RURAL WORKFORCE AGENCY VICTORIA AND THE RURAL DOCTORS ASSOCIATION VICTORIA PRESENTS THE

RURAL DOCTORS CONFERENCE 2017

RWAV will be convening the annual Rural Doctors Conference for 2017 in conjunction with the annual Victorian Rural Health Awards (VRHA).

24 - 26 MARCH 2017
VIBE HOTEL, MARYSVILLE
Event Organisers
RWAV (Rural Workforce Agency Victoria) specialises in recruitment, workforce support and retention of primary care professionals including doctors, nurses and allied health professionals. We also facilitate outreach services. RWAV is a non-profit government funded organisation improving healthcare for rural, regional and Aboriginal communities in Victoria. RWAV works to ensure sustainability by advising practices on workforce planning and promoting rural healthcare careers to students. Our VicOutreach programs significantly improve the range of health services available to rural, regional and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

The Conference
RWAV and RDAV will be convening the annual Rural Doctors Conference in conjunction with the Victorian Rural Health Awards (VRHA). We are committed to engaging with delegates through an energising and informative program of speakers, networking opportunities and a dynamic program of social events.

The purpose of the conference is to encourage association of rural doctors and their families, Practice Nurses, Practice Managers and medical students develop a sense of rural medical community and interaction and provide relevant vertically integrated education. The conference is structured to include CPD, medical student, Practice Nurse and Practice Manager involvement, capacity building of GPs, a political component and a family program with relaxing entertainment.

The Delegates
Delegates include General Practitioners, GP registrars, Practice Managers, Practice Nurses, government representatives and medical students.

The Venue
Just 90 minutes from Melbourne, Vibe Hotel Marysville offers a stylish, contemporary venue to relax and discover one of Australia’s most beautiful regions. Vibe Hotel Marysville is designed to connect you with its beautiful natural surroundings, offering state-of-the-art purpose-built conference and events facilities with sweeping views of the Yarra Ranges National Park and Cathedral Ranges. We look forward to your participation.
Day 1: Procedural Workshops, Practice Nurses, Practice Managers and Medical Students Programs

There will be three procedural workshops for GPs and Registrars in the following three areas and prior booking is essential as we have limited places available. These procedural workshops may have pre/post activities required to gain CPD points:

- Geriatric Emergencies
- GP Obstetrics
- GP Anaesthetics

Medical students masterclass workshop (full day) will include:

- Multi-disciplinary approach to shared care
- Adolescent mental health & gender diversity
- Community collaboration
- Medication adherence

The Practice Nurses workshop (half day) will include:

- Compass Trial and new HPV screening
- Emotional intelligence for Nurses - ensuring patient understanding, patient centred-goals and dealing with challenging patients

The Practice Managers workshop (half day) will include:

- Emergency Response Planning Tool
- Building effective workplace relationships
Saturday morning is a plenary session with the following topics:

- Christine Nixon – Opening Speaker
- Rural Doctor Forum and RDAA EGM

The afternoon small group workshops offer topics that are of 45 minute duration. Participants can select three workshops when registering for the conference as numbers for each will be limited. Topics include:

- Emergency management of the sedated patient
- Career counselling
- MBS/Financial Management
- The trouble with evidence based medicine
- eHealth
- Airways management
- Professional Services Review panel

The second day winds up with a formal dinner and the Victorian Rural Health Award Ceremony. The band, Euthymics will be back after their fantastic performance last year.
Day 3: Lectures and Plenary Session

- GP session - FOAMed – Stuart Anderson
- Medical Students and Registrar session - First aid in the community & natural disaster response - Lachlan Fraser + Katrina White (TBC)
- Hypothetical: The role of GPs in disasters
  Panel discussion facilitated by Justin Coleman.
  Panelists - David Stirling, Adele Van Merwe, Jennifer Arnold-Levy.

This will be followed up with lunch before the close of the Conference.

Family Activities

Many activities are arranged for families and we look forward to you bringing your families to enjoy Marysville and the surrounds. Each activity can be booked online. Activities include:

- Historical walk and playtime at Gallipoli Park
- Chocolate making class
- Picasso class, painting with local artist
- Bruno garden walk
- Lawn bowls
- Winery tours

Reservations for accommodation, booking workshops and sessions and family activities will all be available at registration via the website.