

RDAQ 35 Years

RDAQ2024 CONFERENCE
RURAL MEDICINE
The Art & The Science



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Registration Brochure

From the President

Every year we look forward to coming together to connect, inspire and learn with and from each other, but RDAQ2024 takes on a greater significance – this year we celebrate 35 years of the Rural Doctors Association of Queensland (RDAQ).

RDAQ was formed by a small and committed group of doctors in 1989, with the purpose of supporting rural doctors, their families, and the communities in which they live and work.

Now, 35 years on RDAQ is Queensland's leading advocacy voice for rural and remote doctors and communities. It provides rural doctors with a genuine sense of belonging, networks, support, advocacy, education and, of course, our legendary annual conference.

I first became involved with RDAQ as a student, and it has been a constant and invaluable presence throughout my career. We are a respected and fearless voice for rural and remote doctors. We put our patients and communities at the centre of what we do.

Our 35th anniversary conference will celebrate our past and our future, by delivering a uniquely uplifting experience at Queensland's largest gathering of rural doctors and students, along with our families and supporting teams and stakeholders.

Our 2024 convenor, Dr Deb Smith and the conference committee have created an exciting program with a mix of topical clinical updates, hard-hitting policy sessions and thought-provoking keynotes and plenary sessions. Of course, there will be plenty of time to socialise with old friends and new including at our unmissable 35th Anniversary Gala Dinner.

I look forward to joining you in **Meanjin | Brisbane for RDAQ2024 RURAL MEDICINE ~ The Art & The Science!**

Dr Alex Dunn | President • 2023-2024



RDAQ2024 CONFERENCE RURAL MEDICINE *The Art & The Science*

RDAQ2024 Conference will offer an inclusive program that will inspire our delegates to continue to improve the health of their communities and wellbeing for themselves and their colleagues.

Our conference will be held in Meanjin | Brisbane at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre from 20-22 June with one day of pre-conference workshops plus affiliated events.

RDAQ's premier annual event is a unique opportunity to achieve professional development, share experiences, engage in topical updates and connect with colleagues from afar!

We look forward to seeing you in June 2024!

About RDAQ

Rural Doctors Association of Queensland (RDAQ) is Queensland's leading voice for rural doctors and the communities they serve.

RDAQ is a not-for-profit organisation committed to:

- Improving access to health care for rural and remote Queensland communities.
- Promoting rural practice to medical students and practitioners.
- Delivering skills and education to support rural practice.
- Fostering networks and connection between rural doctors.
- Advocating for rural doctors and support their well-being

For more information on RDAQ visit rdaq.com.au

Join RDAQ and save!

If you join RDAQ before or as part of your registration, you are eligible to register for the conference at member-discounted rates. Extra savings are available for GP registrars, interns and associate members. Community members and other health professionals can join RDAQ as associate members.

For more information visit rdaq.com.au

Why Attend?



88%

of delegates highly rated the relevance of 2023 conference sessions



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incentive for delegates attending is the opportunity to network.



97%

of delegates rated the 2023 conference trade and exhibition as good or excellent.



35%

of 2023 delegates attended the conference for the first time.



Approximately 80%

of delegates reported postal addresses in MM 2-7 locations.



UP TO **11**
CPD hours



230+
Delegates



2.5 Day
Conference



40+
Exhibitors

Professional development

Accreditation pending: Please note that RDAQ2024 Conference will apply for both RACGP and ACRRM CPD accreditation.

For your reference RDAQ 2023 was accredited the following points:

RACGP

11 Educational
Activity hours

ACRRM

11 Educational
Activity hours

Need a locum?

Health Workforce Queensland Locum Placement Service is a FREE SERVICE for practices in MM2-7 locations and Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHSs).

For support please visit: Locum Placement Service (healthworkforce.com.au) or call Health Workforce Solutions team on 07 3105 7800.

Contact Details

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Subsidise-a-student

We invite medical delegates to support our subsidise-a-student program and be recognised as a #DestinationRural Ambassador.

RDAQ is committed to growing the rural medical workforce of the future. RDAQ2024 is a unique opportunity for rural doctors to encourage medical students to establish networks and connections with rural mentors. Your subsidy directly reduces the cost for students to attend RDAQ2024 Conference.

