



## MEDIA INVITE

**WHAT:** Rural Doctors Association Queensland (RDAQ) [29<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE: COME TOGETHER, MANY JOURNEYS COMMON GROUND](#)

**WHERE:** [Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre](#), Merivale St & Glenelg Street, South Brisbane QLD 4101

**WHEN:** Thursday 7 June – Saturday 9 June 2018

### KEY ISSUES and NEWS:

- Incoming RDAQ president begins term
- RDAQ awards announced
- Keynote speakers:
  - **Ian Townsend** is a journalist, most recently with ABC Radio National's documentary series Background Briefing and Earshot. He has won four national Eureka Prizes for science and medical journalism, as well as an Australian Human Rights Award. His first novel, *Affection*, based on the 1900 outbreak of plague in Queensland, was shortlisted for numerous national and international awards, and his second novel, *The Devil's Eye*, based on the 1899 Bathurst Bay cyclone, was long listed for the Miles Franklin Award. Ian's latest book, *Line of Fire*, is non-fiction, looking at an 11 year-old Australian schoolboy's execution for espionage in World War Two. Ian is a PhD student in history at the University of Queensland.
  - **Dr Victoria Brazil** is an emergency physician and medical educator. She is Professor of Emergency Medicine and Director of Simulation at the Gold Coast Health Service, and at Bond University medical program. Victoria's main interests are in connecting education with patient care - through healthcare simulation, technology enabled learning, faculty development activities, and talking at conferences. Victoria is an enthusiast in the social media and #FOAMed world (@SocraticEM), and she is co-producer of *Simulcast* (Simulationpodcast.com).
- Wellbeing for junior doctors
- Medical workforce: Stories from the bush
- Latest rural health research papers
- Medicine and social media including Free Open Access Medical Education (FOAM); lifelong learning for doctors

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