price includes all meals (including dinner). Drinks are not included.



09.30-10.00 Morning tea

10.30-10.35 Conference Welcome
Anthony Graham, *Chair, VHA*

10.35-10.45 VHA's Rural Health Policy Priorities
Trevor Carr, *Chief Executive, VHA*

10.45-11.15 Ambulance Victoria
Greg Sassella, *Chief Executive Officer, Ambulance Victoria*

11.15-11.45 Rural Mental Health: Overcoming the Tyranny of Distance
Rob Knowles AO, *Chair, Mental Health Council of Australia*

11.45-12.30 Rural and Regional Health Australia
David Butt, *Head, Rural and Regional Health Australia*

12.30-1.30 Lunch

1.30-2.30 Medicare Locals: What will change?
Panel discussion
Matt Jones, *Chief Executive Officer, Murray Plains Division of General Practice*
Kim Sykes, *Chief Executive Officer, Bendigo Community Health Services*
Michael Delahunty, *Chief Executive Officer, Echuca Regional Health*
Veronica Jamison, *Chief Executive Officer, Boort District Health*

2.30-3.30 Community Leadership: finding the life balance in a public role
Panel discussion
Dane Huxley, *Chief Executive Officer, Mildura Base Hospital*
Kerryn Healy, *Chief Executive Officer, Goulburn Valley Health*
Robyn Reeves, *Chief Executive Officer, Ballarat Community Health Service*

3.30-4.00 Afternoon tea

	Lindsay Room	Creswick Room	Hepburn Room
4.00-4.30	CasConnect David Francis, <i>Manager, CasConnect</i>	Rural Dental Services Deborah Cole, <i>Chief Executive Officer, Dental Health Services Victoria</i>	GP-Rural Generalist: Murray2Mountains John (Jack) Best AO

4.30-5.30	What are the pressing issues in your organisation? SRHS and MPS led by Jennifer Gale, <i>VHA Director & Chief Executive Officer, Kyneton District Health Service</i>	CHS led by Ben Leigh, <i>VHA Director & CEO, Latrobe Community Health Service</i>	Group Bs and Cs led by Peter Craighead, <i>VHA Director & Chief Executive Officer, Latrobe Regional Hospital</i>
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7.30-10.00 Dinner

Register online now at

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