



SARRAH

Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health

SARRAH Bishop Address

The Bishop address, delivered at the biennial SARRAH national conference, was instituted to acknowledge the contribution of Michael Bishop, whose leadership and vision provided the catalyst for the formation the Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health Taskforce of the Health Professions Council of Australia (ARRAHT), thereafter known as the Allied Health Professions Australia Rural and Remote; and Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health Inc (SARRAH).

A complementary intent of the Bishop Address is to incorporate an external perspective and commentary about rural and remote allied health services at the SARRAH conference.

The person invited to present the Bishop address may be selected by members of the SARRAH board, SARRAH conference organising committee or SARRAH management. Candidates are generally not practising allied health professionals and may be from outside the allied health arena. However, they may be from within the ecosystem of supportive services and interrelated networks; for example, a consumer, educator, researcher, or advocate in the interests of health rural and remote populations and communities.

The speaker selected to deliver a Bishop address should be charismatic, confident, passionate and powerful, with the ability to influence thinking and make an indelible impression on the audience.

The speaker is intended to provoke thought and inspire action. Someone who, by virtue of their experience and credentials, is able to challenge SARRAH, members and the rural and remote allied health providers to do better, and set new standards of aspiration and success.

The content of the Bishop address may present viewpoints not normally considered, it will offer insights from an external standpoint, it may consider a fresh and unconventional angle and it may challenge the status quo.

The Bishop address should prompt SARRAH delegates to think, question, discuss, debate, inform and share the contents with others.

SARRAH Bishop Address presenters

Bishop Address	Conference Year	Location
Rob Curry and Robyn Adams	2016	Port Lincoln, SA
Luke Escombe	2014	Kingscliff, New South Wales
Anne Cahill-Lambert	2012	Launceston, TAS
Justin Mohamed	2010	Broome, Western Australia
Jody Saxton	2008	Yeppoon, Queensland
Professor Janet McCalman	2006	Albury, New South Wales
John Halsey	2004	Alice Springs, NT

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