Darwin will play host to 1000 rural health professionals attending the 13th National Rural Health Conference next month.

“This large national conference runs from 24-27 May at the Darwin Convention Centre and is a major coup for the Territory,” Chief Minister Adam Giles said.

At Parliament House today, Mr Giles welcomed organisers from both the National Rural Health Alliance and Royal Flying Doctor Service to Darwin.

“It’s a great honour for the Territory to be hosting this prestigious event. I wish the 1000 delegates attending a productive conference dealing with important health issues facing our community, especially in our regions,” he said.

“I hope they’ll also find time to visit some of our fantastic Territory tourism attractions while they’re here. The Government is working hard to establish the Territory as a destination of choice for business events and this is another feather in our cap.”

Health Minister John Elferink said it’s an important opportunity to put the spotlight on regional and remote health issues.

“The Conference is an opportunity for rural and remote health consumers and students, clinicians, researchers, policy makers and health service managers to come together to discuss the issues facing Australia. I’m pleased to see the Territory front and centre of this conversation,” he said.

The National Rural Health Alliance has partnered with the Royal Flying Doctor Service to bring the conference to Darwin.

“The Alliance considers it a privilege to host this Conference and we are especially privileged that the RFDS is Chief Partner for this important event,” Gordon Gregory, Chief Executive Officer of the NRHA said.
The National Rural Health Conference is the nation’s largest event for people who want to improve the health and wellbeing of those who live in rural, regional and remote Australia.

“The RFDS has been servicing the Top End for decades so it is only fitting that we assist to bring Australia’s best health professionals to Darwin to discuss rural health issues,” Martin Laverty, CEO of the RFDS Federation said.

“Though the RFDS is known for aeromedical retrieval, we are more than a Flying Doctor and provide GP and nurse clinics, telehealth, dental care, mental health programs, mobile patient care and healthy living & wellness programs.”

To view the broad range of speakers and topics on offer in Darwin you can download the Conference program at:

www.ruralhealth.org.au/13nrhc/program

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