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MEDIA RELEASE - TUANZ and RHAANZ

TUANZ and RHAANZ announce upcoming Rural Connectivity Symposium

TUANZ and RHAANZ are pleased to formally announce that their jointly hosted Rural Connectivity Symposium will take place in Wellington at the James Cook Hotel on Thursday 28th May 2015. “The aim of the day is to gather representatives of rural users as well as service providers to learn and discuss possible priorities around the recently announced Rural Broadband Initiative #2 (RBI2) and Mobile Blackspots funding by the Government” said Craig Young, CEO of TUANZ. “We have in the past taken leadership in pushing for improved rural connectivity and this a continuation of that work.”

Rural satellite service provider, Wireless Nation will be the premier sponsor for the one-day event which will be a mixture of presentations and workshops. Other sponsors announced today include SPARK New Zealand, TRACTA and the Rural Contractors New Zealand. Speakers on the day will include ANZ Economist, Con Williams, Chair of the New Zealand Telehealth Forum, Dr John Garrett, as well a number of speakers from Government and the telecommunications and health industries.

The CE of RHAANZ Michelle Thompson, reiterated that “Bringing together a large number of stakeholders to discuss the options around improved connectivity is a great opportunity for us to provide a strong unified response which reflects the voices of rural users of telecommunications services”

Tickets are limited and registration details can be found on the websites of the two organisations as follows:

www.tuanz.org.nz/rural-symposium

www.rhaanz.org.nz

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Note to editors:

The Rural Health Alliance Aotearoa New Zealand (RHAANZ) was established in May 2012 and represents a united voice from across multiple rural sector organisations. Its aim is to provide solutions and influence policy affecting the health and wellbeing of rural communities
www.rhaanz.org.nz

TUANZ (Telecommunications Users Association of New Zealand) is a not-for-profit membership association with over 27 years of positive telecommunications change in our history. It has been instrumental in getting the connectivity to the top of the political agenda and now works to prepare TUANZ members and the wider community to take full advantage of the opportunities provided.
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