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Rural doctors hit high notes at annual education event

Advanced life-saving techniques and rural doctor self-care have been among a wide range of subjects covered at a key rural doctor conference held in Adelaide.

The Rural Doctors Association of South Australia (RDASA) recently hosted over 50 rural doctors for their 4th annual Masterclass education event.

"GPs from all over rural and regional South Australia learnt how to safely extricate patients involved in motor vehicle accidents, provide airway support for the critically ill, and deal with life threatening cardiac emergencies" outgoing RDASA President, Dr Gerry Considine, said.

"Importantly, we once again spent significant time addressing self-care for rural doctors and lessons on debriefing with peers. These are crucial topics given the long work hours and complex presentations faced by rural doctors every day.

"Our annual dinner was addressed by the SA Health Minister, Jack Snelling MP, who gave his vision for rural health care in the state.

"And our first ever GP Supporter Award was presented to Mrs Sandra Wood of Kadina, who was acknowledged for her support of husband and rural doctor, Dr Tim Wood.

"This annual Award will recognise a spouse, family or community member, work colleague or friend who goes above and beyond, often behind the scenes, to support our rural doctors to continue working hard for their patients and communities.

"Meanwhile, Doctors Brian McNamara, Graham Morris, David Senior and Peter Rischbieth were presented with RDASA Lifetime Achievement Awards for their years of contribution to RDASA and their rural communities.

"The future is bright for RDASA, which has started to form new relationships with various organisations and has strengthened its relationships with state government departments.

"It's an exciting time for us, with some new organisations realising the value in supporting rural doctors. We are also very happy to see some key appointments having been made within the SA Government's Country Health department, and we look forward to working with them to improve health in the bush."

The 5th annual RDASA Masterclass event will be held again in August 2018.

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