



WA Rural Health Conference 2025

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Saturday 22 + Sunday 23 March 2025 | Pan Pacific Perth. Boorloo.

Saturday 22 March 2025

	Golden Ballroom	Goldsworthy	Hamersley	Boardroom	Mount Newman	Pilbara
08.55am	Kaya Wandju! Welcome! To the WA Rural Health Conference 2025 Master of Ceremonies – Casey Beros Welcome to Country – Ingrid Cumming					
9.30am	From Migrant Child to Navy Captain and Beyond Keynote address: Captain Mona Shindy					
10.30am	Morning Tea and Trade Exhibition					

Concurrent sessions

11.00am	The Gaming Disorder Clinic at Fiona Stanley Hospital Daniela Vecchio, South Metropolitan Health Service and Wai Chen, Fiona Stanley Hospital	Planning for Retirement Briony Gouldthorp and David Hartley, Australian Medical Association WA	Chronic pelvic pain in rural general practice Carly Roxburgh, Rural Clinical School of WA	Vascular Updates Brendan Stanley, Mount Hospital and Fiona Stanley Hospital	Updates in Preparing for Anaesthesia and Surgery Scott Sargent, Fiona Stanley Hospital Marie Timlin, Fiona Stanley Fremantle Hospital Group	No session
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11.45am	The AI diagnostic revolution – A new look at retinal screening and beyond the eyes in your own practice Keynote address: Professor Angus Turner					
12.45pm	Saturday Lunch and Trade Exhibition					

Concurrent sessions

1.25pm	No session	Providing a Neuroaffirming Health Care Service Stacey McAllister and Carla Allen, Therapy Focus	Exploring mental health screening for Aboriginal people in primary health care Emma Carlin and Erica Spry, University of Western Australia and Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services	Supporting trans, gender diverse and non-binary people to access appropriate and inclusive healthcare Julia Moore, Child and Adolescent Health Service Shauna Beech, Royal Perth Hospital	A Broome approach to Early Pregnancy Assessment Services Chevaun Howard, WA Country Health Service and The Rural Clinical School of WA	Scollypox - Marine wound infections in Rural WA Andy Foote, WA Country Health Service
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Concurrent sessions

2.15pm	No session	Immunisation Paul Effler, Department of Health	Equity of Access to Cancer Care for Rural Patients Tony Calogero, WA Country Health Service	Chronic Kidney Disease Harish Puttagunta, Fiona Stanley Hospital Supporting community members accessing kidney care Kerrie Parker, Purple House	Stories from the dust and coast: How connection and co-design are shaping eating disorder care in regional WA Bronwyn Raykos, WA Country Health Service and Morgan Psychology Kate Ilich, WA Country Health Service and Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services	The Traumatized Hand - soft tissue injuries to the upper limb. Alexandra O'Neill, HANDOC
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3.00pm	Afternoon Tea and Trade Exhibition					
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Concurrent sessions

3.30pm	No session	Exploring voluntary assisted dying Alice Morison, WA Voluntary Assisted Dying Statewide Care Navigator Service	Handling complaints in practice Kate Rowan-Robinson, MDA National	Broadening the Perspective: Enhancing Suicide Prevention Through Comprehensive Risk Assessment and Management Jo Drayton, Holyoake	Coercive Control from an Indigenous Perspective Aleeta Fejo, Locum	No session
4.20pm	No session	What is new in Hypertension in 2025 Markus Schlaich, Royal Perth Hospital and University of WA	AI in Rural Health: Balancing Innovation, Law and Ethics Schellie-Jayne Price, Stirling & Rose	Hepatitis B: Care in the Community - Supporting Rural Health Clinicians Adam Gregson, Royal Perth Hospital and WA Department of Health and Damien Zilm, Department of Health	Maternal Environmental Health Referrals in the Pilbara Samantha Barba, Pilbara Aboriginal Health Alliance Mahli Khalu Wirraka Maya Health Services Aboriginal Corporation Scott Mackenzie, Ending Trachoma Project	Kimberley Cases Casey Parker, WA Country Health Service

5.00pm	Close of conference - Day 1					
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6.30pm	WA Rural Health Excellence Awards 2025 (Tickets are essential)					
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Sunday 23 March 2025

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Concurrent sessions						
9.00am	Menopause & Perimenopause Workshop Roger Hart, Bernadette McElhinney, Natalie Martin, Jenni Pontre, Sebastian Leathersich and Lesley Ramage, Menopause Alliance	MBS Workshop April Armstrong, Business for Doctors	Talking About Children's Online Safety and Digital Wellbeing Kaylene Kerr, eSafeKids	Managing Burnout and Vicarious Trauma Tanya Hallett, Trauma Informed Practice Training (TIPT)	Adult Burn Management Chelsea Evans and Natalia Ziolkowski, Fiona Stanley Hospital	Dental emergencies for medical practitioners Lisa Bowdin and Jenny Ball, Australian Dental Association WA
10.30am	Sunday Morning Tea and Trade Exhibition					
11.15am	The Great Rural Health Debate Rural training - a manicured pathway or a teaspoon of harden up!					
12.15pm	A roadmap for engaging men in mental health care Keynote address: Dr Zac Seidler					
1.15pm	Close of conference					

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