RDAQ manages this program in collaboration with the four student rural health clubs in Queensland.

Each medical delegate who nominates to subsidise-a-student is invited to attend the student networking afternoon tea as a #DestinationRural Ambassador. Share your experience and passion for rural medicine.



"I really enjoyed watching the next generation of doctors take over the helm and their enthusiasm and ideas. The students have so much energy!"

CONFERENCE DELEGATE



Would you like to subsidise-a-student?

Please complete the section when registering.
Your assistance in helping medical students of Queensland is appreciated.

Pre-Conference Workshops

WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE

AFFILIATED EVENT

Queensland Clinical Networks: Queensland Rural and Remote Forum

(Provided by Queensland Rural and Remote Forum)

THURSDAY 20 JUNE

RDAQ PRE- CONFERENCE WORKSHOP 1:

Musculoskeletal

Delegate: \$1100
Non-delegate: \$1265

RDAQ PRE- CONFERENCE WORKSHOP 2:

Management of dental emergencies in rural settings

Delegate: \$1480
Non-delegate: \$1700

RDAQ PRE- CONFERENCE WORKSHOP 3:

Neurotrauma Workshop
(Half day)

Provided by: Royal Brisbane Hospital
Equipment Sponsor: Medtronic

Delegate: \$900
Non-delegate: \$1035

RDAQ PRE- CONFERENCE WORKSHOP 4:

Doctors in training rural
clinical skills

Sponsored by: Queensland
Rural Generalist Pathway

Student/Intern Delegate: \$50

AFFILIATED EVENT

Updates to affiliated events and workshops can be found here: [Affiliated Meetings](#)

Networking & Functions

THURSDAY 20 JUNE

TIME: Thursday 15:45 – 16:45
VENUE: Boulevard Room Foyer
DRESS: Smart casual
INCLUSIONS: Afternoon tea
SPOUSE TICKET: \$30

STUDENT & AMBASSADOR NETWORKING

Student delegates and doctors participating in our **subsidise-a-student** program will receive an invitation to attend this unique networking event. Please note this is an invitational event, spouses of sponsoring doctors are welcome to attend, and tickets are available to them for purchase.

TIME: Thursday 15:45 – 16:45
VENUE: Boulevard Room Foyer
DRESS: Smart casual
INCLUSIONS: Afternoon tea
SPOUSE TICKET: \$30

NEW REGISTRARS, PREVOCATIONAL DOCTORS & AMBASSADOR NETWORKING

Prevocational doctors and new registrars will receive an invitation to attend this unique networking event. Please note this is an invitational event, spouses are welcome to attend, and tickets are available to them for purchase.

TIME: Thursday 18:50 – 20:50
VENUE: Boulevard Room
DRESS: Smart casual
INCLUSIONS: Light supper & beverages
SPOUSE TICKET: \$99

WELCOME RECEPTION

Celebrate the official opening of the conference with drinks and a light supper. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with colleagues, friends and trade representatives in an informal setting.

SPONSORED BY: ACRRM

FRIDAY 21 JUNE

TIME: Friday 7:30 – 8:40
VENUE: Boulevard Room
DRESS: Smart casual
INCLUSIONS: Seated breakfast
SPOUSE TICKET: n/a

RURAL WORKFORCE FORUM BREAKFAST

Our annual breakfast forum will address current workforce issues and recent research developments in rural and remote Queensland. The breakfast is included in delegates' registration. Please note: bookings are essential.

SPONSORED BY: Health Workforce Queensland

TIME: Friday 7:30 – 8:40
VENUE: B2 – B3
DRESS: Smart casual
INCLUSIONS: Standing casual breakfast
SPOUSE TICKET: \$45

RDAQ DOCTORS IN RURAL TRAINING FORUM

Intern, RMO and student delegates are invited to attend RDAQ's Doctors in Training Forum. Breakfast to go is available. Please note: bookings are essential.

TIME: Friday 18:00 – 21:30
VENUE: Sky Room
DRESS: Smart casual
INCLUSIONS: Dinner (cash bar available)
SPOUSE TICKET: \$105

FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL

Join us on the roof top suite for a night of networking, delicious food and fun entertainment. Spouses and children are welcome. Children's activities will be offered but supervision is the responsibility of parents at this event.


