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Clare Frawley

NURHC 2008, Launceston Tasmania

The 10th National Undergraduate Rural Health Conference (NURHC) was held in Launceston from 3-5 April 2008. The theme was “Rural Health Heartbeat- empowering students of today to become the workforce of tomorrow”. Three hundred delegates from the twenty-four Rural Health Clubs (RHCs) of the National Rural Health Network (NRHN) attended NURHC 08.

The three day conference covered topics such as the role of the NRHN and how to get involved, what is involved in living and working in rural Australia, Indigenous Health, public health and health politics. With the overall objective of the conferences being “sharing experiences, challenges and needs within a forum that is listening and that has the power to make the changes necessary. Students (the future generation) and professionals (the current generation) working together to raise interest, overcome barriers, promote education, understand the complexities and enjoying the rewards of living and working in the rural and remote areas.” Presenters at NURHC included; Prof Rosemary Calder (DoHA), Mr Chris Cliffe (Pres CRANA), Senator Bob Brown, Dr D. Rosengren (Adventure Health), Dr T. Dissanayake (ex-Burnie Reg), Ms Di Spotswood (TAC), Dr Tim Williams (NT Emergency Initiatives) and Mr Jim Birch (RHW). All did a great job in engaging the enthusiastic audience and sharing with us their personal experiences of rural health, the hurdles to overcome and the benefits received from working in this environment.

Student presentations at NURHC included; Indigenous Health, Remote and Rural Health, how to run a successful Rural Health Club and the role of the NRHN. I found these sessions to be incredibly rewarding as it is not often that you find yourself surrounded by peers who have such commitment and passion for rural health and the foresight to share their experiences and their love of this subject area with other likeminded students. There were also a number of skills sessions run throughout NURHC including;

- Camp Quality laughter sessions,
- Indigenous cultural awareness training,
- Massage,
- Emergency dentistry,
- Handling the mentally ill and violent Patient,
- How to run a Rural Health Club,
- Communication skills with Indigenous patients, modeled by the “sugar man” concerning Diabetes education.

The conference also offered the capacity of recognition for those people who have made significant contributions to Indigenous or rural/remote medicine. It made me proud to be associated with UTAS and RUSTICA when three of our members were recognised for their hard work.

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My attendance at this conference has given me a better picture of the types of skills required to succeed as a doctor “in the bush”. In addition to having a supportive social network, which was emphasised by almost all rural health practitioners much emphasis was placed on the need to “know a lot about a lot”. I heard many first hand stories about the type of work done by rural doctors and to say it is varied is certainly an understatement! Hearing these first hand recounts of life and work in rural Australia is definitely inspiring particularly during this year when we tend to be bogged down with hospital type clinical work which is really not my favourite type of medicine. It was really refreshing to be reminded that a degree in medicine and surgery does not tie you to a life of hospital ward work. The conference speakers painted a diverse picture of health practice in a rural setting; from hospital work in regional rural centres, through to GP type work in remote Aboriginal Health Clinics. I was also informed during this conference of the financial benefits of working rural with schemes such as the Department of Health and Aging HECCS repayment scheme and re-settlement packages etc. The HECCS repayment scheme has been implemented to encourage medical graduates to go rural and involves a repayment of 20% of accrued HECCS debt repaid by the Government for each year that is completed in a rural area. Although I did not initially enter medicine with the goal of earning lots of money and becoming wealthy, and these are still not my motivational factors after six years of living below the poverty line I have started to view earning an income in a different light and a financial boost is a definite incentive for moving rural.

In addition to providing goals to strive for post-graduation NURCH also provided participants with currently relevant skills concerning rural health advocacy, in a world of red tape and the Department of Health and Aging. These skills such as networking, letter writing and presenting recommendations as a student body through NHRN to organization higher up on the “food chain” such as the NHRA and the AMA to bring about action as deemed necessary. Other professional development exercises I participated in during NURCH that I found particularly useful where the workshops concerning Indigenous Health. Specifically, the cultural awareness training which was an exercise in understanding the history of the Tasmanian Indigenous population and was particularly relevant to me as a UTAS student and also the culturally appropriate health education strategies that were highlighted by the “sugar man” a diabetes educator who through a little creativity created an amazing concise whilst remaining fairly accurate of diabetes and sequelae in a way that is well understood by Indigenous Australians he works with and has achieved tangible improvements in diabetes management in the SA Indigenous communities he works with.

