

# Epidemic Thunderstorm Asthma Symposium

17 and 18 March 2017

## Invitation

Victoria's Chief Health Officer, Professor Charles Guest will be hosting an Epidemic Thunderstorm Asthma Symposium on Friday 17 and Saturday 18 March 2017 in Melbourne. This event will bring together experts from across Australia to hear detailed information about the largest ever Epidemic Thunderstorm Asthma incident that occurred on 21 November 2016 and to participate in the planning for the 2017 pollen season in Victoria.

The symposium is for a wide range of disciplines including; weather and pollen experts, asthma and allergy specialists, primary care practitioners (GPs, practice nurses and chemists), health and ambulance services, emergency management, scientists, government departments, asthma associations/ peak bodies, health promotion professionals and academics.

The Program includes:

- Scene setting and key presentations including findings from the Chief Health Officer's Health Impact Report
- Information sessions and facilitated workshops covering four key themes:
  - Public health and health promotion campaigns for pollen season 2017;
  - Clinical guidance;
  - Forecasting and warning system development; and
  - The health system and emergency services response to the unprecedented surge and learning's.

This event will be held at:

Rydges Melbourne (CBD)

186 Exhibition St, Melbourne VIC 3000

- Friday 17 March - 8:00am registration for 8.30am start. The symposium will finish at 5:00pm followed by an opportunity to network with other professionals with light refreshments served for all to attend.
- Saturday 18 March - 8:00am registration for 8.30am start on Saturday 18 March with the symposium closing at 1:00pm. Lunch will be provided at the end of the symposium.

The outcomes from this Symposium will be used to assist the department in its planning, preparation and response to Epidemic Thunderstorm Asthma for pollen season 2017.

**Register your attendance through the Eventbrite link:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/epidemic-thunderstorm-asthma-symposium-tickets-31818945322>

***Please share this invitation with colleagues who may wish to participate.  
Come prepared to contribute your ideas and experience to help shape the way forward!***