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## **MEDIA ALERT**

### **Rural doctors' national conference**

**31 October – 2 November, Cairns**

**Rural Medicine Australia 2013, 31 October – 2 November, Cairns Convention Centre**

Hosted by the Rural Doctors Association of Australia (RDAA) and Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM), Rural Medicine Australia 2013 (RMA2013) is the peak annual national conference for doctors working in rural and remote communities.

Around 500 doctors, registrars, junior doctors and medical students, as well as academics and educators with an interest in rural and remote health care are expected to attend.

The three-day conference will feature:

- Influential key speakers from Australia and abroad
- A wide range of clinical training sessions and research presentations
- Announcement of the Telstra Rural Doctor, Rural Registrar and Rural Medical Student of the year awards at a Gala dinner

Held at the Cairns Convention Centre in Far North Queensland, RMA 2013 will also feature training sessions in the key areas of interest for medical professionals in rural and remote areas and will include one- and two-day procedural workshops accredited for continuing professional development both before and after the conference.

Alongside RMA 2013, RDAA and ACRRM will also be hosting The World Summit on Rural Generalist Medicine, on the 30-31 October, also at the Cairns Convention Centre. This event will bring together rural doctors from around the world, health planners, policy makers, researchers and educators to celebrate, share and plan for the future of generalism in health care in rural and urban areas. At a time of increasing challenge for health systems across the world, generalist medicine is a critical strategy in achieving better health outcomes for all.

For more information on this must-attend conference and the international summit, including the provisional program, visit [www.ruralmedicineaustralia.com.au](http://www.ruralmedicineaustralia.com.au).

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**Media are strongly encouraged to attend *Rural Medicine Australia 2013*. Please contact Ineke Kuiper on 0408 669 638 or Patrick Daley on 0408 004 890 for further details and to provide advance notice of your attendance.**

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