Throughout NURCH the importance of multidisciplinary work for successful rural health provision was continuously highlighted. The multidisciplinary nature of the conference itself indicated that this is a notion that is well received by the medical fraternity and is not underestimated amongst those interested in rural health. As I have previously mentioned the importance of a happy family environment or some sort of close supportive social network was continuously mentioned by rural health practitioners as working in a rural community can be an isolating experience and perhaps one that is not suited to all individuals. However it was nice to meet individuals working for a wide range of state/ national bodies concerned primarily with the support of their rural staff.
In regards to networking, the social program obviously encouraged the networking amongst NURCH delegates and I met a number of health students from a variety of different disciplines who may well end up being future colleagues. I also met two Aboriginal Health Workers from the Tasmanian Aboriginal Health Centre in Launceston through whom I am hoping to organize a placement to get a picture of Indigenous Health provision in a regional centre such as Launceston. I also found out more about the NTGPE PGY1 junior doctor program which is something that I will seriously consider during my internship year or my first RMO year as a break from the routine of the hospital setting.

All in all, the conference was a very rewarding Professional Development experience, and I thank RUSTICA and NHRN for the opportunity to learn, participate and meet other interested medical students.

Clare Frawley
This was my first trip to Tasmania, and I wasn’t alone. One of the first boys I met was a Mt. Isa local who had never left Queensland before he entered medicine. Our first impression of Tassie was not ideal, pouring rain and 150km winds deterring us from seeing much of the township despite our early arrival on registration day. That night was a ‘speed networking’ evening where we received 90 seconds each with a number of people to make new friends interested in rural Australian health care. People were from all states and territories, and were studying in fields of medicine, nursing, and allied health. For those with little imagination, a sheet of questions was available to start the 90 seconds rolling. Ironically, it too was written by someone with little imagination. ‘What is your favourite month of the year and why?’ Nevertheless, common ideals and backgrounds drew us together faster than any sheet of questions could hinder. It became the start of making great friends across the diversity of health care and the full range of Australian states and territories.

The NURHC conference is important. With rural and remote Australians accounting for 30% of our population, it still seems inequitable that they receive only 10% of the health budget. We are starting to realise that providing mean financial incentives is not the best tactic to ensure doctors remain in rural areas. The quality of rural placements during their medical studies harbours a much greater impact on the desire to return to a rural area for medical practice. This practice may be as a GP or specialist. Many believe a life in rural health requires them to become a GP, when in fact rural areas are just as deprived of specialists. Understandably, and especially in light of the nationwide push to multidisciplinary health care, the NURHC conference allowed the health care teams of tomorrow to unite and discuss how to best meet Australia’s rural health need.

It was obvious that someone, somewhere, had realised the importance of the NURHC conference. The conference appeared on national radio, local radio, and state television. Also, because –as students– we were not eligible for or interested in pharmaceutical sponsorship, the Australian Government had gone to a great extent to provide the financial backing needed to unite almost 400 health care students for 3 days of lectures and round-table discussion. We heard talks from Professor Rosemary Calder, who is the First Assistant Secretary, Mental Health & Workforce in the Department of Health & Aging; Dr. Tony Hobbs, Chair of the Australian GP Network; Jim Birch AM, Chair of the Rural Health Workforce Australia; Senator Bob Brown, parliamentary leader of the Australian Greens party; among many other distinguished and very well qualified guest speakers.
One of the most inspiring stories was from rural GP Dr. Tilak Dissanayake. For the past 6 years he has worked in the area of Coolah and Dunedoo hospitals, and has completed locums throughout rural NSW. Despite completing medical and post-graduate studies in Melbourne, he has now moved bush, raising two children with a lovely wife, and has bought a farm. Six years ago he arrived in a green Alfa-Romeo Spider, but has since sold it for a more practical Holden commodore (pre kangaroo encounter), later adding a bulbar (post kangaroo encounter). He spoke very fondly of his chosen lifestyle, the local community, and his wonderful family. Looking around the room, I noticed that he and his wife were not the only ones with teary eyes.

