

PROGRAM

THURSDAY 25 JUNE 2026	
7.45am – 3.45pm	RDAQ Pre-Conference Workshop 1: Advanced Procedural Obstetrics Workshop Provided by HWQ <i>Bluewater 1 & Rosser</i>
8.15am – 3.15pm	RDAQ Pre-Conference Workshop 2: RACGP Supervisor Continuing Professional Development Provided by RACGP <i>Boardroom 2</i>
7.30am – 2.15pm	RDAQ Pre-Conference Workshop 3: Doctors in Training Rural Clinical Skills In partnership with QRGF <i>Michaelmas Cay 1&2 and Reef Room, Pullman Reef Hotel Casino</i>
12.00pm – 5.00pm	Registration desk open
2.30pm – 3.30pm	Medical Students Orientation & Welcome <i>Michaelmas Cay 1</i>
	Prevocational Doctors Orientation & Welcome <i>Mossman</i>
3.45pm – 4.45pm	#DestinationRural: Student & Prevocational Junior Doctor Networking Afternoon Tea <i>Kingsford Lounge</i>
5.00pm – 7.10pm	Conference welcome and opening plenary <i>Mossman</i>
	Conference welcome Spotlight: Dr Mark Little - Agricultural toxicology The Great Debate Keynote: Affiliate Professor Susan Brumby
7.10pm – 9.00pm	Welcome Reception <i>Pool deck, Pullman Cairns International</i>





FRIDAY 26 JUNE 2026

7.30am – 8.45am	RDAQ Members Forum Breakfast <i>Michaelmas Cay, Pullman Reef Hotel Casino</i>			
8.55am – 10.25am	Friday morning plenary			<i>Mossman</i>
	Welcome Spotlight: Dr Michael Williams - Paediatric Asthma Update Spotlight: Dr Simon Smith - Melioidosis Friday Morning Plenary - Panel			
10.25am – 10.55am	Morning Tea			
	RDAQ Stream	Clinical Stream 1	Connect & Reflect Stream	Clinical Stream 2
<i>Room</i>	<i>Bluewater 1&2</i>	<i>Mossman</i>	<i>Michaelmas Cay 1</i>	<i>Michaelmas Cay 2</i>
11.00am – 11.55am	Concurrent 1 - Rural Maternity Services Peer Network Chairs: Dr Bek Adams & Dr Stephen Tucker	Concurrent 2 - Old time medicine for old-timers: A pragmatic approach to rural aged care Speakers: Dr Tony McLellan and Nurse Practitioner Heidi Baker	Concurrent 3 - Providing voluntary assisted dying in small communities Speakers: Dr Katherine Lynch Prof Liz Reymond	Concurrent 4 - Agricultural Zoonoses: Leptospirosis and Q Fever Speaker: Dr Simon Smith
12.00pm – 12.55pm	Concurrent 5 - Remote and Rural GP Network Chairs: Dr Danielle Allan & Dr Matt Masel	Concurrent 6 - Low oestrogen states: A masterclass in misery Speaker: Dr Liz Jackson	Concurrent 7 - Navigating the journey of a complaint or lawsuit Speakers: Dr Catriona Arnold-Nott Dr Cameron Hoare Mr Daniel Spencer Facilitator: Dr Kate Reid	Concurrent 8 - A practical approach to persistent pain: Getting better outcomes for our rural patients Speaker: Dr Hannah Bennett
12.55pm – 1.50pm	Lunch			
1.55pm – 3.25pm	Friday afternoon plenary			<i>Mossman</i>
	Welcome Spotlight: Dr Siavash Es’haghi - Lung cancer screening update Policy Panel			
3.25pm – 3.55pm	Afternoon Tea			
5.00pm – 6.00pm	#DestinationRural Drs in Rural Training Reception <i>De Jarlais Function Centre, Cairns Showgrounds</i>			
6.00pm – 9.00pm	Friday Night Social Theme: Saddle Up Soirée <i>De Jarlais Function Centre, Cairns Showgrounds</i>			

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SATURDAY 27 JUNE 2026

7.55am – 9.10am	Rural Workforce Forum with breakfast <i>Limited seating – bookings essential</i> <i>Michaelmas Cay 1&2, Pullman Reef Hotel Casino</i>					
7.55am – 9.10am	RDAQ Drs in Rural Training Network with light breakfast <i>Early career doctors and students only</i> <i>Chairs: Dr Grace Hocking & Dr June Brundell</i> <i>Kingsford Lounge, Pullman Cairns International</i>					
9.30am – 10.50am	Saturday morning plenary					<i>Mossman</i>
	NQ Trauma Network – Data presentation Panel – Trauma experience: patient to retrievalists Panellists: Dr Sandi Dawson, Dr Adam Holyoak Spotlight: Dr Kira James - “Knock Knock? Who’s there?” – Concussion, the invisible injury..					
10.50am – 11.20am	Morning Tea					
	RDAQ Stream		Clinical Stream 1	Connect & Reflect Stream	Clinical Stream 2	
<i>Room</i>	<i>Blewater 1&2</i>	<i>Rosser</i>	<i>Mossman</i>	<i>Michaelmas Cay 1</i>	<i>Michaelmas Cay 2</i>	
11.20am – 12.15pm	Concurrent 9A - Specialists and Advanced Skills Peer Network Chairs: Dr Hannah Bennett & Dr Liam Webber	Concurrent 9B – Aus Drs Trained Overseas Peer Network Chairs: Dr Vish Ramaraju & Dr Helen Fraser	Concurrent 10 - Allergy Park: A Jurassic guide to paediatric food allergy Speaker: Dr Sarah Fairhall	Concurrent 11 - Vicarious trauma Speaker: Dr Briana Van Beekhuizen	Concurrent 12 - When the heart fights back: A modern approach to myocarditis and pericarditis Speaker: Dr Anthony Brazzale	
12.15pm – 1.10pm	Lunch					
1.15pm – 2.25pm	Saturday afternoon plenary					<i>Mossman</i>
	Spotlight: Ewan Wylie - Occupational Lung Disease Closing keynote: Dr Katrina Starmer Closing address and conference wrap					
2.25pm – 2.50pm	Afternoon Tea					
2.50pm – 3.40pm	RDAQ AGM <i>Blewater 1&2</i>		Clinical extension Concurrent 13 - Weight loss management and integration of GLP1RA’s into your practice Speaker: Timothy Turk <i>Michaelmas Cay 1&2</i>	Free time		
6.30pm – 11.30pm	RDAQ David Horn Memorial Gala Ball & Awards Dinner <i>Grand Ballroom, Pullman Cairns International</i>					

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