

MEDIA RELEASE

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The MECC Welcomes a Major Medical Conference

The MECC has the pleasure of welcoming the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG) 2012 Provincial Fellows ASM today who are holding their conference at the Centre until Sunday. Fellows, Trainees, Diplomates, Midwives and other interested health professionals practicing in rural and remote Australia will make up the 150 delegates who will be in Mackay for the event.

The conference is an opportunity for rural and regional practitioners to discuss and debate issues of common interest and learn about the latest developments and issues that are important to rural and regional practice.

Convenor, Dr Bill Boyd commented that "Mackay was chosen to host the 2012 conference due to the fact that the MECC offered world class facilities, with rural hospitality."

During their stay, delegates will have an opportunity to sample a little of what Mackay has to offer, with events planned at city cafes and restaurants and a formal dinner at the Windmill Motel. To work off the delights, delegates will be encouraged to join a morning walking group around the river side walk, morning tai chi sessions and will enjoy a full day Mackay City Tour. The latest exhibition "In Bed" by Ron Mueck at Artspace will also be on the delegates agenda, and the local genealogy display tracing the early families of Mackay was invited to extend their stay in the MECC so delegates can discover Mackay's rich history, in this, Mackay's 150th year.

Optional activities including a trip to Eungella, and the Botanic Gardens are also on offer.

"Mackay has really emerged as an intriguing new destination for meetings and events and this market will continue to grow with the development of new hotels in the CBD area," said Mark Fawcett, Manager, MECC. "We are delighted to showcase the MECC and Mackay to RANZCOG, and we wish all delegates the very best for their stay".

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