Another interesting talk was given by Dr. David Rosengren, director of the Emergency Department at Greenslopes Private Hospital. He had performed many trips in what is called ‘adventure medicine’ or ‘wilderness medicine’. This included Antarctic expeditions, Kokoda trekking, helicopter retrieval work, and work in rural Queensland and aboriginal communities. I find the idea of pushing the world’s boundaries exciting, and approached him afterwards to hear more of his experiences.

Undoubtedly the most rewarding aspect of the conference was the chance to meet like-minded fellow students. Here was an abundance of young people, each of whom recognised the inadequacies dominating rural health care and held a passion to do something about it. In spite of the organised night-time activities, which gave fruitful opportunities to embarrass oneself dancing onstage or climbing inflatable obstacle courses, we reconvened on mutual grounds to identify concerns and propose solutions to the health requirements of rural Australians. This discussion took place on the final day, lasting for hours, and allowed many students to voice their opinion on Bonded Medical Places, multidisciplinary teams, nurse practitioners, rural exchange programs, super-clinics, and workforce shortages. Each of these opinions was recorded on audio and will be summarised by the National Rural Health Network (NRHN), the student body which organises the conference each year.

I would like to sincerely thank the RAMUS team for sponsoring me to attend this conference, as it was a remarkable opportunity to communally evaluate the future of Australian health care. After the friends I have made and speeches I have witnessed, I can see myself attending this conference next year, and utilising the knowledge to help rural health prosper in Australian communities.
Jessica Mills

NURHC ’08 Conference – Launceston, Tasmania, April 3-5 2008
Conference Report – Jessica Mills

NURHC ’08 was a brilliant event that I will remember fondly for a quite a few years to come, not least because fellow members of my rural health club got their kit off on skit night, but also because I learnt so much over those 3 short days, and it has given me a much greater understanding of how rural health organisations fit together, and where rural health is heading!

The conference was very intelligently chaired by Julie McCrossin, whose experience chairing other health conferences allowed her to make her frequent impromptu interviews very astute and interesting, pin pointing the questions we wanted to ask, and managing to draw real answers out of people, rather than the standard run of the mill ‘why did you choose to go rural?’ answers we all regurgitate when put on the spot in front of 300 peers!

NURHC ’08 was lucky enough to have a great array of speaker from a broad range of backgrounds, and I was very interested to hear from Professor Rosemary Calder, First Assistant Secretary, Mental Health and Workforce Division, Department of Health and Ageing. Sometimes as a member of Rural Health Club, where our meetings are composed of all students, chaired by students, and financial support can seem to come from a mystical money cloud in the sky, it is easy to think that we are really just playing a game, and that what we are attempting to achieve is all too big and overwhelming and impossible. With that always in the back of my mind, I found it very heartening to think that the Government might be listening to us in some way, shape, or form, enough at any rate to send someone to speak to us and hear what we have to say.

Another speaker I found to be a definite highlight was Ms Dea Delaney Thiele, CEO, National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation. Her talk about the current state of ACCHO’s (which I didn’t even know existed until now) around Australia and their successes and problems was tremendously informative and interesting, and that fact that she was able to colour her talk with her own personal experiences and opinions as a Aboriginal women brought up in the conditions which many Aboriginal people are still living in today gave it incredible depth and emotion. Having come straight from the NURHC conference to my rural placement in Alice Springs, based at one of these Community Controlled Clinics, I am immediately reaping the benefits of attending the conference, as I was able to approach my placement with my eyes open and an understanding of what the aims of the clinic were, where it’s priorities lay, and who was in charge.

The Conference provided us with the opportunity to take part in several workshops, including one with Diabetic Educator, Michael Porter, otherwise known as the Sugar Man. Michael has been working in remote Australia for some time, and recently devised what he believes to
be a very successful method of educating Aboriginal people on Diabetes. With the use of visual aids and graphic explanations, using rocks and other simple tools, he believes he has been able to give true insight to some communities into what diabetes is, and how important its management is. In my short time here in Alice Springs on placement, I have seen first hand the huge weight diabetes is imposing on the health of the Aboriginal community, and having seen Michael presentation has definitely helped me. Not only have I been able to play my very own small part in trying to help some patients with their understanding of their disease, but also much more generally in terms of honing my communication skills with Aboriginal patients. Michael helped me to understand that there are more ways to say something than just with speech, and that pictures really can paint a thousand words.

