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Rural and Remote Nurses meet with International Colleagues

Rural and remote nurses from across Australia will have an opportunity to meet with international colleagues in Albury, 4-6th March for the **5th International Rural & Remote Nursing Network congress**. This event precedes the 9th National Rural Health Conference and is proudly supported by Australian Rural Nurses & Midwives (ARNM).

President of ARNM, Professor Karen Francis said “the conference has attracted a high degree of interest from within Australia and overseas. Speakers and delegates will be attending from New Zealand, United States of America, Canada and Thailand as well as from across Australia which has resulted in a diverse program.”

The major themes focus on rural nursing education, models of service delivery, access to quality services along with a number of other papers ranging from Indigenous health issues, natural disasters and specific issues around clinical areas of practice.

Keynote speakers for the conference include:

- Mr Michael Woods, Productivity Commission
- Dr Sally Goold, Congress of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Nurses (CATSIN)
- Lieutenant Colonel Georgeina Whelan, Australian Defence Force (dinner speaker)
- Professor Judith Kulig, University of Lethbridge , Canada

This event is held every two years ensuring a venue for international nurses who practice in rural areas, or have an interest in rural nursing to meet and debate current issues, share research and generally network. This congress guarantees the issues of rurality and rural nursing remains a priority for the International Council of Nursing, the World Health Organisation and participating nations governments.

ARNM looks forward to welcoming you at this congress. A full program is available at www.arnm.asn.au

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