

RWAV Conference Program

Thursday Feb 15, 2024



	RWAV Conference 2024 Day 1
09:00 AM - 09:05 AM	MC Ellen Jackson extends a warm welcome to the 2024 RWAV Conference.
09:05 AM - 09:15 AM	Welcome to Country Presented by Macaylah Johnson, First Nations consultant & cultural service provider Wadawurrung Country, Karndorr Consulting
09:15 AM - 09:30 AM	Opening Address - The Hon. Mary-Anne Thomas MP The Hon. Mary-Anne Thomas MP, Member for Macedon, Victorian Minister for Health, Health Infrastructure and Ambulance Services
09:30 AM - 09:50 AM	Keynote - Karen Heap OAM Presented by Karen Heap OAM, CEO of Ballarat & District Aboriginal Co-operative (BADAC)
09:50 AM - 10:10 AM	Keynote - Lauren Cordwell Presented by Lauren Cordwell, CEO of Rural Workforce Agency Victoria
10:10 AM - 10:40 AM	Morning Tea Day 1
10:40 AM - 11:40 AM	Panel 1 - Sustainability: Building a Thriving Rural Health Future Hosted by Prof Grant Phelps, RWAV Deputy Board Chair. Panel members include: Dr Pat Giddings, CEO, Remote Vocational Training Scheme (RVTS). Bronwyn Morris-Donovan, CEO, Allied Health Professions Australia (AHPA). Dr Hung The Nguyen, Medical Educator MDRAP Support, RWAV. Jemma Abraham, MD Student, Melbourne University, Ballarat. Sally Kendall, Social Worker (Retired), Monash Rural Health Advisory Committee, President of Ensay Bush Nursing Centre Committee of Management
11:40 AM - 12:25 PM	Lightning Presentations 1 - 3, Sustainability: Building a Thriving Rural Health Future Lightning Presentations by: Dr Melanie Trivett, General Manager Primary Health Care, Royal Flying Doctors Service Victoria, & Mario Gupta, Primary Health Consultant at Larter Consulting, Stacy Doan, Allied Health Assistant, Plena Healthcare – Zenitas, Isobel Gribben, Manager, Goulburn Valley Regional Training Hub, The University of Melbourne

12:25 PM - 01:25 PM	Lunch Day 1
01:25 PM - 01:35 PM	Welcome to the Ballarat Region - Cr Samantha McIntosh Presented by Cr Samantha McIntosh of the City of Ballarat.
01:35 PM - 01:55 PM	Keynote - A/Prof Rex Prabhu Presented by A/Prof Rex Prabhu, Executive Director, Swan Hill District Health
01:55 PM - 02:55 PM	Panel 2 - Future Workforce: Building the Pipeline Hosted by Ellen Jackson, MC. Panel members include: Dr Kathy Kirkpatrick, Medical Advisor, RWAV. Prof Louisa Remedios, Professor, Federation University. Carla Taylor, CEO, GP Supervision Australia. Tayla Cameron, RWAV student ambassador, Deakin University, Durga (Bhakta Bahadur Bhattarai), 2024 Victorian Young Australian of the Year. Dale Fraser, CEO, Grampians Health
02:55 PM - 03:25 PM	Afternoon Tea Day 1
03:25 PM - 04:25 PM	Lightning Presentations 1 - 4, Future Workforce: Building the Pipeline Lightning Presentations by: Assoc Prof Lara Fuller, Director of Rural Medical Education (GP), Deakin University School of Medicine. Amy Poynton, Manager, Gippsland Regional Training Hub from Monash Rural Health, Monash University. Dr Kyra Postlethwaite, junior doctor, Monash Rural Health & Grampians VRGP. Susan Trevillian, Pharmacist, Deputy Director Pharmacy Northeast Health Wangaratta.
04:25 PM - 05:10 PM	Neurodiversity Affirming Practice Session Day 1 Presented by Sandhya Menon, Educational & Developmental Psychologist
	Conference Day 1 End
06:30 PM - 10:00 PM	Networking Reception and Celebration Dinner Join us for an evening of networking and celebrations over dinner. Ticketed event - please provide your name at check-in.

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Fri Feb 16, 2024	RWAV Conference 2024 Day 2
07:00 AM - 08:45 AM	Outreach Breakfast - by invitation only
09:00 AM - 09:05 AM	Conference Day 2 & Welcome MC Ellen Jackson welcomes you to Day 2 of the 2024 RWAV Conference
09:05 AM - 09:25 AM	Opening Address - Dr Anne Webster MP Presented by Dr Anne Webster MP, Federal Member for Mallee, Shadow Assistant Minister for Regional Health and Deputy Chair of Joint Standing Committee on Migration.
09:25 AM - 09:45 AM	Keynote - Adj. Prof. Ruth Stewart Presented by Adj. Prof. Ruth Stewart, National Rural Health Commissioner
09:45 AM - 10:45 AM	Panel 3 - Multidisciplinary Teams: Uniting for Better Care Hosted by Ellen Jackson, MC. Panel members include: Briana Baass, Chief Allied Health Officer, Safer Care Victoria. Cath Maloney, CEO, Services for Australian Rural & Remote Allied Health (SARRAH). Adj Assoc Prof Morton Rawlin AM, Board Chair, RWAV Michelle Whitelaw, Care Coordinator, Nurse Practitioner Rural Outreach Model, Northern District Community Health. Emma Gunn, Medical student, The University of Melbourne & Registered Nurse
10:45 AM - 11:15 AM	Morning Tea Day 2
11:15 AM - 12:00 PM	Lightning Sessions 1 - 3, Multidisciplinary Teams: Uniting for Better Care Lightning Presentations by: Jane Dow, Clinical Director and Physiotherapist, Allied Therapy Services. John Chen, Senior Podiatrist, Latrobe Community Health Service & Latrobe Regional Health. Assoc Prof Hieu Pham, Psychiatrist & Deputy Director, North West Victoria Regional Training Hub.
12:00 PM - 12:45 PM	Neurodiversity Affirming Practice Session Day 2 Presented by: Sandhya Menon, Educational & Developmental Psychologist
12:45 PM - 01:45 PM	Lunch Day 2
01:45 PM - 02:05 PM	Keynote - The Victorian Rural Health Workforce Census Presented by Kate Temby, General Manager Strategy and Partnerships, RWAV and Chez Lim, Team Leader Analytics and Reporting, RWAV
02:05 PM - 03:05 PM	Lightning Sessions 1 - 4, Data Capability: From Data to Action Lightning Presentations by: Sarah Crowe, Digital Health Manager, Western Victoria Primary Health Network. Jim O'Shea, COO & Company Secretary, Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO). Assoc Prof Cath Lees, Director Integrated Projects and Partnerships, Murray PHN. Kerina Princi, Project Manager - Healthcare Reform, RWAV and Dr Catherine Keniry Director – Research and Medical Evaluation, School of Rural Medicine Charles Sturt University
03:05 PM - 03:35 PM	Afternoon Tea Day 2
03:35 PM - 04:50 PM	Roundtable Conference Learnings Hosted by: Prof Grant Phelps, RWAV Deputy Board Chair. Reflecting on the discussions across both days of the RWAV Conference, delegates are prompted to explore and examine core beliefs about rural health. Moving forward, how do key partnerships and priorities affect the health outcomes of rural communities? Do I need to refocus to move towards what I am hopeful for in rural health?
04:50 PM - 05:00 PM	RWAV Conference 2024 Wrap Up Presented by Lauren Cordwell, CEO, RWAV.

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