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### Rural health symposium to set the course for future research

The [9th Rural and Remote Health Scientific Symposium](#) held on 20 and 21 June 2023 anticipates over 200 delegates from the health sector across Australia to arrive in Canberra to help shape the future of rural and remote health research.

It has an exciting line-up of high-profile [speakers](#) and a [program](#) for delegates to learn, mentor, contribute and network.

The **Hon Emma McBride MP**, Assistant Minister for Rural & Regional Health and Assistant Minister for Mental Health & Suicide Prevention, will address delegates on the first day, followed by **Adjunct Professor Ruth Stewart**, National Rural Health Commissioner.

Delegates will also hear from **James Blackwell**, Research Fellow in Indigenous Diplomacy at the Australian National University, and member of the Uluru Dialogue at the University of New South Wales.

“A diverse range of themes will be covered in the sessions including paediatrics to aged care, chronic disease, workforce, cancer, avoiding hospital admission, prevention, mental health, telehealth, training, co-design, research through to disaster and climate impacts,” said the Alliance Chief Executive Susi Tegen.

“Delegates can also attend workshops and listen to a panel discussion on the importance of rural and remote health research and funding,” Ms Tegen added.

Other keynote and panel speakers include **Dr Kim Houghton**, Chief Economist at the Regional Australia Institute; physician and cardiologist **Dr Arnagretta Hunter**; **Richard Juckes**, Head of Population Health at the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW); **Professor Jennifer May AM**, Director of the University of Newcastle Department of Rural Health and Betty Fyffe Chair of Rural Health; **Frank Quinlan**, Federation Executive Director of the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia; and **Dr Masha Somi**, Chief Executive Officer of the Health and Medical Research Office within the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care.

“The Symposium is less than two weeks away. We encourage those who haven’t already registered not to miss out on this opportunity to connect research, practice and communities.

“We thank our partners, Australian Rural Health Education Network (ARHEN), the Federation of Rural Australian Medical Educators (FRAME) and the Lowitja Institute for making this possible,” Ms Tegen added.

Click here to [register](#).

Contact the Alliance on 02 6285 4660 or [conference@ruralhealth.org.au](mailto:conference@ruralhealth.org.au) with queries.

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