

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>	
7.45am – 2.15pm	RDAQ Pre-Conference Workshop 3: Doctors in Training Rural Clinical Skills In partnership with QRG <i>Michaelmas Cay 1&2 and Reef Room, Reef Hotel Casino</i>	
12.00pm – 5.00pm	Registration desk open	
2.25pm – 3.30pm	Medical Students Orientation & Welcome <i>Mossman</i>	Prevocational Doctors Orientation & Welcome <i>Kingsfords Lounge</i>
3.45pm – 4.45pm	#DestinationRural: Student & Prevocational Junior Doctor Networking Afternoon Tea <i>Pool deck</i>	
5.00pm – 7.10pm	Conference welcome and opening plenary <i>Mossman</i>	
	In the spotlight: <i>Do you know what is in the farmers shed? When agrichemicals result in poisoning - Dr Mark Little</i> The Great Debate: <i>One system, two mindsets – should rural healthcare be designed differently to metropolitan care?</i> Opening keynote address: <i>Paddock to patient: from farm realities to healthcare - Affiliate Professor Susan Brumby</i>	
6.45pm – 7.10pm	Exhibitors Welcome Drink (pre-welcome reception) *Opportunity for exhibitors to settle in and mingle with a complimentary drink prior to arrival of delegates <i>Pool deck, Pullman Cairns International</i>	
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, Reef Hotel Casino</i>			
8.55am – 10.25am	Friday morning plenary <i>Mossman</i>			
	In the spotlight: <i>Paediatric Asthma Update</i> - Dr Michael Williams In the spotlight: <i>Melioidosis</i> - Dr Simon Smith Plenary: <i>Continuity, community and care: What the single employer model might teach us</i> Panellists: Miss Sheryl Lawton, Dr Rod Martin, Ms Elisha McGuinness & Dr Ramya Raman Chair: Dr David Walker			
10.25am – 10.55am	Morning Tea Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service			
	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, Reef Hotel Casino</i>	<i>Michaelmas Cay 2, Reef Hotel Casino</i>
11.00am – 11.55am	Concurrent 1 – Rural Maternity Services Peer Network Co-chairs: Dr Bek Adams and Dr Stephen Tucker Facilitator: Dr Jillann Farmer	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 Dr Megan Ashcroft 	Concurrent 4 – Agricultural Zoonoses: Leptospirosis and Q Fever Speaker: Dr Simon Smith
12.00pm – 12.55pm	Concurrent 5 – Remote and Rural GP Network Co-chairs: Dr Danielle Allan and 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 Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service			
1.55pm – 2.15pm	Queensland Rural Generalist Pathway presentations: Dr Prue Wallin Queensland Rural Generalist Pathway			
2.15pm – 3.25pm	Friday afternoon plenary <i>Mossman</i>			
	In the spotlight: <i>Lung Cancer Screening Update</i> - Dr Siavash Es'haghi Panel: <i>Legacy vs Logic: Can we draw a roadmap towards a sustainable medical workforce for rural hospitals?</i> – Chair: Dr David Molhoek Rural Health Policy Forum: Panellists: Dr Nicholas Yim, Dr Sarah Chalmers, Dr David Walker, Mrs Justine Christensen and Mr Andrew Cripps. Chair: Arlie Felton-Taylor 			
3.25pm – 3.55pm	Afternoon Tea Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service			
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>  			

SATURDAY 27 JUNE 2026

7.55am – 9.10am	Rural Workforce Forum with breakfast <i>Limited seating – bookings essential</i> <i>Michaelmas Cay 1&2, 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>Kingsfords Lounge, Pullman Cairns International</i>				
9.30am – 10.50am	Saturday morning plenary				<i>Mossman</i>
	Panel: <i>Trauma - the numbers and the people</i> Chair: Dr Helen Fraser, Presenters: Dr Phoebe Lepper and Mrs Anna Grant, Panellists: Dr Sandi Dawson, Dr Adam Holyoak and Luke O’Sullivan In the spotlight: <i>“Knock Knock? Who’s there?” – Concussion, the invisible injury.. - Dr Kira James</i>				
10.50am – 11.20am	Morning Tea				
	RDAQ Stream		Clinical Stream 1	Connect & Reflect Stream	Clinical Stream 2
<i>Room</i>	<i>Bluewater 2</i>	<i>Bluewater 1</i>	<i>Mossman</i>	<i>Michaelmas Cay 1, Reef Hotel Casino</i>	<i>Michaelmas Cay 2, Reef Hotel Casino</i>
11.20am – 12.15pm	Concurrent 9A – Specialists and Advanced Skills Peer Network Chairs: Dr Hannah Bennett & Dr Liam Weber	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>
	In the spotlight: <i>Occupational Lung Disease</i> – Mr Ewan Wylie Government address: Michael Healy MP, Queensland Government, Member for Cairns, Shadow Minister for Tourism and Shadow Minister for Jobs and Training Closing keynote address: <i>The cost of ambition: a diptych</i> - Dr Katrina Starmer Conference wrap: MC & Conference Convenor				
2.25pm – 2.50pm	Afternoon Tea <i>Coco’s Bar & Restaurant</i>				
2.50pm – 3.40pm	RDAQ AGM <i>Bluewater 2</i>	Clinical extension Concurrent 13 – Weight loss management and integration of GLP1RA’s into your practice Speaker: Dr Timothy Turk <i>Bluewater 1</i>		Free time	
6.30pm – 11.30pm	RDAQ David Horn Memorial Gala Ball & Awards Dinner <i>Grand Ballroom, Pullman Cairns International</i>				