(Spouse and children's tickets to this event are included in the family program registration OR individual guest tickets are available to purchase).

SATURDAY 22 JUNE

TIME: Saturday 7:30 – 8:10
VENUE: Boulevard Room
DRESS: Smart casual
INCLUSIONS: Standing casual breakfast
SPOUSE TICKET: \$35

MEMBERS' FORUM BREAKFAST

RDAQ Members, join us for our extended members' forum with breakfast to go. Please note: bookings are essential. This is a member only event.



DAVID HORN MEMORIAL GALA DINNER & AWARDS

Join us for our 35th Anniversary Celebration Gala Dinner

Enjoy the finest company, delectable cuisine, sparkling beverages and dance the night away.

TIME
Saturday 18:30 – 23:30

DRESS
Black tie/Formal

VENUE
Plaza Terrace Room

INCLUSIONS
Pre-gala drinks, dinner and beverages


GUEST TICKET (From) \$209

DELEGATE TICKET (From) \$135

*Please note delegate gala dinner tickets are no longer included in delegate registration. Delegate dinner tickets are heavily subsidised and are offered at a reduced rate.

Conference Program


THURSDAY 20 JUNE

TIME	SESSION	
7:15 - 15:30	RDAQ pre-conference workshop 1: Musculoskeletal	
7:15 - 15:30	RDAQ pre-conference workshop 2: Management of dental emergencies in rural settings	
11:00 - 15:00	RDAQ pre-conference workshop 3: Neurotrauma Workshop	
8:00 - 13:45	RDAQ pre-conference workshop 4: Doctors in training	
14:30 - 15:30	Medical students orientation	Prevocational doctors and registrars orientation
15:45 - 16:45	Student & Junior Doctor networking afternoon tea (<i>Invitational event</i>)	
17:00 - 18:45	RDAQ2024 - Conference welcome and opening address	
18:50 - 20:50	Conference welcome reception	<i>Sponsored by:</i> 

FRIDAY 21 JUNE

TIME	SESSION			
7:30 - 8:40	Rural workforce forum with breakfast <i>Limited seating - booking essential</i>		RDAQ Drs in Rural Training Network with breakfast on the go <i>(Prevocational doctors, new registrars and medical students)</i>	
8:55 - 10:30	Friday morning plenary			
10:30 - 11:00	Morning Tea			
	RDAQ stream	Clinical stream	Connect & reflect stream	Doctors in training
11:05 - 12:00	Concurrent 1 Rural & regional specialist network	Concurrent 2 Navigating the landscape of traditional healing	Concurrent 3 The relationship between housing and superannuation in Australia	Concurrent 4 Bush Tours
12:05 - 13:00	Concurrent 5 Procedural & maternity network	Concurrent 6 Occupational lung disease	Concurrent 7 Supervision for rural practice	Concurrent 8 Voluntary assisted dying in rural Queensland: What you need to know
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch			
14:05 - 16:15	RDAQ great debate RDAQ policy forum			
16:15 - 16:45	Afternoon Tea			
18:00 - 21:30	Friday night social			

SATURDAY 22 JUNE

TIME	SESSION			
7:00	Parkrun South Bank			
7:30 – 8:10	Members' Forum breakfast			
8:20 – 10:30	Saturday morning plenary including RDAQ AGM			
10:30 - 11:00	<i>Morning Tea</i>			
	RDAQ stream	Clinical stream	Connect & reflect stream	Doctors in training
11:05 - 12:00	Concurrent 9 Doctors trained overseas network	Concurrent 10 Working in harmony: Music therapy and its applications with neurodivergent children	Concurrent 11 Reflective practice session	Concurrent 12 Practical physiotherapy: Musculoskeletal taping for the rural doctor
12:05 - 13:00	Concurrent 13 Rural general practice network	Concurrent 14 Caring for bush pilots	Concurrent 15 'The River of Life' Reflect on your journey and growth. (Art-based workshop)	Concurrent 16 A taste of the good life: an introduction to lifestyle medicine
13:00 - 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>			
14:05 - 15:45	Saturday afternoon plenary including Rural Generalist Pathways presentations			
15:45- 16:45	<i>Afternoon Tea</i>			
18:50 - 20:50	David Horn Memorial Gala Dinner & Awards		Sponsored by:	 Royal Australian College of General Practitioners

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QRMFN Family and Spouse Program

Funded by Health Workforce Queensland



This year's QRMFN Family and Spouse Program provides a range of activities for rural spouses, partners and children, with many opportunities to catch up with old friends and new. QRMFN has planned a number of exciting activities to suit everyone.

