

# AMA Rural Medical Training Summit

Canberra

Friday 15 September 2023

Hotel Kurrajong, 8 National Circuit, Barton ACT 2600

## PROGRAM

Time	Topic
10:00am	<b>Introduction</b> Professor Stephen Robson, President, Australian Medical Association Dr Ian Kamerman, Chair, AMA Council of Rural Doctors Dr Hannah Szewczyk, Chair, AMA Council of Doctors in Training
10.10am	<b>Opening address (pre-recorded video)</b> <b>Assistant Minister Emma McBride</b> Federal Member for Dobell Emma McBride is the Assistant Minister for Rural and Regional Health.
10:15am	<b>Keynote speaker</b> <b>Prof Roger Strasser AM</b> <b>Medical Education and Training for Rural Practice</b> Professor Strasser is a professor of rural health with research relating to socially accountable medical education, recruitment and retention of rural health professionals, and rural health service delivery models.
11:00am	<b>Session 1 Incentivising rural practice</b> Chair: Dr Dan Willson, Deputy Co-Chair, AMA Council of Doctors in Training This session will provide an opportunity for leading organisations and individuals to showcase how they are improving the attractiveness of rural and regional medical training. Panellist: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr Tom Gleeson, Consultant Haematologist based in NSW</li><li>• Dr Hayden Cain, doctor in training and rural generalist based in SA</li><li>• A/Prof Janelle Brennan, Director of the North West Victorian Regional Training Hub at Monash Rural Health, Consultant Urologist based in Victoria</li></ul>
12:00pm	Post it note break and lunch
1:00pm	<b>Session 2 Creating training places in rural centres</b> Chair: Dr Hannah Szewczyk, Chair AMA Council of Doctors in Training

	<p>This session will discuss current and best practice examples of how medical training providers are creating and sustaining opportunities for specialist training in rural and regional areas that support both the trainees and supervisors.</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Glasson, Royal Australian College of General Practitioners</li> <li>• Megan Barrett, Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatry</li> <li>• Santosh Khanal, Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists</li> </ul>
2:00pm	Post it note break and session swap
2:05pm	<p><b>Session 3 How to support the IMG training experience in rural areas</b></p> <p>Chair: Dr Ian Kamerman, Chair AMA Council of Rural Doctors</p> <p>This session will be focus on a key part of Australia’s rural medical workforce – international medical graduates – and their experiences working and training in rural areas. Topics will explore how international medical graduates can be best supported to undertake specialty training in rural Australia.</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Julie Gustavs PhD, Manager of Education Development and Projects, Australian Medical Council</li> <li>• Professor Amanda Barnard, Chair Clinical Assessment Panel and Deputy Chair Assessment Committee, Australian Medical Council</li> <li>• Associate Professor Alam Yoosuff, International Medical Graduate and Murrumbidgee Rural Generalist Pathway lead</li> <li>• Dr Maha Selvanathan, International Medical Graduate and general practitioner based in NSW</li> </ul>
3:05pm	Post it note break and afternoon tea
3:30pm	<p><b>Session 4 Thriving in rural practice (reducing professional isolation)</b></p> <p>Chair: Dr Elise Buisson, Deputy Co-Chair AMA Council of Doctors in Training</p> <p>This session will be focus on the health and wellbeing of trainees and supervisors in rural and regional areas. Topics will extend to how doctors working in rural Australia can overcome professional isolation to thrive rather than survive, and how challenges experienced during placements can be overcome.</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Richard Colbran PhD, CEO NSW Rural Doctors Network</li> <li>• Professor Jenny May, Director of the University of Newcastle Department of Rural Health</li> <li>• Dr Jean Littlewood, doctor in training and rural generalist based in NSW</li> </ul>

4.30pm	Final post it note break
4.35pm	Summary and close

In addition to the Q&A sections of each session, attendees will be asked to share their top priorities for policy development and advocacy moving forward on each session topic. We will also use online tools to capture ideas and perspectives from attendees on session topics. These will be collated into a meeting report outlining the insights, successes and challenges of supporting rural medical training based on the collective experiences of Summit attendees. The AMA will utilise the expertise of experience of Summit attendees to inform and refresh AMA policy in key areas. Attendees will have opportunities to network with colleagues and other rural health stakeholders during breaks throughout the day.