



WESTERN ALLIANCE

Fourth Annual Symposium

*Building Research Capacity in Regional and Rural Health Care:
Victories and valedictories, values and virtues*

Rural Emergency Care – Innovations and Research Satellite Conference

6–8 September 2017, Novotel Geelong



PROGRAM

(Provisional program as at 17 August 2017 – note that the program may change without prior notice.)

Wednesday 6 September 2017, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Satellite Conference: Rural Emergency Care – Innovations and Research

Convened by Tim Baker and Kate Kloot

- 9:15–9:55 am [Registration](#) (*refreshments available*)
- 10:00 am [Welcome address](#)
Associate Professor Tim Baker
Director, Centre for Rural Emergency Medicine, Deakin University
- 10:10 am [Keynote address](#)
Professor Peter Cameron
Academic Director, Alfred Emergency and Trauma Centre; Professor of Emergency and
Divisional Head of Health Services Research, Monash University
- 10:40 am [SESSION A: System-wide interventions](#)
Chair: Kate Sloan, Nurse Practitioner, South West Healthcare
Emergency Medicine Education and Training (EMET) Program
Caroline Mulchinock, Australasian College for Emergency Medicine

Expanding workforce planning methods
Helen Finneran, Department of Health and Human Services
- 11:15 am [Morning tea](#)
- 11:30 am [SESSION B: Models of care](#)
Chair: Nick Bush, Chief Executive Officer, East Grampians Health Service

Launch of the 'Urgent Care Centres: Models of Care Toolkit'
Tim Baker, Director, Centre for Rural Emergency Medicine, Deakin University
Nurse Practitioners: Filling a gap in service delivery
Mandy Morcom, Nurse Practitioner, Rural Northwest Health, Warracknabeal

Rural and isolated practice endorsed registered nurses: RIPERNS transform small rural
hospital care
Tash Swayn, RIPERN Nurse, South West Healthcare, Camperdown
General Practitioners: Keeping rural GPs engaged in Urgent Care Centre care
Nola Maxfield, Vice President, Rural Doctors Association of Victoria

- 1:00 pm [Lunch](#)
- 1:30 pm [SESSION C: Current research in rural care](#)
Chair: Tim Baker, Centre for Rural Emergency Care, Deakin University
- Consistent and Quality Emergency Care to All
Rubina Bunwaree, Barwon Health
- A framework to assess the technical, economical and clinical feasibility of sensor-based remote patient monitoring applications
Teena Arora, Melbourne Institute of Technology
- INTeRaCCT: Challenges in delivering an interprofessional training program for rural doctors, nurses and paramedics
Ben Fisk, Centre for Rural Emergency Medicine, Deakin University
- Rural paramedic practitioner: A new model of care
Greg Reaburn, Queensland Ambulance Service; Griffith University
- Lessons learned from 4 years of a nurse-led Urgent Care Centre
Peter Sloan, Kyneton District Health
- 2:45 pm [Afternoon tea](#)
- 3:00 pm [SESSION D: Supporting rural urgent care medicine](#)
Chair: Ben Fisk, Centre for Rural Emergency Medicine, Deakin University
- Retrieval medicine: Improving support for rural clinicians
Dr Marcus Kennedy, Director, Adult Retrieval Victoria
- Success of telemedicine and training in north-east Victoria
Dr Ian Wilson, Northeast Health, Wangaratta
- 3:50 pm [Closing address](#)
Associate Professor Tim Baker
Director, Centre for Rural Emergency Medicine, Deakin University
- 4:00 pm [Conference close](#)

Thursday 7 September 2017, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Values and virtues –

Seminars and workshops on ethics and excellence in research and health care delivery

Convened by Dr Renée Otmar and Maureen Waddington

Morning session

Chair: Maureen Waddington

- 10:00 am Rediscovering ethics: Confronting the challenges to a values-based health system
Professor Paul Komesaroff
Professor of Medicine, Monash University, Executive Director, Global Reconciliation and Director, Praxis Australia
- 11:00 am Morning tea
- 11:15 am Rediscovering ethics continued
- 12:30 pm Lunch

