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Last call to register for Conference 2019

“Come along and enjoy the CME, collegiality and Marlborough hospitality”

Dont miss the exciting line-up of keynote speakers including Dr Hine Elder, Dame Tariana Turia, Emeritus Professor Paul Worley and American remote rural Nurse Practitioner Dr Michelle Boltz at next month's National Rural Health Conference in Blenheim. There is also a huge range of concurrent session and workshop speakers as well as various social and networking events.

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The conference will feature workshops, research presentations, concurrent sessions and eight keynote speakers across three days concluding with a Members' political and breakfast forum. A Gala Dinner and Awards Night, Welcome Function and several other dinners will again be features of the conference. To view the programme and register follow this [LINK](#).

A comprehensive trade and exhibition space will give delegates the opportunity to engage with industry representatives during the breaks.

WHAT: NZRGNP National Rural Health Conference
WHERE: Marlborough Convention Centre/ASB Theatre
WHEN: April 4 – 7, 2019

NZRGNP Annual General Meeting, April 6, 2019, Blenheim

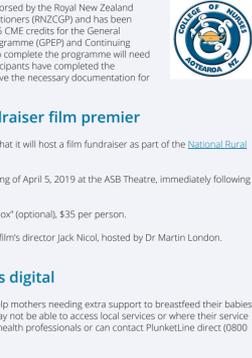
Notice is hereby given to all Network Members that the 2019 Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Rural General Practice Network Inc. will be held at the Auditorium, ASB Theatre, 2 Hutcheson Street, Blenheim, Saturday 6 April 2019, commencing at 5.15pm. Early confirmation of your attendance or apology would be appreciated, please email: secretary@rpgn.org.nz no later than 5pm Thursday 28 March 2019. If you require a proxy form please email: rob@rpgn.org.nz

RNZCGPs CME accreditation and College of Nurses Aotearoa (NZ) Inc endorsement



Professional Development (CPD) purposes. General Practitioners who complete the programme will need certificates that record this statement. These will be issued after participants have completed the programme, so medical practitioners participating in GPEP or CPD have the necessary documentation for submission to the college when this is requested.

The "NZRGNP National Rural Health Conference 2019, Blenheim" has been endorsed by the Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners (RNZCGP) and has been approved for up to 19.25 CME credits for the General Practice Educational Programme (GPEP) and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) purposes.



NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH CONFERENCE 2019
Healthy Rural Communities
Mauri Ora, Whānau Ora, Wai Ora
4 – 7 April 2019, Blenheim
REGISTER NOW!

Conference to host Pat Farry Trust fundraiser film premier

The Pat Farry Rural Health Education Trust is delighted to announce that it will host a film fundraiser as part of the [National Rural Health Conference](#) in Blenheim this year.

A private screening of ["She Shears"](#) will take place at 7pm on the evening of April 5, 2019 at the ASB Theatre, immediately following the conference Welcome Function (between 5:15pm and 6:30pm).

Click [here](#) to book your ticket. You can also enjoy a "gourmet dinner box" (optional), \$35 per person.

At the conclusion of ["She Shears"](#) there will be a Q+A session with the film's director Jack Nicol, hosted by Dr Martin London.

Breastfeeding support for mothers goes digital

Plunket has recently launched a new video conferencing service to help mothers needing extra support to breastfeed their babies. PlunketLine's trained lactation consultants work with mothers who may not be able to access local services or where their service is in high demand. Mothers can be referred by GPs, LMCs and other health professionals or can contact PlunketLine direct (0800 933 922). For more information [see here](#).

Doctors condemn attacks, call for action on gun control

The New Zealand Medical Association condemns the horrific terrorist attacks in Christchurch and strongly supports the Government's move to immediately tighten gun control in New Zealand.

NZMA Chair, Dr Kate Baddock, said: "These events are an anathema to New Zealanders and we must take action to prevent all acts that are driven by hate and the profound effect they have on health, human rights and society."

[Read more](#)

News from NZ Doctor (log-in required)

College fellow and rural doctor's tragic loss in mosque shooting

An outpouring of support has touched Hawera Hospital after the tragic loss of well liked and respected team member Amjad Hamid in the Christchurch mosque shootings.

Dr Hamid, 57, lived in Christchurch with his wife and family but travelled to Hawera to work for Taranaki DHB as a rural hospital consultant at Hawera Hospital.

[Read more](#)

Grand designs for Paeroa practice in search of more space to operate

This month, journalist Simon Maude headed to the Hauraki Plains for a couple of days. In this first article in a series on how east Waikato general practices are faring, he visits a practice that is expanding and improving.

There's a lot of people coming down from Auckland, there's a lot of retirement; just as people get older, the workload goes up and up and up.

Something old and something new are being married in a new building that will fit Paeroa Medical Centre's expanding array of services.

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Fees argument cranks up: Billing for GP time 'gets in the way of care'

Hokiangā GP Steve Main is adding fuel to the fees debate fire, publicly arguing that free general practice care should be part of the New Zealand health system.

Copayments affect the doctor-patient relationship, says Dr Main, who works on salary for Hokiangā Health Enterprise Trust.

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THAT'S INTERESTING

Around 40,000 rural households' broadband won't be good enough to stream Rugby World Cup

Around 40,000 rural households will need to leave the couch (nay, the house) to watch the full gamut of Rugby World Cup matches this year. That's because their broadband won't be good enough to stream the games. (NZ Herald)

That was the message from the bosses of Crown Infrastructure Partners, the body tasked with providing ultra-fast and rural broadband to New Zealanders.

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Take naps instead of pills to lower blood pressure, study claims

An afternoon nap is as good as a pill for reducing blood pressure, research suggests. (NZ Herald)

Scientists found that those who took a daily siesta were more likely than those who stayed awake to experience a drop in readings.

Overall, taking a nap during the day was associated with an average 5 mm Hg drop in blood pressure.

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Testimonial

"NZLocums have been helpful and supportive from beginning to end. I would not have been confident about starting a locum post in New Zealand without their support."

Tony Pearson, GP, UK.



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NZ Doctor stories (log-in required)

Primary care funding a job for broader review panel, Crown tells tribunal

The Crown is steering the Waitangi Tribunal away from making detailed findings on the primary care funding formulas.

That job is deemed one for the Health and Disability System Review Panel, according to the Crown case developed for the Ministry of Health.

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