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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

## National Conference Explores The Rural Experience

**So much of our dialogue and learning is city centric.  
We gather together in places far from rural communities.**

This can limit our understanding of the challenges that are faced in relation to social isolation and loneliness outside of cities, or the great solutions that may have been found to overcome these problems. We are planning to explore new ways of knowing and thinking in this space.

Friends for Good, in partnership with the Centre for Participation, invites not for profit organisations, government, researchers, students and all those interested in a dialogue about loneliness, whether from Australia or internationally, to submit abstracts or expressions of interest for involvement

in our upcoming national conference:

*The Australian Loneliness Dialogue: Exploring the Rural Experience.*

Although the conference will have a particular focus on rural and regional perspectives, there will also be an opportunity to present research, workshops or other presentations about loneliness more broadly. Abstracts and expressions of interest to participate will be accepted based on relevance of the content, available space and overall program balance.

### Event Details

**Title:** The Australian Loneliness Dialogue  
**Theme:** Exploring the Rural Experience  
**Date:** Thursday 2nd &  
Friday 3rd April 2020  
**Location:** Horsham, Victoria, Australia

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## Submissions

To submit your abstract or expression of interest to participate, please email [admin@friendsforgood.org.au](mailto:admin@friendsforgood.org.au) using the title:

'Conference Abstract/EOI for participation' and include:

- Abstract title and content
- Author/presenter name/s
- Affiliations: For example, University or Organisation
- Anticipated length of session
- Method of delivery
- Any special requirements

The closing date for abstracts is Friday 25th October 2019.

Notification regarding acceptance will be emailed to applicants by Friday 15th November 2019.

If you would like to discuss an idea, or have questions please call Patricia Lauria on 0414 341 985.

Friends For Good is a not-for-profit organisation aiming to free people from loneliness.

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## For more information

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