Afternoon session

Chair: Dr Renée Otmar

- 1:15 pm Developing a culture of ethical practice
Maureen Waddington
Director of Mission, St John of God Ballarat Hospital
- 1:45 pm Research ethics and governance – the nuts and bolts
Dr Giuliana Fuscaldo
Manager, Research, Ethics, Governance and Integrity Unit, Barwon Health
- 2:45 pm Afternoon tea
- 3:00 pm Research ethics and governance continued
- 4:00 pm Workshop close
- 4:00–5:00 pm Symposium registration and poster hanging
- 5:30 – 7:00 pm **Symposium welcome**
Limeburners Bar, Novotel Geelong
Guest speaker, Keith Fagg, Businessman and columnist, *Geelong Advertiser*
Musical entertainment by bach2roq
Drinks and refreshments provided (alcoholic beverages available at bar prices after the first complementary drink)

Friday 8 September 2017, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

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- 8:15 – 9:00 am **Networking breakfast**
Novotel Geelong restaurant (*delegates' own expense*)
- 9:15 – 9:55 am **Registration and poster hanging** (*refreshments available*)
- 10:00 am **Symposium opening, introduction and welcome address**
Dr Renée Otmar, Western Alliance
Professor Brendan Crotty, Executive Dean, Faculty of Health, Deakin University; Interim Chair, Western Alliance Board
- 10:15 am **Keynote address**
The 'ground' on which research is conducted: Ethical features of the relationship between researchers and research participants
Dr Bernadette Tobin AO
Director, Plunkett Centre for Ethics, St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney
- 11:15 am **Morning tea**
- 11:30 am **SCIENTIFIC SESSION A – research in the western region**
Chair: Professor Fergal Grace, School of Health Science & Psychology, Federation University Australia
- Clinicians' perceptions of implementing a new bundle of care to change practice in a regional Victorian maternity service
Julie Lodge, Ballarat Health Services
- Project Primip: Improving the care in labour for primiparous women birthing at a large regional health service
AnneMarie McKenzie, Ballarat Health Services
- Stepped-wedge trial investigation into the impact of the Dementia Care in Hospitals Program (DCHP) on hospital-acquired complications: Preliminary results
Dr Mark Yates, Ballarat Health Services
- Lessons learned from 4 years of a nurse-led Urgent Care Centre
Dr Peter Sloan, Kyneton District Health
- Development of a community based health research database and biobank in a rural Australian town: The Big Ararat Health Study
Dr Alex Gavino, Rural Clinical School, East Grampians Health Service
- 12:30 pm **Lunch and poster presentations** (*presenting authors will be available for questions/discussions at 12:45 pm*)

GUEST PRESENTATIONS – DEVELOPING YOUR RESEARCH PROFILE

Chair: Dr Anna Wong Shee, Clinical Associate Professor Allied Health, Ballarat Health Services; Deakin Rural Health

1:15 pm

[From Little Things, Big Things Grow: Scaling up from pilot to partnership project](#)

Professor Steven Allender

Global Obesity Centre (GLOBE), Deakin University

1:35 pm

[Finding someone to help you with your research project: Researchweb](#)

Associate Professor Ronny Gunnarsson

Cairns Clinical School, College of Medicine and Dentistry, James Cook University

1:55 pm

SCIENTIFIC SESSION B – research supported by Western Alliance

Chair: Professor Frances Quirk, Director of Research, Barwon Health

A post-hospital discharge pharmacist medication management service, using telehealth

Dr Diana Bortoletto, Barwon Health

The final frontier for antimicrobial stewardship

Alicia Neels, Barwon Health

Outcomes of regional general practitioner prescription of direct-acting antiviral therapy for hepatitis C virus

Dr Amanda Wade, Barwon Health, Burnet Institute and Monash University

2:30 pm

[Afternoon tea](#)

2:45 pm

SCIENTIFIC SESSION C – rural research initiatives

Chair: Associate Professor Susan Brumby, Director, National Centre for Farmer Health, Deakin University

Rural Acute Hospital Data Register (RAHDaR): Preliminary results

A/Prof Tim Baker, Centre for Rural Emergency Medicine, Deakin University

CROP HARVEST (Habits, Attitudes, Resources, Viability, Education, Skills, Thinking):

Evaluating farmer attitudes and behaviours to prevent exposure to organophosphates

Sienna Russell-Green, National Centre for Farmer Health, Deakin University

Farm-related serious injury in Victoria: Factors affecting both the long-term and immediate impact on recovery

Meg Murray, Deakin University

3:30 pm

Keynote address

[Just say yes ... How does one conference change the world?](#)

Catherine Morley

Chief Executive Officer, Rural Northwest Health

3:50 pm

Symposium closing address

Professor Ruth Salom, Chief Executive Officer, Barwon Health

4:00 pm

Symposium 2018 Announcement

4:10 pm

[Symposium close](#)