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CRANApplus 2021 VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM

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SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM



Connecting Across an Isolated Landscape 10:30am to 4:40pm (AEST)

→ *plus pre-event catch-up with the Mental Health & Wellbeing Team from 10am*

10:00am - Wellbeing Reset

Join Cath Walker and Mary Jackson for a 15-minute wellbeing check-in outlining how to best promote your own wellbeing when working in rural/remote health.

10:20am - 10-minute break

10:30am - Introduction

Katherine Isbister, Chief Executive Officer, CRANAplus — *Introduction*

Dallas McKeown, Exec. Director of First Peoples' Strategies — *Acknowledgment of Country*

Karen Cook, Entertainer Extraordinaire — *Housekeeping*



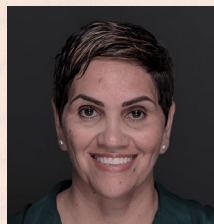
10:40am - Welcome

Hon Dr David Gillespie MP,
Minister for
Regional Health



10:55am - Adjunct Professor Shelley Nowlan, Dep. Rural Health Commissioner, Nursing

With over 34 years as an RN and multiple positions including as Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer (Queensland Health), Prof. Nowlan's appointment as Deputy National Rural Health Commissioner positions her to increase access to rural health services and address workforce shortages.



11:20am - Professor Roianne West, Chief Executive Officer, CATSINaM

Roianne has led a life of extraordinary commitment to Indigenous Health, earning multiple honours in the process. Her achievements include developing a model of excellence for increasing Indigenous nurses in Australia and becoming inaugural Dean of First Peoples Health at Griffith University.

11:45am - 15-minute break



12:00pm - Dr. Margaret Gatling, Director of Accreditation Services, ANMAC

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Marg joined ANMAC in 2010 after working in regulation and accreditation in the Dept. of Health & Ageing and the Queensland Nursing Council. She will discuss the importance of national recognition of immunisation training and reflect on our progress towards this goal.



12:25pm - Keynote Speaker
**Helen Zahos, Humanitarian,
Disaster Nurse**

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Born on Groote Eylandt, Helen has gone on to provide care in the wake of disasters as a



Humanitarian, Emergency Nurse and Paramedic. She has taken part in disaster responses in Nepal, the Philippines, Iraq and after the Bali Bombings. Helen has many moving stories to tell and a proven ability to inspire.



**1:15pm - Debra Smith, Nurse Education
Consultant, Dept. of Health**

Debra brings ample Top End experience to her presentation on ear disease in First Peoples communities. Experienced in hearing services outreach and clinical education, she's also conducted further studies in child and family health.

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PRIZES**
Given during
the day

1:30pm - 30-minute break



**2:00pm - Prof. Sabina Knight, Director,
James Cook University Centre for Rural & Remote Health**

Sabina Knight represents CRANAplus on the National COVID-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce, an expert panel that is developing clinical guidelines in accordance with global evidence to support Australia's healthcare professionals. She will be discussing the activities of the taskforce and the importance of standardising care.



**2:25pm - Lyn Byers, Nurse Practitioner,
Remote Area Nurse & Midwife**

Lyn has worked in remote communities in Central Australia since 2001 as a remote nurse and midwife. A longstanding member of the CRANAplus Board of Directors, she will bring her passion for remote health drivers and well-being to her presentation on preeclampsia in the remote setting.



**2:40pm - Laura Wright,
RN, Researcher**

Based in the outback in NT, SA and Queensland since 2003, Laura will be discussing her paper *The Remote Area Safety Project: findings from a mixed methods study of workplace safety in the Australian remote health sector.*





3:00pm - Jacki Argent, Registered Nurse, Researcher

RAN, clinical manager and educator Jacki has graduate qualifications in remote health practice & management, and a master of Remote & Indigenous Health. She will present on workforce retention and why we stay or leave.



3:20pm - 15-minute break



3:35pm - Dr Richard Barnett AM, Chairman of Australasian Foundation for Plastic Surgery

Dr Barnett is drawing upon 40 years of plastic surgery experience to deliver the Foundation's hands-on wound management program, teaching suturing and wound care in remote Australia. His presentation will be of great interest to professionals who provide initial emergency care while awaiting patient transfer or aeromedical retrieval.



3:55pm - Professor Robyn Aitken, Dean, Rural & Remote Health, Flinders University

Professor Robyn Aitken has wide-ranging expertise covering remote and Indigenous health care delivery; health care in low resource settings; health workforce design and innovation; and health professional regulation. She will present on the recent review she led into Gayle's Law.



4:15pm - Professor Yvonne Cadet-James, Academic, James Cook University

Teacher, researcher and former RN/RM Yvonne has experience as principal and chief investigator on National Health and Medical Research Council, Australian Research Council and Lowitja Institute funded grants. She co-leads the Family Wellbeing Empowerment Research Program used by 57 organisations and communities nationwide.

4:35pm (AEST)

Award Presentations

We announce the winners of the Excellence in Remote and Isolated Health Practice Award; the Collaborative Team Award; the Excellence in Education and/or Research Award; and the Aurora Award.

4:50pm (AEST) Farewell from CRANaplus

