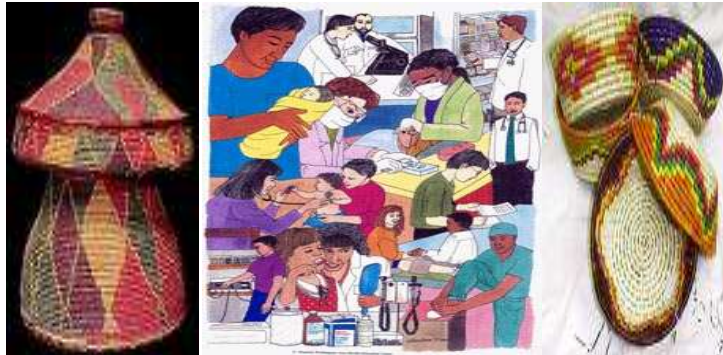


Call for Abstracts & Advance Notice

A Rich Tapestry of Excellence in Allied Health Weaving Innovations Into Best Practice



Wednesday,
May 16th, 2007



La Trobe
At Beech worth

A fun & informative conference for rural & regional Allied Health

Guidelines for submission of abstracts

As part of the submission process, authors are asked to indicate if they are interested in presenting: a paper (requiring an oral presentation at the conference) or a poster (requiring a visual display and possible networking opportunities at the conference).

INTRODUCTION

Abstracts for the *A Rich Tapestry of Excellence in Allied Health: Weaving Innovations into Best Practice Conference* should be submitted by March 1st 2007.

Selection of abstracts by the conference committee is expected to be finalised and all authors notified by March 9th.

- First-time presenters can seek assistance with their abstract. Please contact kate.cuss@nhw.hume.org.au or phone 03 57 220 379.
- All abstract should be presented as set out in these guidelines. It is expected that the majority of abstracts will be submitted electronically via e-mail to marie.grumelart@nhw.hume.org.au ; alternatively they can be faxed to 03 57 220 146.
- Abstract must include abstract title, preferred presentation type (poster or paper), names of author(s) and affiliations , contact details of presenters, and note if first presenter.

TIMELINES

March 1, 2007	Final date for submission of abstracts
March 9 th	Notification to authors of accepted abstracts
March 16 th	Accepted authors to confirm their participation
March 23 rd	Conference program published on conference website
May 16 th	Conference

ABSTRACT STREAMS AND SELECTION

The conference committee will select the abstracts to be presented at the conference according to the presentation type you have chosen (poster or paper). Abstracts will be selected that meet the criteria of currency, analysis, new knowledge, conference objectives and broadening health and quality (see criteria for evaluation of abstracts below). All authors should note that it is important to draw out the practical implications of the work for health services in rural areas. Research papers will not be peer-reviewed. Abstracts and author contact details will be printed in the conference handbook and distributed to delegates at the conference.

The conference committee is keen to ensure that novice, as well as experienced presenters, are included.

Initial acceptance of an abstract does not automatically mean that it will be selected for presentation at the conference.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION OF ABSTRACTS

1. **Currency:** *Have an emphasis on, and/or a relevance to, current health issues in rural and regional Australia*
2. **Analysis:** *Not just simply describe a program undertaken, or a service developed etc. - recommendations and or insights/learnings need to be included [new policy/actions/learnings]*
3. **New knowledge:** *Provide new ideas or develop further what we already know and have shared previously [new news, not old]*
4. **Conference aim & objectives:** *Offer something unique and/or required in the overall conference program [conference themes]*
5. **Broadening health:** *Promote inter-sectoral relationships between sectors that impact on the lives of rural and remote people [multi-sector and multidisciplinary - broadening 'health']*
6. **Quality:** *be of high quality, scientifically and/or in other ways.*