In summary, NURHC ’08 has only served to strengthen my resolve to work in rural Australia. Hearing little personal stories from so many people about the great things they have achieved, and the wonderful times they have had doing it, as well as the challenge of the huge distance we still have to come to realise our goals of health equity, is a bit like a dangling carrot in front of a hungry horse. Student with altruistic desires need not go to Africa or Asia to get 3rd world medicine and the challenges it brings, we have it right here in Australia. And for the rest of us, our love of rural Australia is enough on its own to pull us back out there. Thanks to NURHC, we are all now better equipped, better connected, and more passionate about rural medicine, and I have seen for myself that the future of Rural and Remote health in Australia is definitely in very good hands.
Louise Parry

National University Rural Health Conference
RAMUS report

Louise Parry, 4th Year MBBS, University of Melbourne

This year I was lucky enough to attend the National University Rural Health Conference in Launceston, Tasmania as a RAMUS scholar. I had never attended a medical-related conference before, so I had little idea of what was in store for me, but went along with quite a naïve view of rural health, but high expectations of what I could get out of the week.

The first thing to strike me was that there were quite a number of non-medical students in attendance. There were also students from nursing, physiotherapy, dentistry, speech pathology, social work, occupational therapy and a range of other courses related with health. My first impression of this was a little negative, having spent the first part of my medical degree in a culture where it is implied that the doctor is always most senior and his/her opinions are the most important, and so I wondered what these people could bring that would be new to me. But after the first morning, my opinion had totally changed (thank goodness), and I began to learn how incredibly important a multi-disciplinary approach in a rural setting is, and how this is the future of rural health. I was so intrigued to hear what others have done with limited resources to solve problems out bush. One particular example was a presenter affectionately known both by the South Australian Aboriginal communities and us as delegates, as the Sugar Man. His presentation inspired me to think outside of the box to help people understand their illness, in this case diabetes, and then be able to take some control back in looking after their own health.

I had learnt very early in my medical course that there is not an easy fix to the problems that exist in health in the country. However, I was completely blown away by the statistics and charts that show the discrepancies in health indicators between people who live in urban areas and those who live out in rural Australia, and the estimated projections for the future. I soon realised that my previous, ignorant, solution to the problems out bush of increasing medical student places in rural clinical schools was not going to work. Despite such a bleak outlook, I learned that it is not impossible. I was encouraged to learn that with the help of others who work in the community, even if they are not doctors. One of the key points coming out of the conference was that we as students supported a multidisciplinary approach in rural health, which I wholeheartedly believe in, a complete turn around from the thoughts I had before the conference.
Another important thing that I have taken away from this conference is the support that is out there for students involved in rural health. After initially being overwhelmed with the amount of acronyms for different organizations being thrown around in everyday conversation, I’ve learned that there are a lot of places to turn to if I ever needed them. It was great to hear from some of their representatives and realise that they very much agree with what we as students would like to see in the future, and that we can work together on any ideas we may have.

However, the most important thing that I gained out of the conference is that I can make a difference wherever it is I choose to work, or even now as a student. I had always thought that as a student my job was just to learn as much as I could, and hadn’t thought that I already have the skills to promote health to others. I was so encouraged to be told by a professor of my own university that it is students that have the voice that is listened to in the area of rural health, and that we have the power to implement change. It was also encouraging to hear from students who already are out there advocating for the rural population of Australia, and that what they have done has made a difference to the community they work in. An example of this was one student from Tasmania who has created a database design to make electives in Aboriginal communities easier, which I believe could have a huge impact on getting health professionals out into the Aboriginal community. This has encouraged me to really get involved with my rural health club and involved in the community I will be placed in at clinical school, in order to find out what it is I feel I can contribute to rural health. The conference provided such a wide spectrum of issues and opportunities it is difficult to know where to start!

