Conference Program

Inspirational Rural Social Work Practice

13th Biennial National Rural Remote Social Work Conference

20 and 21 July 2017
Albury Entertainment Centre, Albury NSW

Hosted By

AASW Rural Social Workers Action Practice Group (RSWAPG)

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PROGRAM DAY 1 Thursday 20 July 2017

08.30 - 09.00 Registration

09.00 - 09.40 Welcome and Official Opening  Room 1

Peter Quin - Convenor, Rural Social Workers Action Practice Group
Welcome to Country
Message from the Minister – Department of Health and Human Services (tbc)
Welcome Mayor of Albury

09.40 – 10.25 Keynote Speaker  Room 1

Dr Alison Kennedy
Deakin/National Centre for Farmer Health Research Fellow for the Ripple Effect
Ripple Effect: Help us Beat Rural Suicide

10.30 - 11.00 Morning Tea

11.00 – 11.40 Concurrent Sessions

Presentation 1 Room 1
What is the place of reflective learning in researching farming couples retirement decision making?
Heather Downey, Guinever Threlkeld, Jeni Warburton

Presentation 2 Room 2
Extending socio-legal collaborations for improved client outcomes
Olga Gountras

Presentation 3 Room 3
The coming together of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Social Workers in a Department of Human Services, Service Centre
Graeme Cheetham and Melle West

Presentation 4 Room 4
They keep our communities safe: who keeps them safe? Emergency services responder mental health in rural communities
Veronique Moseley and Ross Beckley

11.50 - 12.30 Concurrent Sessions

Presentation 1 Room 1
Diversity impacts human services but do human services impact diversity
Rob Townsend

Presentation 2 Room 2
‘Looping the Hoops’ – A NSW Health working model of integrated care with complex families with parental comorbidity in a child protection context
Alison Tye

Presentation 3 Room 3
Far and Away – Here and Now
Liz Lillecrapp
Presentation 4
A simple device for promoting and monitoring progress at a distance
Elizabeth Mellor

12.30 – 1.30 Lunch

1.30 – 2.15 Keynote Speaker

Dr Meaghan Katrak and Dr Amanda Howard
University of Newcastle
Rural, regional and remote social work: practice research from Australia

2.25 – 3.05 Concurrent Sessions

Presentation 1
Wouldn’t most people conduct research from an underlying desire or motivation?
Fiona Jennings

Presentation 2
Social Work and legal professions – going hand in hand for social justice
Janet Bonython

Presentation 3
The only social worker in the village at a time of crisis
Christine Craik

Presentation 4
Primary Health Networks – frameworks in time, place and space
Maria O’Keefe

3.15 - 3.45 Afternoon Tea

3.50 – 4.35 Update from the AASW

4.40 – 5.30 RSWAPG Annual General Meeting All Welcome

Peter Quin - Convenor, Rural Social Workers Action Practice Group

6.30pm

Conference Dinner - Hovell Tree Inn (596 – 614 Hovell Street, Albury NSW)

2015 Martin P. Butler Rural Social Work Scholarship Presentation

Guest speaker: TBC
PROGRAM DAY 2 Friday 21 July 2017

08.30 - 08.45 Registration

08.45 – 09.00 Welcome Room 1
Peter Quin - Convenor, Rural Social Workers Action Practice Group

09.00 - 09.40 Keynote Speaker Room 1
Bernie Shakeshaft
Founder and Manager of Back Track – Helping youth at risk

09.50 – 10.30 Concurrent Sessions

Presentation 1 Room 1
Suicide is the problem: life is the answer
Peter Allen

Presentation 2 Room 2
A Tongan Social Worker working with non-Tongan families in a rural context
Ofa Hakalo

Presentation 3 Room 3
Sexual Counselling in rural practice
Nadia Mellor

Presentation 4 Room 4
Forming a Forever Family
Michelle Kirkpatrick

10.30 - 11.00 Morning Tea

11.00 – 11.40 Concurrent Sessions

Presentation 1 Room 1
Listening to Voices: Theatre as a vehicle for change
Kate Fiske, Catherine Simmonds and Yomal Rajasinghe

Presentation 2 Room 2
Family Group Conferencing …. Not Why but why not
Annette Smith

Presentation 3 Room 3
Connecting Communities: Shifting the Silo’s
Leanne Holmes

Presentation 4 Room 4
Wills and Powers of Attorney: The importance of end of life and crisis planning
Laura Evans McKendry, Maurice Blackburn
11.50 - 12.30 Keynote Speaker
Denis Ginnivan and Alana Johnson
Power of Rural People – Voices of Indi

12.30 - 1.30 LUNCH

1.30 – 2.10 Concurrent Sessions

Presentation 1                                     Room 1
When practice inspires research: the case of trauma informed care
Kimberlea Cooper

Presentation 2                                     Room 2
The Long Paddock: dialectical behaviour therapy for a life worth living
Helen Baker and Marguerite Middling

Presentation 3                                     Room 3
Inspired by Gippsland – the story of a long lived social workers support group
Susan Armstrong

Presentation 4                                     Room 4
A Country Practice: the ins and outs, ups and downs of working and living in a small community
Helen Sellar

2.20 – 2.30 Close

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