

# ACI

## RURAL HEALTH

# NETWORK

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## Rural Health Network

### Rural Health Network Update

The Network currently has 400 members and an Executive Committee has been appointed.

Consultative visits have been conducted across all rural LHDs meeting with the Chief Executives, interested executive and clinical staff to scope the future directions and activities of the Network in supporting rural health staff participation in clinical redesign and innovation.

### From the Ministry

The Rural Health Network is working closely with the Ministerial Rural Health Advisory Committee secretariat to align objectives between the Ministry and ACI. Thank You to all who responded to the survey conducted in February to gain broad perspectives for consideration in the rural health plan. A series of further consultations are to be conducted May to July 2013.

### Introducing the Co-Chairs

ACI welcome Dr Darryl Mackender and Patrick Frances, who have recently been appointed as the incoming Co-Chairs of the ACI Rural Health Network. Darryl is a Visiting Medical Officer Physician Gastroenterologist working at Orange Hospital and has a strong interest in access and equity to quality health service delivery for rural communities and has previous experience on the GMTT and GMCT Executive, co-chairing numerous craft groups.

Pat is a retired Company Director, who serves as a Consumer Representative on the Mid North Coast Local Health District Community Reference Group, and is a former Chairman of the Hastings Macleay Health Participation Forum. He has served on Hasting Macleay Network Clinical Safety and Quality Committees and the North Coast Area Risk Management Committee since his retirement 10 years ago.

Darryl and Pat will work with the Executive Committee to ratify the draft terms of reference for the functions of the Network and to establish a 2 year work plan.



### Meet the Executive Committee

Name	Position	Representative	Organisation
Dr Darryl Mackender	VMO Medicine, Gastroenterologist	Clinical Co-Chair	Orange / Bathurst WLHD
Mr Patrick Frances	Past Chair Consumer Participation Group NC, MNC & Hastings	Consumer Co-Chair	North Coast Community Reference Group Port Macquarie
Mr David Cross	Snr Physiotherapist	Clinician – Allied Health	Gilgandra WLHD
Dr Jeremy Christley	Staff Specialist, Rehab	Clinician - Medical	Nowra IS LHD
Ms Leanne Crittenden	Co-ordinator Northern Child Health Network	Clinician/Paediatrics - Nursing	HNE LHD
Prof Michael Douglas	Public Health Physician, Assoc Prof UCRH & GP	Clinician / Research – General Practice	Lismore and small EDs NNSW LHD
Ms Bronwyn Cosh	Clinical Nurse Manager	Clinician/Manager - Nursing	Moree, HNE LHD
Mr Richard Cheney	Director Allied Health	Manager – Allied Health	Orange, WLHD
Ms Jenny Tyrrell	Manager Nursing Capability	Manager - Nursing	Griffith MLHD
Dr Theresa Beswick	GM, Coffs Clinical Network	Manager - Medical	Coffs Harbour MNC LHD
Mr Vahid Saberi	CEO	Medicare Local	North Coast Medicare Local
Ms Linda Lynott	Manager Health Services	Aboriginal Medical Service	Maari Ma Broken Hill & FW LHD
Ms Jenny Zirkler	Executive Care Manager	Residential Aged Care Facility	Nambucca Valley Care – affiliation with 10 RACF
Ms Judith Hallam	Rural Redesign Leader	Rural Redesign Leader	Queanbeyan - SLHD
Mr Denys Wynn	Head of Radiography	Ministerial Advisory Committee	Lismore NNSW
Mr William O'Brien (Uncle Bill)	Aboriginal Consumer	Birpai Aboriginal Land Council	Port Macquarie
Vacant	Aboriginal Clinical / Manager		
Mr Raj Verma	ACI	Director, Clinical Program Design and Implementation	
<b>Secretariat</b>			
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