

# VICTORIAN RURAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

## 16-18 MAY 2025

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### Thursday May 2025: Pre Conference workshop:

8.00am – 5.00pm	Pre-Conference Workshop ACRRM Paediatric Emergency Care – The Cube <a href="https://www.acrrm.org.au/courses/face-to-face/paediatric-emergencies-for-rural-generalists#:~:text=ACRRM's%20Paediatric%20Emergencies%20for%20Rural,life%2Dthreatening%20illness%20or%20injury.">https://www.acrrm.org.au/courses/face-to-face/paediatric-emergencies-for-rural-generalists#:~:text=ACRRM's%20Paediatric%20Emergencies%20for%20Rural,life%2Dthreatening%20illness%20or%20injury.</a>
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### Friday 16 May 2025: Paediatric Friday

8.00am – 5.00pm	Pre-Conference Workshop ACRRM Paediatric Emergency Care continues – The Cube <a href="https://www.acrrm.org.au/courses/face-to-face/paediatric-emergencies-for-rural-generalists#:~:text=ACRRM's%20Paediatric%20Emergencies%20for%20Rural,life%2Dthreatening%20illness%20or%20injury.">https://www.acrrm.org.au/courses/face-to-face/paediatric-emergencies-for-rural-generalists#:~:text=ACRRM's%20Paediatric%20Emergencies%20for%20Rural,life%2Dthreatening%20illness%20or%20injury.</a>
	Pre-Conference Workshop RACGP Child Wellbeing in Focus 10am – 4.00pm Huon Hill Wodonga <a href="https://racgp.eventsair.com/child-wellbeing-in-focus/reg-delegates">https://racgp.eventsair.com/child-wellbeing-in-focus/reg-delegates</a>
3.00pm	Tour of Albury Wodonga Health Campus – meet at main entry of Albury Hospital. Tour will finish at Wodonga Hospital. Campus map available here <a href="https://www.awh.org.au/patients-visitors/maps-parking">https://www.awh.org.au/patients-visitors/maps-parking</a>
6.00pm – 8.00pm	VRHC25 Welcome Reception – Hyphen Gallery Wodonga Library located across from The Cube.

### Saturday 17 May 2025

7.15am – 8.15am	ACRRM Member Forum Breakfast Register to attend - <a href="https://mycollege.acrrm.org.au/search/find-college-event/details?id=35674&amp;title=ACRRM+Member+Networking+Event+-+VIC">https://mycollege.acrrm.org.au/search/find-college-event/details?id=35674&amp;title=ACRRM+Member+Networking+Event+-+VIC</a>
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	<b>South Auditorium</b>		
8.30am	<p>Opening Plenary Session          Welcome to Country          RDAV President Dr Louise Manning Address          Gold Partner Address - Dr Rod Martin President ACRRM          Keynote Speaker Prof Jenny May National Rural Health Commissioner</p> <p><b>North Auditorium</b></p>		
10.15am – 11am	Morning Tea - foyer		
11.00am – 12noon	<p>Hot Topic – Sexual Reproductive Health – Dr Louise Manning, Dr John Hall, Prof Jenny May, AWH          Consultant specialist</p> <p><b>North Auditorium</b></p>		
12noon – 1pm	<p>Paediatric mental health update for GPs – Prof Mat Coleman</p> <p><b>South Auditorium</b></p>	<p>System Changes local, state &amp; national:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LHN Networks – The benefits &amp; the challenges.</li> <li>• SEM pilot update</li> <li>• RG Recognition</li> </ul> <p>Panel – Dr John Elcock AWH          CMO, Marita Cowie ACRRM CEO,          Helen Finneran VRGP Manager,          Dr Rod Omond RACGP Rural Deputy Chair &amp; RDAV President          Dr RT Lewandowski</p> <p><b>North Auditorium</b></p>	<p>Get real – explore your special interests with rural general practice: Brought to you by Student Partner RACGP Rural. Dr Mary Forsyth &amp; Dr Aaspreet Boparai.</p> <p><b>Meeting Room</b></p>

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1pm – 2pm	Lunch - foyer		
2pm – 3.30pm	<p>Bowel cancer detection &amp; treatment in rural areas – Dr RT Lewandowski</p> <p><b>North Auditorium</b></p>	<p>Climate Action for Rural Doctors – Dr Rob Phair.</p> <p><b>Meeting Room</b></p>	<p>Discover the Victorian Rural Generalist Program (VRGP) and explore how individualised pathways can support your training and lifestyle requirements.</p> <p>Joelene Mitchell (VRGP Hume Regional Coordinator)</p> <p><b>South Auditorium</b></p>
3.35pm – 4.30pm	<p>RDAV Member Forum – Dr Louise Manning RDAV President, RDAA President Dr RT Lewandowski &amp; RDAA CEO/RDAV Exec Support Peta Rutherford</p> <p><b>North Auditorium</b></p>		
6.00pm – 11.30pm	<p>VRHC25 Gala Dinner – the Lincoln. Bus will depart at 5.45pm.</p>		

### Sunday 18 May 2025

7.30am – 8.30am	<p>RACGP Member forum breakfast – advise at registration desk, if you wish to attend.</p> <p><b>South Auditorium</b></p>
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8.45am – 10.00am	<p>Day 2 Plenary            Keynote Speaker: Professor Mat Coleman FRANZCP: Rural training pathways &amp; valuing generalism within specialist practice  <b>North Auditorium</b></p> <p>Plenary session 2 – Cross border health: bringing NSW and Vic services together. Dr Glenn Davies Albury Wodonga Health EDMS, Nick Shaw Murray PHN &amp; Dr Louise Manning RDAV President.  <b>North Auditorium</b></p>		
10.00am – 10.30am	Morning tea - Foyer		
10.30am – 11.30am	<p>Anaesthetics in a rural and regional setting – pathways and training opportunities – Dr Barbara Robertson, Clinical Director Anaesthetics, AWH. Dr Ziggy Spencer, Anaesthetics Registrar</p> <p><b>North Auditorium</b></p>	<p><b>Abstract:</b> Victorian Virtual Specialists Clinics: Questions, answers and a real-world experience            Morgan Rayner</p> <p><b>Meeting Room</b></p>	<p>10.30am – 12 noon Suturing Workshop – please note meat will be involved.            Dr John Hall</p> <p>Please note this session will go until 12noon.</p> <p><b>South Auditorium</b></p>
11.35am – 1pm	<p>Managing chronic disease &amp; trauma in community - Dan King</p>	<p><b>11.35.am – 12.05pm Abstract:</b> Health in Focus Cardiac Mobile Health Clinic – medical student volunteers            Vatsal Ved</p>	<p>12 noon – 1pm You Can't Ask That (oh yes you can). Medical students getting the real story about the transition to doctorhood.</p>

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		<p><b>12.05pm – 12.30pm Abstract:</b> To provide a snapshot of the GP obstetric workforce and understand why GP obstetricians chose to provide, or chose not to provide intrapartum care to women in rural Australia Winnie Yum</p> <p>12.30pm – 1.00pm E-Cigarettes: a helpful solution or a harmful future – Angus Troup</p>	<p>Panel – Dr Ryan Sheridan, Dr Noah Pollat, and Dr Erica Musgrove.</p>
	North Auditorium	Meeting Room	South Auditorium
1.00pm – 1.45pm	Lunch - Foyer		
1.45pm -3.00pm	Closing Plenary – Dr Emily Harrison special: oops I f*#4ed up. North Auditorium		

*Please note program is subject to change.*