



Rural Doctors Association
of Queensland
"Caring for the Country"

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James Blundell to rock rural doctors conference

President of the Rural Doctors Association of Queensland, Dr Dan Halliday, today announced Aussie country music icon James Blundell as special guest at the RDAQ 22nd Annual Conference to be held in Cairns on 10-12th June 2011.

"James was born in Stanthorpe and brought up on a property near town before working as a station hand across northern Australia," Dr Halliday said. "He knows this land, he knows country communities, and the Rural Doctors Association is thrilled to have him aboard for our conference."

Blundell was the first young Australian Country artist to create an impact on the mainstream pop charts and for many years was the highest selling country artist in the nation. He was also the first Australian country act to sign a major label recording deal in Nashville paving the way for the likes of Keith Urban, Kasey Chambers and others. In addition to his own success James has penned hits for Lee Kernaghan, Slim Dusty and Jimmy Little. James has been the recipient of 9 CMAA (Country Music Association of Australia), Golden Guitar Awards, double platinum, platinum and gold sales awards and is a 5 time ARIA Award nominee.

Blundell will make his special guest appearance at the conference Gala Dinner on Sunday 12th June at The Sebel Cairns.

The theme of RDAQ 2011 is "Empowering rural & remote health - daring to dream" and from this the program will focus on upcoming technological advances, policies and management strategies; with a special focus on indigenous health. Keynote speaker is Queensland's first indigenous doctor, and Queensland's "Australian of the Year" in 2011, Associate Professor Noel Hayman,

Working media may attend the Conference as day delegates. Contact Marg Moss on 0400 428 213 for bookings.

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