



ACRRM are hosting a member networking event Friday 6 March 2026. [Register here for networking function.](#)

Day 1: 7 March 2026

7.45am – 8.30am	Registration and Trade open		
8.30am – 10.30am	<p style="text-align: center;">Opening Plenary</p> <p>Welcome to Rural Practice Owners Conference 2026 – Dr Sarah Chalmers RDAA President</p> <p>Welcome to Country</p> <p>Gold Partner Address – ACRRM Dr Rod Martin</p> <p>Recorded Address by the National Rural Health Commissioner Prof Jenny May</p> <p>Plenary Partner Presentation – Allergy Solutions Dr Chris McCue</p> <p>Rural Practice Ownership in 21st Century – Different models & perspectives on practice ownership in rural and remote Australia.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Rachel Christmas Practice Principal Temora NSW • Dr Ewen McPhee Community owned practice Emerald Qld • Dr Michael Clements, Clements Medical a growing network of medical practices in Queensland • Dr Hamish Meldrum Ochre Health Corporate model with grassroots in rural & remote 		
10.30am	Morning tea		
11.00am – 12noon	<p>Concurrent 1 How to thrive in general practice in an age of uncertainty. (Zen and the Art of Medicare) – Dr Ian Kamerman</p>	<p>Concurrent 2 – Latest on Practice Indemnity Insurance: Dr Elizabeth Harris Medico-legal Advisor – MDA National</p>	<p>Concurrent 3 Quick fire presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACRRM Dr Rod Martin • AusDocs Group Dr Michael Keating
12 noon – 1pm	<p>Practice Profit: introduction to basic practice accounting,</p>	<p>GP employment arrangements – Salary v’s Contract</p>	<p>Department of Health Disability and Ageing</p>

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	how to read your financial reports, and the KPIs and Benchmarks that keep your practice financially sustainable Stan Stavros	including Single Employer Models Peta Rutherford	Benefits & Integrity Division and Services Australia Professional Services Review - Compliance is essential Dr Ramanathan (Naren) Narendranathan & Dr Antonio Di Dio
1pm – 2pm	Lunch		
2pm – 3.30pm	Financial Planning as a rural practice owner - Stephen Price Integer Financial Group Stephen Price	Medicare billing in the rural context – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bulk billing incentive and 12.5% incentive Alexis Mohay & Bianca McCulloch Dept of Health, Disability and Ageing 3.30pm RG MBS Item Proposal update Peta Rutherford	The purpose & importance of Practice Management in rural healthcare. Deb Walter AAPM National President.
3.30pm – 4.00pm	Afternoon tea		
4.00pm – 5.00pm	Plenary Session AI in Rural Medical Practice – panel session Dr Jonathan Casey MBS Pro Marita Cowie Chair CPMC CEO Committee Rob Khamas RENDTECH Dr Gerry Considine via zoom		
6.30pm – 11.00pm	Charity Gala Dinner – supporting the work of the Rural Doctors Foundation.		

Day 2: 8 March 2026

7.30am	RACGP Member Breakfast – please select the breakfast when you register.
8.00am	Registration and Trade open

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8.45am – 10.30am	<p style="text-align: center;">Day 2 Plenary</p> <p>Welcome by MC Gold Partner Address: RACGP Rural Dr Michael Clements</p> <p>Plenary Partner Presentation: Making general practice accreditation work for rural and remote general practice as a business: Dr Paul Mara QPA</p> <p>Research in General Practice – A/Prof David Gonzalez PARTNER Network</p>		
10.30am	Morning tea		
11.00am – 12noon	<p>Concurrent 1 Pathways to IMG Recruitment – Dr Ian Kamerman</p>	<p>Concurrent 2 Practice Innovation & Technology: MBS Pro – AI Scribe Dr Jonathan Casey</p>	<p>Concurrent 3 Quick Fire Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Vue Jeff Mustapha • CloudHolter Ruwan Werrasoriya
12 noon – 1pm	<p>Setting your practice up to support Aust doctors trained overseas – Peter Barnes People Project Tasmania</p>	<p>HR issues – tips & tricks Katie Castles Manager HR Business Partner Gold Coast HHS (formerly South West – Roma Qld HHS)</p>	<p>Quick Fire Presentations:</p> <p>RACGP – Dr Michael Clements</p> <p>RSM Australia Thomas Leslie</p>
1.00pm – 2.00pm	Lunch		
2.00pm – 3.30pm	<p>Support for Rural General Practice is available but what else is needed?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Barnes Rural Workforce Agency Network • Jo Symons Health Workforce Qld • Kyra Moss General Manager ACRRM • Georgina van de Water Chief Executive Officer RACGP • Sarah Chalmers RDAA President <p>Conference Close – prize winners announced</p>		
3.30pm	Afternoon tea & safe travels home		



Please note this program is subject to change. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.