

CPD FOR RURAL PSYCHIATRISTS

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RANZCP

THE PROJECT

- TO SUPPLY COLLEGE APPROVED CPD SUPPORT TO PSYCHIATRISTS IN RURAL AND REMOTE LOCATIONS ACROSS AUSTRALIA
- TO ENHANCE NETWORKING BETWEEN ISOLATED PRACTITIONERS
- TO GIVE ACCESS TO THE BEST QUALITY OF UP TO DATE INFORMATION IN A COST AND TIME EFFICIENT MANNER

METHOD

- ALL RURAL PSYCHIATRISTS WERE POLLED FOR TOPICS AND SPEAKERS (N=350 incl RANZCP, IMGs and trainees)
- THE TOP SIX TOPICS AND SPEAKERS WERE SELECTED AND APPROACHED
- DATES AND TIMES WERE POLLED
- A LOCAL PEER SUPPORT NETWORK FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA ESTABLISHED

DELIVERY

- PROJECT OFFICER IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA WITH EXPERIENCE IN PRIOR PROJECT
- EMPLOYMENT OF TECHNICAL DELIVERY SERVICE WITH CUSTOMER SUPPORT TO PROSPECTIVE PARTICIPANTS
- LIASON WITH RSIG AND RANZCP

TECHNOLOGY

- USE OF ISDN NETWORK
- USE OF INTERNET PROTOCOL IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA
- CO-OPERATION WITH STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT SERVICE PROVIDERS

PARTICIPATION

- **TOTAL ATTENDANCE** = 106
- Consultant Psychiatrists = 66
- Psychiatric trainees = 23
- Other Allied Health = 17
- **COLLEGE STATUS**
- RANZCP = 50
- IMG = 16
- AON = 5

ATTENDANCE

• SEMINAR	REGISTERED	ATTENDED
1	62	61
2	58	47
3	53	50
4	50	36
5	59	53
6	61	54

(numbers are minimum recorded)

EVALUATION

	vb	b	und	lb	nb
Overall Benefit (%)	32	51	9	8	0
Well Organised	25	56	6	13	0
Kept to schedule	33	40	8	15	4
Too much information	0	8	15	64	13
Too little information	1	8	11	45	9
Permitted interaction	25	65	8	2	0

EVALUATION 2

	vb	b	und	lb	nb
Assisted understanding	22	70	4	4	0
Administration exp	33	49	12	6	0
Overall practicality	35	34	22	8	1
Tech reception	10	33	31	4	1
As Alt to travel	64	23	3	7	0

EVALUATION 3

	vb	b	und	lb	nb
Increased knowledge	25	47	18	4	6
Change management	25	47	18	4	6
More able to Mx rurally	29	45	18	0	8
Additional Mx techs	32	42	21	0	5

QUALITATIVE RESPONSES

- POSITIVE:

Very useful

Definitely should do more

I was inspired

Very useful for networking with rural practitioners

Good to have direct contact with speakers

QUALITATIVE RESPONSES

- NEGATIVE:

Speakers shouldn't look down at their laptop

Difficulty with connection

Technical brake-downs occurred

Need more rural presenters

Went off track

Assumed availability of health staff to be similar to metropolitan areas

1.5 hrs too long

Difficult to get to ISDN site

SUMMARY

- Exceeded budgeted attendance by three times requiring additional funding
- Overwhelming positive responses
- Continuous improvement over the course on evaluation responses
- Strong College interest in sustained funding
- Originated from a wide variety of sources
- Focus on developing rural specialist inputs
