



# Regional Medical Specialists Association National Conference

Program

24-26 May 2019 | Toowoomba QLD

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# AN INVITATION

Toowoomba & Surat Basin Enterprise (TSBE) is a not-for profit, independent economic development organisation. TSBE Health has been established to build the capability and capacity of healthcare in the Darling Downs. Its strategic pillars include patient retention, workforce development, innovation, research and community wellness. These pillars are directly and indirectly aligned to the vision of the Regional Medical Specialists Association, and by attracting medical specialists to Regional Australia and achieving the strategic pillars of TSBE health not only will deliver better health outcomes that will save lives in regional Australia, but will assist in growing the local economies. It is for this reason that TSBE Health has partnered with the Regional Medical Specialists Association (RMSA) to host a National Conference on Saturday, 25 May 2019.

RMSA was formed in 2018 and aims to address workforce mal-distribution, supporting and ecomplementing existing strategies to recruit medical specialists to regional areas. This unique association allows medical specialists from a wide variety of disciplines across regional Australia to connect with each other.

The RMSA National Conference will bring together medical specialists from around Australia to investigate how to attract more medical specialists to regional Australia. Presenters will include regional hospital administrators, policy makers, educators and successful regional specialists. It will provide an opportunity for industry to learn and to improve the way medical specialists are recruited to regional Australia. There will be networking events so that participants can meet and learn from each other.

## Friday, 24 May - Welcome drinks and networking - Gip's Restaurant, Toowoomba QLD 4350

## Saturday, 25 May - Conference - Burke & Wills Hotel, Toowoomba QLD 4350

<b>8:00 am</b>	Registration	
<b>8:30 am</b>	RMSA President & MC welcome	Dr Peter Hughes, <b>Curtin</b> and Dr Rob Gray, <b>Toowoomba</b>
<b>8:50 am</b>	TSBE Health   TSBE approach to rural health development	Jaden Frame, General Manager, TSBE Health <b>Toowoomba</b>
<b>9:00 am</b>	Video conference - A Territory specialist workforce perspective	Dr Simon Quilty, <b>Northern Territory</b>
<b>9:30 am</b>	CEO perspective on recruiting	Ray Fairweather, CEO, St Andrew's Hospital - <b>Toowoomba</b>
<b>9:45am</b>	CEO perspective on recruiting	Kathryn McKeefry, CEO, St Vincent's Private Hospital <b>Toowoomba</b>
<b>10.00am</b>	Morning tea	
<b>10.20am</b>	Presentation - Lessons learnt: Riverina Medical Specialist Recruitment & Retention Committee	Dr Nick Stephenson, <b>Wagga Wagga</b>
<b>10:50am</b>	Presentation - Paediatrics and Neonatology in Bathurst.	Dr Samridh Nagar, <b>Bathurst</b>
<b>11:20am</b>	Presentation - Progress on the Rural Competence Curriculum.	Dr Steve Flecknoe-Brown, <b>Bundaberg</b>
<b>11:50am</b>	Presentation - Regional Obstetric Challenges from Queensland	Dr David Chettle, <b>Toowoomba</b>
<b>12:20pm</b>	Lunch	
<b>1:00pm</b>	Panel: "Interview with a Subspecialist"	Dr Henry Hook, <b>Orange</b> , and Dr Neil Wylie, <b>Toowoomba</b>
<b>1:30pm</b>	Presentation - Specialist Recruitment to Regional Areas: Strategies, Successes, Failures, Barriers	Mark Middleton, CEO, Icon Group, <b>Brisbane</b>
<b>1:45pm</b>	Presentation - Halcyon Radiation Treatment System - State of the art treatment for Regional areas	Dr Kumar Gogna, <b>Greenslopes</b>
<b>2:00pm</b>	Presentation - Challenge of Regional Nephrology Service	Dr Shahadat Hossain, <b>Bundaberg</b>
<b>2:30pm</b>	Presentation - The Essential Role of Regional Hospitals in Rural Generalist Practice	Dr John Hall, <b>Oakey</b>
<b>3:10pm</b>	Afternoon tea	
<b>3:30pm</b>	A Panel Discussion: Women in Regional Medicine	Dr Sarah Gleeson, <b>Toowoomba</b> and friends
<b>4.00pm</b>	Presentation - Non-profit private hospital built by doctors: further developments.	Dr Peter Hughes
<b>4:20pm</b>	Closing Address	Jaden Frame, General Manager, TSBE Health

### For more information

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