

Better Health Futures: Building a Rural and Remote Health Workforce in the NT

Friday 8 April
Alice Springs campus



SESSION ONE: Defining the Challenges

MC: Professor Dominic Upton, Dean, College of Health and Human Sciences,
Charles Darwin University

8:30am	Registration - Building 15.1.01 (Lecture Theatre)
9:00am	Welcome to country , Rosalie Riley 'Kumalie'
9:10am	Welcome and introduction Professor Scott Bowman AO, Vice-Chancellor and President, Charles Darwin University
9:20am	Rural and Remote Health Workforce - NT Perspective The Hon. Natasha Fyles MLA, Minister for Health, Northern Territory Government (via pre-recorded video)
9:30am	Impact of health workforce challenges on delivering services in the NT Mr John Paterson, CEO, Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the NT (AMSANT)
9:50am	Perspective from the frontline Dr Paul Burgess, Acting Chief Clinical Information Officer, Acting Director Population and Digital Health, Sector and System Leadership, NT Health
10:05am	Developing an effective remote health workforce: what the evidence says Professor John Wakeman, Professor of Remote and Rural Health, Menzies School of Health Research
	Discussion/Questions
10:35am – 11:00am	Morning tea

SESSION 2: Current Models - Success Stories, Areas of Concern
 MC: Professor Karen Frances, Dean, College of Nursing and Midwifery,
 Charles Darwin University

11:00am	Keynote Address - Creating a rural and remote health workforce Professor Ruth Stewart, National Rural Health Commissioner
11:30am	Courage and conviction in the heart of Australia Dr Sam Goodwin, Executive Director of Medical and Clinical Services, Alice Springs Hospital and Central Australia Health Service
11:45am	Remote nursing and midwifery - attracting and retaining a bush workforce Professor Sue Kruske, Professor Primary Health Care, CDU/NT Health
12:00pm	Remote allied health - attracting and retaining a bush workforce Kylie Stothers, Director Workforce Development and Paul Gibson, Director, Policy and Research, Indigenous Allied Health Australia, (IAHA)
12:15pm	The Congress model - secrets to success. Challenges and solutions. Ms Donna Ah Chee, CEO, Central Australia Aboriginal Congress
12:30pm – 1:30pm	Lunch and networking

SESSION 3: Learning Lessons and Planning for the Future
 MC: The Hon. Dr Michael Wooldridge

1:30pm	NT primary health care workforce trends Paul Connolly, Executive Manager – Workforce and Outreach NT Primary Health Network
1:45pm	It is time for bold solutions in health Nicole O'Reilly, Chair, National Rural Health Alliance
2:00pm	ACCRM impact on remote and rural health workforce Dr Greer Weaver, Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine
2:15pm	The CDU Menzies School of Medicine (by zoom) Professor Dianne Stephens OAM, Foundation Dean, CDU Menzies School of Medicine
2:25pm	Challenging the status quo in Rural and Remote Australia Professor Sue Kildea, Professor of Midwifery and Co-director of the Molly Wardaguga Research Centre
	Discussion/Questions

PANEL DISCUSSION

Innovative Solutions for the Rural and Remote NT Health Workforce
 Moderator: Professor Sue Kruske, Primary Health Care, CDU/NT Health

3:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Kylie Stothers, Indigenous Allied Health Australia > Adjunct Professor Mish Hil, Acting Chief Nursing and Midwifery Office > Professor Alan Cass AO, Director, Menzies School of Health Research > Mick Gooda, Chief Executive, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education > Dr John Boffa, Chief Medical Officer Public Health, Central Australia Aboriginal Congress > Emeritus Professor Ian Wronski AO, Senior Adviser to the Vice-Chancellor, Development of Health and Medical Workforce in North Australia > Mr John Paterson, CEO, Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the NT (AMSANT) > Dr Greer Weaver, Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine
4:00pm	Wrap up Professor Scott Bowman AO, Vice-Chancellor and President, Charles Darwin University
4:40pm	Close – Thank you and safe travels home

A summary of the Symposium findings and recommendations will be circulated to participants and will be used to inform the development of the CDU Menzies School of Medicine and the Strategic Plan for the College of Health and Human Sciences and Menzies School of Health Research.