Overall, I really enjoyed the conference and am extremely grateful for the support from the NRHA to be able to attend. It was great to meet people from all over the country and from all different aspects of health care, and I’m sure these will be valuable contacts in the future. I have come home extremely encouraged and excited about my future in rural health and would look forward to future opportunities to learn more about what was shown to me at this conference. I am very enthusiastic about becoming more involved in my rural health club for the last few years of my degree.
The opportunity to attend NURCH 2008 provided a much appreciated chance to escape the confines of our urbanised medical degrees which have a centralised focus on all things metropolitan and international with such a marginalised interest in rural issues we could be forgiven for thinking rural Australia had ceased to exist. I cannot emphasise enough the value of this conference and the benefits that I have gained from it. Firstly I would like to offer my sincerest thanks to the RAMUS team for the opportunity to be a part of the RAMUS program and to attend conferences such as this one.

Tasmania offered a picturesque setting for the conference although I must admit our first impression was not highly favourable, as we were ushered of the plane into icy winds, pouring rain and freezing atmosphere. But the weather did warm (eventually) and coupled with snatched moments away from the hectic timetable of the conference we were able gain an appreciation for the beauty of Tasmania. Despite the distance many had to travel Launceston was an ideal setting with an evident strong sense of community coupled with the excellent facilities at the Tail Race Centre and the close vicinity of places of interest, such as Cataract Gorge. The opportunity as part of the conference schedule to explore the local area was much appreciated and offered a nice change from the hectic conference schedule.

The combination of academic talks, skill sessions and student presentations provided a platform from which all elements of rural health could be explored. The quality of the academic talks were outstanding with a variety of individuals from different background and disciplines presenting their experiences with the added value of honest personal insight. The willingness of these individuals to share their emotions and challenges with us was refreshing and provided a truthful representation of the reality of the opportunity and challenge that is rural
health. The skill sessions were valuable in expanding our knowledge of the day-to-day aspects of rural health. They covered things such as cultural awareness, massage, laughter, emergency dentistry, rung a rural health club, and educating communities on diabetes. In particular, registered nurse Michael Porters, development and implementation of 'The Sugar Man' as a diabetes education program were particularly informative. I was impressed by the simplicity of the model especially in the context of the depth of information it conveyed as well as its ability to be adapted to various contexts. Further information on this model can be obtained from [http://9thnrhc.ruralhealth.org.au/program/docs/papers/porter_D2.pdf.](http://9thnrhc.ruralhealth.org.au/program/docs/papers/porter_D2.pdf)

The student presentations were also extremely valuable. I enjoyed the opportunity to hear from my colleagues who not only shared their academic knowledge but their personal experiences.

By far the most valuable element of this conference was the opportunity to network with individuals from diverse background who all shared a common interest in rural health. The conference brought together individuals from all different regions of Australia, both rural and metropolitan and whom were involved in all of the key health disciplines, including medicine, nursing, pharmacy, physiotherapy, social work and podiatry to name a few. Such collaboration represents the reality of interdisciplinary health practice which is essential in modern medicine especially in rural medicine where cohesiveness of treatment is more difficult to coordinate due to distance and resources. In the same way as those involved in giving presentations at the conference these individuals were on the whole open to sharing their personal experiences and networking with a strong focus on future links within rural Australia. The opportunity to meet so many enthusiastic and talented people with an interest in rural Australia and to discuss with them their own personal goal and the potential challenges we will face and methods of overcoming these has restored my faith in our ability as a collective workforce to begin to address rural health issues so that future generations do not encounter the issue that we will in our careers. On a lighter note the seriousness of the content of the conference was adequately balanced with a fabulous social calendar including a ‘gladiator-style’ obstacle course, club performance night and formal dinner. All of which provided us with an opportunity to develop valuable friendships which I am certain will outlast the conference and stand us in good stead as we attempt to collaborate together for rural Australia.

I would like to extend my gratitude to the NRHN team who worked tirelessly and did such an outstanding job in organising the conference, in particular Litza Kane, Linda Nink, Kerryn Eckleson, Kylie Carlson and Kay Kent. The contribution of the Department of Health and Ageing in funding the conference should also be noted.
and provides significant evidence of the government’s commitment to addressing the issues associated with rural health and the integral role we are set to play. I personally cannot begin to thank the RAMUS team for their continued support and for the opportunity to attend this conference, which would have otherwise been impossible. The conference also provided me with a chance to meet with other RAMUS scholars which I found extremely enlightening and look forward to future opportunities such as this to interact with other who are obviously also highly value rural health and take pride in being a part of the RAMUS scheme.