Spouse networking registration includes:

- Craft and activity workshops for adults and children
- Complimentary attendance at the conference official opening and keynote address
- Welcome reception supper and drinks package
- Friday night social (including dinner, cash bar)
- Conference gala dinner and awards ticket (including pre-dinner drinks, dinner and drinks package)
- All spouse, partner and children's activities outlined in the QRMFN program. These activities are for children aged under 16.

Note: the spouse/family program registration ticket does not include attendance at all RDAQ2024 sessions. Spouses who are also medical practitioners wishing to attend all conference sessions are required to pay the full RDAQ delegate registration fee. Associate membership is an option to spouses who are not medical practitioners offering significant discounts.

Registration closes 13 May 2024 for children registrations.

To view the QRMFN terms and conditions please go [Family Program website](#).

QRMFN is calling for nominations for the 2024 Backbone of the Bush Award.

This award acknowledges the spouses and partners of rural doctors who achieve outstanding accomplishments in their own right, whilst simultaneously supporting their doctor partner and rural communities they've come to call home.

For more information and to nominate, please **visit our website**.

QRMFN
Backbone of the Bush Award
healthworkforce.com.au/qrmfn



QRMFN gratefully acknowledges the generous support provided by Health Workforce Queensland towards the 2024 family program.



Contact Details

If you have any questions about the QRMFN Family Program at RDAQ2024 Conference please contact:

QRMFN Project Officer

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QRMFN Family and Spouse Program

Note: this program is subject to change

BCEC = Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre

THURSDAY 20 JUNE

TIME	FAMILY EVENT INCLUDES CHILDREN	SPOUSE/PARTNER ONLY ACTIVITIES
16:30 – 20:30	QRMFN Children's activity and dinner Talent Show Games & Crafts <i>Arbour Room 2, BCEC</i> *Please note: While children's activities will be offered, ALL children must have at least one parent onsite at BCEC AT ALL TIMES.	16:30 – 18:30 – Meet & Greet Mixer An opportunity to network with other spouses whilst enjoying some nibbles & drinks. <i>Arbour Room 1, BCEC</i>
		17:00 – 18:30 – Mixer continued Or 17:00 – 18:30: Conference opening address <i>Boulevard Auditorium, BCEC</i>
		18:30 – 20:30: Welcome reception <i>Boulevard Room & Terrace, BCEC</i>

