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### 17th National Rural Health Conference kicks off in Perth today

Three days of imagination, inspiration and innovation begin now as the largest rural health event in the Southern Hemisphere – the 17th National Rural Health Conference, kicks off today!

Bringing together nearly 1,000 delegates from across the country, the conference promises three days filled with innovative ideas and inspiring discussions aimed at transforming health outcomes in rural, regional and remote communities.

Held in the beautiful city of Perth at the Convention and Exhibition Centre, the conference is set to feature a dynamic lineup of over 200 speakers, each ready to share their insights and expertise on various aspects of rural health.

“With its diverse range of speakers and sessions, the 17th National Rural Health Conference will foster collaboration, inspire innovation and drive progress in the field of rural health,” said National Rural Health Alliance Chief Executive Susi Tegen.

“Our aim is to pave the way for significant advancements in rural health care, facilitating productive, enlightening and enriching conversations and an exchange of ideas,” she said.

The Hon Emma McBride MP, Assistant Minister for Rural and Regional Health, will take the stage to welcome all attendees while Professor Jenny May will deliver her inaugural speech as the National Rural Health Commissioner, sharing her compelling vision for the future of rural health in Australia.

The opening keynote address by thought-provoking Yemi Penn will challenge the status quo and ignite a spirit of rebellious curiosity among the delegates, urging them to think differently and creatively about the challenges facing rural health in Australia.

The conference will include a series of inspiring concurrent sessions, each designed to provide valuable insights and practical solutions to the healthcare challenges faced in our rural communities. The full program can be viewed at:

<https://www.ruralhealth.org.au/17nrhc/program/>

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