

***** MEDIA ALERT FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17*****

DOCTORS TAKE HEALTH CAMPAIGN TO CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS

Visitors to the Carnival of Flowers will be able to undergo a free health check this Sunday [September 17] when AMA Queensland sets up a temporary *Health Hub* in Toowoomba.

The hub will be open from 7.30am to 12.30pm at the PCYC markets in James Street and manned by Dr John Hall and his colleagues from Downs Rural Medical.

Doctors will carry out free health checks – including blood pressure, blood sugar and BMI tests – and offer advice on healthy living.

Dr Hall said the AMA Queensland team would also be conducting skin cancer checks as the disease is a particular risk for farmers and others working in the agricultural sector.

“One in five Queenslanders do not see a GP every yearⁱ, needlessly putting their health at risk,” Dr Hall said.

“Accessing a GP in rural areas is not as easy as it is in Brisbane or Toowoomba, so we’re hoping carnival visitors from out west will take the opportunity to visit the health hub.

“As well as blood pressure tests, blood sugar checks and weigh-ins, we will also be carrying out spot skin checks.

“Skin cancer is a major health risk to farmers and farmworkers and they need to be especially vigilant. A brief skin check by a GP can save lives.”

AMA Queensland’s Health Hubs are regularly held across the state to raise awareness of the importance of undergoing an annual health check with a GP.

MEDIA OPPORTUNITY

- WHAT:** AMA Queensland Health Hub
- WHEN:** 7.30am – 12.30pm
Sunday, 17 September, 2017
- WHERE:** PCYC Market, James St, Toowoomba
- WHO:** Dr John Hall, AMA Queensland
- CONTACT:** Stuart Sherwin, Sequel PR – 0403 090 914

ⁱ <http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/Lookup/4839.0main+features32012-13>