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Rural Health West hosted an awesome Wilderness Medicine Conference

Rural Health West hosted 34 delegates at its newly developed Adventure Weekend – Emergency Simulation of Medical Encounters (AWESoME) Wilderness Medicine Conference, held from the 4 to 7 November 2015 in the surrounds of the renowned Margaret River region. This conference provided medical practitioners with the opportunity to learn about the management of medical emergencies in a wilderness setting, with a strong focus on practical implementation and participation.

All the activities developed practical skills and professional abilities such as teaching and teamwork, leadership and dealing with stress and uncertainty. Delegates participated in hiking, abseiling, canoeing and caving as well as completing their Advanced Life Support (ALS) One accreditation.

“I had a fantastic time at the Wilderness Medicine Conference. It was the perfect location to be challenged and further develop my skills in emergency management,” stated a delegate.

The conference was facilitated by a team of experienced emergency physicians, ALS instructors and general practitioners who have worked in rural and remote regions.

“Rural Health West has successfully run the Rural and Remote Retrieval Conference in northern Western Australia for the last five years and our aim was to provide similar opportunities to medical practitioners based in the southern part of the state,” Ms Belinda Bailey, Chief Executive Officer of Rural Health West stated.

“We are pleased to see that the delegates who attended this conference were not only from local areas such as Busselton and Albany, but also travelled from Geraldton, Port Hedland and as far north as the Kimberley region.”

Rural Health West hosts over 30 workshops and five conferences specifically targeting the professional development of rural general practitioners.

“Rural Health West is increasingly expanding the number of professional development events that we hold, and will continue to support any initiatives that assist in the training and development of health professionals working in rural and remote regions,” Ms Bailey stated.

Rural Health West would like to acknowledge the support of the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River, who provided registration for two local health professionals to attend this unique conference, as well as sponsoring the Welcome Reception.

Events being held in 2016 are available to view on the Events Calendar on the Rural Health West website.

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As the leading rural health workforce agency for Western Australia, Rural Health West is a not-for-profit organisation funded by the State and Commonwealth Governments responsible for the recruitment and retention of a highly skilled sustainable health workforce to meet the needs to rural and remote Western Australians communities.

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