

## FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT & CALL FOR ABSTRACTS



The Australian Association of Gerontology NSW Division presents  
**2011 AAG Rural Conference**

# Across the divide: *lessons on care from urban and rural communities*

**31 March & 1 April 2011**  
Cessnock Performing Arts Centre, Cessnock NSW



The Australian Association of Gerontology (NSW Division) is hosting its 2011 Rural Conference in Cessnock in the Hunter Valley on Thursday 31st March and Friday the 1 April 2011. The conference will be of interest to health and aged care practitioners, researchers and anyone interested in current issues in ageing.

The theme for the conference is '*Across the divide: lessons on care from urban and rural communities*'.

**Care** is a word with many meanings – it means not only formal services, but also the general concern we hold for each other as human beings. For older people, caring can come from many sources: health care and aged care services, volunteers, family and friends, as well as the community around them. Giving and receiving care has the potential to bridge the divide between us as people, and between groups in our communities. This conference will consider many different facets of care and the divides between different types of care that people might give and receive in older age. We are particularly interested in how caring is manifest in rural communities, and how people in these areas bring together sources of care to ensure the best for older people in their communities.

We are particularly (but not exclusively) interested in papers that address the following topics:

- Care and Community participation
- Caring for groups with particular care needs, e.g. those with a disability
- Consumer directed care; and Enablement models of aged care
- Assisting carers
- Health care and caring in regional and rural areas
- Health reforms, community care, and aged care.
- Mental health and caring
- Advance care planning, and Palliative Care
- Telemedicine and other technological innovations in care

**Call for abstracts:** We welcome submission of papers regarding these and other aspects of ageing. Abstracts of 250 words or less are invited for oral, workshop or poster presentation at the conference. Your submission should include the title, author/s, institute or organisation and position (underline the name of the presenting author) plus full contact details, including phone, postal address and email. Acceptance of papers will be conditional on registration for the conference.

**Closing date: Friday 14 January 2011**

**Author notification: by 11 February 2011**

### **ABSTRACT SUBMISSION**

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