

## FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT & CALL FOR PAPERS



11th

NSW

# rural mental health

## CONFERENCE

29 November - 01 December 2006  
Orange Ex-Services Club  
Orange, NSW

**Help Hope and Hype:**  
Recreating Mental Health in the New Century

### INVITATION

The Conference Committee for the 11th NSW Rural Mental Health Conference warmly invite you to participate in our annual state Conference. The Conference is an initiative of the Department of Health's Centre for Mental Health, the Centre for Rural and Remote Mental Health and the Greater Western Area Health Service. The theme for the 2006 Conference is '**Help Hope and Hype: Recreating Mental Health in the New Century.**'

We welcome all proposals for the conference including papers for plenary sessions, concurrent sessions, poster sessions and symposia. Of particular interest are papers that describe research, innovation and practice for rural and remote mental health delivery across the service spectrum.

### CONFERENCE THEME AND BACKGROUND

Rural mental health currently enjoys unprecedented attention at a state and national level. This includes commitments of increased funding, and promises to improve services to all Australians. While this is an exciting time for mental health services, the challenge exists to see what is achievable, translate these promises into realistic hope and effective help in rural Australia. This constitutes a major opportunity to transform rural mental health.

This conference provides a forum to showcase initiatives, report on projects, outline challenges and present new plans designed to deliver help and hope to rural Australia.

### CRITICAL DATES

**Abstract Submission Deadline:**  
**29 September 2006**

**Presenter Notification:**  
**16 October 2006**

[www.rmhconference2006.com](http://www.rmhconference2006.com)

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#### Conference topics include:

- Rural Community Mental Health Emergency Response
- Aboriginal Mental Health
- Older Persons Mental Health
- Children and Young People
- Carers and Consumers
- Participation in the Community and Employment, including Accommodation
- Mental Health Needs of Farmers
- Early Intervention and Health Promotion
- Partnerships in Research and Service Delivery

Subjects may be broad ranging, but could include a focus on practice, education, research or innovation in any area to do with the conference theme and topics.

The Conference attracts between 160 – 250 delegates from a wide range of areas, including: clinicians, managers and policy makers working in rural mental health provision. Past conferences have been held in Tweed Heads (2005) and Armidale (2004). Special features of the Conference include a trade display section and a social program which provide participants the opportunity to network with colleagues and develop professional contacts.

#### ABSTRACT GUIDELINES

- Include the title, author/s, institution and position (underline the name of the presenting author) plus full contact details, including phone, postal address and email
- Be in MS Word format, maximum of 250 words
- Abstract contents should include methods, results and findings (if appropriate), and overview of the key points of the paper. The abstract should appropriately reflect the content and intent of the paper to be presented. Only common term abbreviations should be used; references should be used sparingly.
- Indicate your preference for oral presentation or poster (all oral paper presentation times will be approximately 20 minutes including time for Q & A at the conclusion; please see details of poster presentation details below)

#### GENERAL POLICIES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

- All abstracts must contain original work.
- The presenting author must submit the abstract.
- The presenting author (both oral and poster format) will be required to register and pay for the Conference to ensure their abstract is included in the final program.
- All abstracts must be prepared according to the guidelines provided above. Incomplete or incorrect submissions will be returned to the author and must be resubmitted immediately in the correct format to be considered for inclusion in the program.
- Abstracts will be published exactly as they are accepted; there will be no opportunity for further amendments.
- It is the responsibility of the presenting author to ensure that the abstract is submitted correctly and received by the Organisers. The Organisers will not be held responsible for abstract submissions not received.

#### Poster Presentation details

- Size should not exceed 1.0m by 1.4m
- Presenters must provide mounting for posters (adhesive Velcro tabs recommended)
- Presenters will be required to attend their posters (time indicated by conference organiser) to answer questions from delegates
- Posters should be clear and able to be read from at least one metre distance
- The title, name of author/s, institution and city should be included
- The poster should contain: study objective, methods, results and conclusion/s
- Author/s may provide handout material relating to their poster

#### ABSTRACT SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

##### Submit via email as word doc attachment:

East Coast Conferences,  
Conference Managers, at  
info@eastcoastconferences.com.au

##### Submit via post on CD ROM:

East Coast Conferences,  
PO Box 848,  
Coffs Harbour NSW 2450

#### Abstract Submission

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#### REVIEW OF ABSTRACTS

All abstracts will be reviewed by the Conference Scientific Committee; authors will be notified if abstract is accepted and of the presentation format (oral or poster) by 16 October 2006.

Accepted papers (abstracts) will appear in the 'Conference Booklet' along with author/s contact details and email address, which will be available during the Conference.

#### FURTHER INFORMATION

Regarding the submission format and registration details:  
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