



Annual Meetings of the PNG Society for Rural and Remote Health.

Theme – “*Encouraging and Supporting Careers in Rural Medicine*”

Program.

- ❖ **Wednesday Sept 2nd (from 12pm) and Thursday Sept 3rd (full day)**

Continuing Medical Education sessions - 2015

“Safe Anaesthesia for Obstetrics” Workshop (in conjunction with the PNG Anaesthesia Society)

(Fees – free for Society members, K100 for non members).

- ❖ **Thursday evening Sept 3rd – from 7pm**

PNG Society for Rural and Remote Health Annual Dinner.

Venue – Holiday Inn (7pm)

- ❖ **Friday Sept 4th.**

8 am *Registrations and welcome.*

8.30am *Opening Address – Dr David Mills (President – PNG Society for Rural and Remote Health)*

“Standing at the crossroads – what is our vision for PNG’s medical workforce?”



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❖ Friday Sept 4th - continued

Morning Session – *The role of Policy makers and Government agencies in supporting the rural medical workforce.*

9.00 - 9.30 am **Keynote Speaker – Mr Pascoe Kase** (Secretary – National Department of Health)

9.30 – 10am **Dr Don Matheson** (Public Health Specialist and Team Leader for the Review of the National Health Plan).

“Is our National Health Plan achieving progress in rural health?”

10 – 10.30am Morning Tea

10.30 – 11.15 **Panel Discussion and Questions**

Participants – Sec Pascoe Kase, Dr Paison Dakulala (Dept Sec Curative Health Services), Ms Elva Lionel (Dept Secretary Corporate Health Services), Dr Goa Tao (Chief Medical Officer), Mr Don Matheson

11.15 – 12.00 **Provincial Health Authorities – will they make a difference to the way rural health services are delivered?**

Dr James Kintwa (CEO for WHP Provincial Health Authority)

“The Western Highlands experience – tackling the rural doctor shortage.”

Dr Trevor Kelebi (Director Curative Health Service – Sandaun PHA)

“Visions for rural doctors in Sandaun”

12.00 - 12.30pm **Panel Discussion and Questions**

Participants – Dr James Kintwa, Dr Billy Naidi (CEO – Milne Bay PHA), Dr Trevor Kelebi, Dr Harry Poka (Director of Medical Services, Kundiawa Hospital, Simbu)

12.30pm Lunch



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Saturday Sept 5th – continued.

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| 1.30 – 3.00pm | <i>Group Discussion</i>

“Formulating our vision – Where to we want the PNG Rural Society to be at in 2035, and how do we get there?” |
| 3.00 – 4.00pm | <i>Annual General Meeting including financial reports and election of officers.</i> |
| 4.00pm | <i>Closing remarks.</i> |