Although the conference only went for 3 short days the ramifications of it will extend indefinitely not only for myself but for the future of rural Australia. The academic and networking experiences of this conference have left me with renewed enthusiasm for the future of rural Australia and value insight into my ability to contribute. I look forward to capitalising on this experience to further my own understanding of the reality of the issues facing rural community and to share this information with those that I encounter such that they may also see the importance of supporting rural communities. I cannot emphasise enough the value of this conference and this report does little justice in expressing this but I must encourage anyone with any interest in health to consider attending this conference in future years and getting involved in their local rural health clubs. It is opportunity such as this that gives evidence to the fact that ‘The rural heartbeat’ is still beating loading and will continue to do so in the future.

By Adrianna Sheppard
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I attended the 10th National Undergraduate Rural Health Conference in Launceston, Tasmania from the 3rd to the 5th of April this year under the RAMUS Conference Placement Program. The conference was attended by students from a range of health courses, including medical students, nursing students and allied health students, from 25 university rural health clubs around Australia. The focus of the conference this year was on the future of rural health in Australia, and a wide variety of speakers presented an assortment of interesting talks, seminars and skills sessions over the three days.

The majority of the conference consisted of speakers from a range of backgrounds, from politicians to surgeons, to students and remote area nurses, all with a common interest or background in rural health. The lectures were very educational and informative, and covered a wide variety of topics suited to all the students present. There was also the opportunity to attend skills sessions and student presentations, which allowed students to focus more on areas of particular relevance or interest. These were also a great way to have a more detailed and in-depth discussion with presenters and other students. I was able to attend (to name a few) sessions on diabetes, Camp Quality and rural health clubs, and presentations from students who had done various rural placements. The conference provided the opportunity for many discussions on why people do and don’t want to work in rural areas, and the challenges and negative perceptions commonly faced, and also on the benefits and advantages of working rurally. It was particularly interesting to hear what solutions others had developed to some of the many challenges of working in rural health, both in the short and long term.

The conference was tailored specifically towards students, which was great as it made it very relevant and focused on what is important to us future health professionals. The exposure to the wide range of rural health issues relevant to different health professionals was invaluable, and allowed me to look outside my medical world and see the challenges and issues faced by others working in the bush. The multidisciplinary nature of the conference is a huge advantage – it is one of the only multidisciplinary health conferences in Australia – and provided the opportunity for students of different health backgrounds to learn together in a
positive and supportive environment. This is especially significant due to the importance of multidisciplinary health care, particularly in rural areas, and hopefully this great example of multidisciplinary learning and interaction will continue into our professional lives.

The conference provided a great opportunity to mix with other students and health care professionals interested in rural health. Many of these people have had experience working in rural areas, which is very relevant to me at the moment as I am in the process of considering my options as to where to work for the next two years once I finish my medical degree. Their insight and perspectives on working in rural health care settings were invaluable, and reinforced my desire to work in a rural area once I graduate. There were also representatives from various rural clinical schools around Australia, which allowed me to gain an understanding of different education, training and employment opportunities available in rural areas, and what my options are for the future. To hear the scope of rural career options available, the support and services offered and the many positive experiences people working in rural areas describe all added to the benefits I see in working in rural areas in the future.

The ability to mix socially with not only the current, but also the future health professionals of rural Australia was a great experience. Support networks in rural areas are essential, and the ability to mix as students and form contacts early in our careers will no doubt prove useful for many years to come.

Overall, the National Undergraduate Rural Health Conference was a fantastic opportunity for me to increase my knowledge of issues in rural health in Australia, meet lots of interesting students and health professionals from a wide variety of fields, and have a really good time. I am doing my final year of medicine at the rural clinical school in Tamworth, NSW, and the conference has enabled me to understand more about rural health, which will help me greatly throughout this year. I would thoroughly recommend it to other health students with an interest in rural health, and am very grateful to RAMUS for allowing me the opportunity to attend.

Thankyou,
Megan Suthern