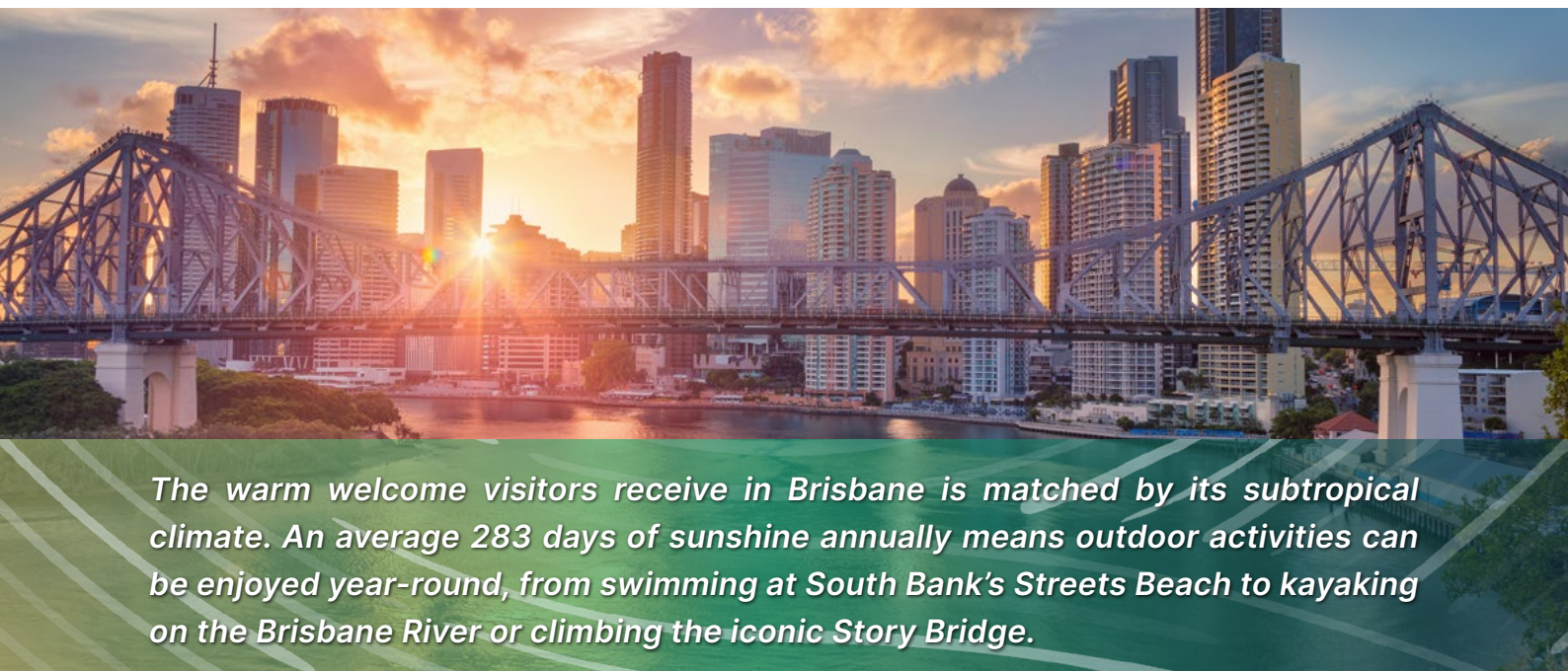
FRIDAY 21 JUNE

TIME	FAMILY / SPOUSE / PARTNER ACTIVITIES
9:30 – 12:00	Family Day out at Strike Bowling & Laser Tag (Families) Bowling & Escape Room (Adults without children) inc. lunch *Please note: Supervision is NOT provided for this activity. Children MUST be accompanied by a guardian AT ALL TIMES.
18:00 – 21:30	Friday night social <i>Sky Room & Terrace, BCEC</i> *Please note: Supervision is NOT provided for this activity. Children MUST be accompanied by a guardian AT ALL TIMES.

SATURDAY 22 JUNE

TIME	FAMILY EVENT INCLUDES CHILDREN	SPOUSE/PARTNER ONLY ACTIVITIES
9:30 – 11:30	QRMFN Children's Activities Under 3's Activity: Soft play 4 & Over Activities: Woodworking Workshop <i>Arbour Room 2, BCEC</i> *Please note: Supervision is NOT provided for this activity. Children MUST be accompanied by a guardian AT ALL TIMES.	QRMFN Spouse Activity River of Life Art Therapy <i>Arbour Room 1, BCEC</i>
11:30 – 12:00	Lunch <i>Arbour Rooms Foyer</i>	
18:00 – 19:00	Children's dinner <i>Arbour Room 2, BCEC</i>	Pre-dinner drinks from 18:30 <i>Plaza Terrace Room, BCEC</i>
19:00 – 23:20	Children's entertainment and movie night <i>Arbour Room 2, BCEC</i> *Please note: Supervision is NOT provided for this activity. Children MUST be accompanied by a guardian AT ALL TIMES.	David Horn memorial gala dinner and awards <i>Plaza Terrace Room, BCEC</i>

About Meanjin | Brisbane



The warm welcome visitors receive in Brisbane is matched by its subtropical climate. An average 283 days of sunshine annually means outdoor activities can be enjoyed year-round, from swimming at South Bank's Streets Beach to kayaking on the Brisbane River or climbing the iconic Story Bridge.

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ROOM TYPE	ROOM RATE	RESERVATION INSTRUCTIONS	HOTEL RESERVATIONS CONTACT
Queen Room/ Twin Room	\$329	To receive the conference rate call hotel directly and mention RDAQ2024 Conference or use the booking link .	T: 07 3364 0800 E: reservations_rydgessouthbank@evt.com W: RDAQ Rydges Hotels & Resorts

Rooms and rates are subject to availability 19-23 June 2024. Prices listed are per room per night.

