

## **Best-selling author spreads word on rural health**

A SERIOUS horse-riding accident that caused life-threatening injuries to best-selling author and beef producer Alice Greenup in 2003 will be one of many highlights at next month's Rural Doctors Association of Queensland annual conference in Mackay.

Ten years after her recovery from brain damage and internal injuries sustained in the accident, the near-tragic event has been included in Mrs Greenup's debut book, *Educating Alice*, which has proved a runaway success since its release by publisher Harper Collins in March.

Doctor delegates and health specialists at the Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre next month will hear direct from the author about her experience of the emergency treatment she received in Brisbane to repair her injuries.

Mrs Greenup will also share the journey of her long convalescence while running a busy family of three children and one of Australia's largest bull-breeding operations at Kumbia near Kingaroy with her husband Rick.

Mrs Greenup's presentation will be delivered against the backdrop of this year's conference theme – Digging Deep for Rural Health, Living and Working on the Land.

RDAQ president Dr Adam Coltzau said RDAQ's 24<sup>th</sup> annual conference from June 7-9 would focus on the changing role of occupational and industrial health in rural medicine as it applied to Queensland's two biggest rural based industries – mining and agriculture

"This year's conference will explore many of the challenges and benefits faced by doctors working tirelessly in the rural towns that service the resource and agriculture industries," he said.

"The changing physical environment and population trends for rural Queensland are affecting the delivery of rural medicine, a dynamic that is sure to be hotly discussed during the conference."

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