

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	
2.30pm – 3.30pm	Medical Students Orientation & Welcome <i>Michaelmas Cay 1, Reef Hotel Casino</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	
	In the spotlight: <i>Agricultural toxicology</i> - Dr Mark Little The Great Debate Opening keynote address: <i>Paddock to patient: from farm realities to healthcare</i> - 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, Reef Hotel Casino</i>			
8.55am – 10.25am	Friday morning plenary			<i>Mossman</i>
	In the spotlight: Paediatric Asthma Update - Dr Michael Williams In the spotlight: Melioidosis - Dr Simon Smith Plenary Panel			
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	Rural Generalist Pathways presentations			Queensland Rural Generalist Pathway <i>Mossman</i>
2.15pm – 3.25pm	Friday afternoon plenary			<i>Mossman</i>
	In the spotlight: Lung cancer screening update - Dr Siavash Es'haghi Rural Health Policy Panel			
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>Kingsford Lounge, Pullman Cairns International</i>				
9.30am – 10.50am	Saturday morning plenary <i>Mossman</i>				
	NQ Trauma Connect Network: <i>Data presentation - Anna Grant and Dr Phoebe Lepper</i> Panel: <i>Trauma experience: patient to retrievalists - Panellists: Dr Sandi Dawson, Dr Adam Holyoak</i> 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 1&2</i>	<i>Rosser</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 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>				
	In the spotlight: <i>Occupational Lung Disease - Ewan Wylie</i> Closing keynote address: <i>The cost of ambition: a diptych - Dr Katrina Starmer</i> Closing address: <i>Incoming RDAQ President</i>				
2.25pm – 2.50pm	Afternoon Tea 				
2.50pm – 3.40pm	RDAQ AGM <i>Bluewater 1&2</i>	Clinical extension Concurrent 13 – Weight loss management and integration of GLP1RA’s into your practice Speaker: Dr Timothy Turk <i>Michaelmas Cay 1&2, Reef Hotel Casino</i>		Free time	
6.30pm – 11.30pm	RDAQ David Horn Memorial Gala Ball & Awards Dinner <i>Grand Ballroom, Pullman Cairns International</i> 				