CLLIX APARTMENT

ROOM TYPE	RESERVATION INSTRUCTIONS
RDAQ Delegates receive 12% off best available rate	To utilise this, delegates need to enter the code RDAQ2024 when booking direct online: Accommodation Australia CLLIX Apartments and Hotels Official Site

APARTMENTS AVAILABLE AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Atlas Apartments by CLLIX Phone: 07 38448848 Email: info@atlasbrisbane.com.au	Brisbane One Apartments by CLLIX Phone: 07 32550889 Email: info@brisbaneone.com.au	Ivy & Eve Apartments by CLLIX Phone: 07 38444555 Email: info@ivyvevebrisbane.com.au	Hope Street Apartments by CLLIX Phone: 07 38448855 Email: info@brisbanecasinotower.com.au	Soda Apartments by CLLIX Phone: 07 38449988 Email: info@sodabrisbane.com.au
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Rooms and rates are subject to availability 20-22 June 2024. Prices listed are per room per night.

For more discounted accommodation options, please visit [Travel and Accommodation - RDAQ Conference](#)

Terms and Conditions

All rates and room types are subject to availability at the time of the booking. The hotels listed above reserve the right to remove this rate from sale at their discretion. All accommodation bookings are to be facilitated by delegates directly with the respective hotel. RDAQ accepts no charges or liability for delegate's bookings with the hotels above. All rates are correct at time of printing.

Registration

Please refer to registration types below for detailed inclusions. All prices are GST inclusive.

Registration will close on 30 May 2024. Register early to secure your spot at RDAQ2024.

Registration Fees	Early bird Registration (until 11 March 2024)	Standard Registration (until 15 May 2024)	Late Registration (on or after 16 May 2024)
Member: Fulltime	\$1,175	\$1,325	\$1,425
Non-member: Fulltime	\$1,550	\$1,670	\$1,830
Member Conc (A): Registrars, GP Trainee, PHO's	\$875	\$915	\$990
Member Conc (B): Intern, RMO, Drs retired from rural practice	\$820	\$850	\$920
Assoc Member	\$1,175	\$1,325	\$1,415
Non - Member Conc (A): Registrar, GP Trainee, PHO's	\$1,325	\$1,380	\$1,490
Non - Member Conc (B): Intern, RMO, Doctors retired from rural practice	\$1,325	\$1,380	\$1,490
Members Day Registration (Fri or Sat)	\$590	\$660	\$710
Non-member Day Registration (Fri or Sat)	\$750	\$800	\$890
Spouse - family program	\$450	\$450	N/A
Gala Dinner (Delegate ticket)	\$135	\$145	\$155

How to Register

Online: conference.rdaq.com.au | **Email:** Download the form from conference.rdaq.com.au and return via email.

Registration Ticket Inclusions

FULLTIME REGISTRATION (MEMBERS, NON-MEMBERS & CONCESSIONAL)

- Attendance at all plenary and concurrent sessions
- Welcome reception supper and drinks
- Friday breakfast sessions, Saturday members' forum breakfast (member tickets only), lunch, morning and afternoon tea on Friday & Saturday
- Friday night social ticket (including dinner – cash bar available)
- RDAQ satchel and pen

Please note delegate gala dinner tickets are no longer included in delegate registration. Delegate dinner tickets are heavily subsidised and are offered at a reduced rate.

DAY REGISTRATION

- Attendance at all plenary and concurrent sessions on selected day
- Selected day catering including breakfast, lunch, morning and afternoon tea
- RDAQ satchel and pen
- Day registration does not include networking function tickets. These can be purchased separately.

SPOUSE - FAMILY PROGRAM REGISTRATION

- Complimentary attendance at the conference official opening and keynote address
- One welcome reception supper and drinks package
- Friday night social ticket (including dinner – cash bar available)
- One guest gala dinner ticket (including dinner and drinks package).
- All other spouse, partner and children's activities outlined in the QRMFN program (for spouse/partners and children aged under 16).

All delegates please note: The trade exhibit is open to delegates only; children are not permitted in the trade space at any time.

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