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Rural Health Network

Rural Health Network Update

The Rural Health Network Executive Committee met in July to agree on key roles and priorities for the Network.



Key Roles

- Develop, share and showcase innovative rural 'working' models of care
- Populate and promote the ARCHI Innovation Register
- Provide critique for ACI models of care to ensure compatibility with rural communities

Priorities

- Aboriginal Health
- Supporting rural and remote clinicians
- Telehealth
- Regional Aged Care - Hospital Avoidance

Survey

Rural Health Network members were surveyed in June to ascertain what Network activities would be of most benefit:

- 65% - Facilitated workshops – working on LHD priorities
- 62% - Symposium – showcasing rural 'working' models of care / innovation

A pre-conference "Model of Care" workshop is to be offered at the upcoming Rural Health and Research Congress to be held Monday 21st October at Port Macquarie. For further details go to the congress website

<http://hotelnetwork.clients.squiz.net/conferences/Conferences/NSWH2013>

Australian Resource Centre for Healthcare Innovation (ARCHI)

The ARCHI website is a simple, easy way to keep up to date with latest innovations. The Website:

- Provides a platform for sharing innovation
- Promotes knowledge by connecting people
- Encourages the implementation of clinical innovation across Australia

You can: Search the website for innovative projects in your field

- Review latest models of care
- Post your project to the register
- Share your expertise and resources
- Connect with other health professionals who share your interest

Go to: <http://www.archi.net.au/resources/delivery> to find innovative rural and remote projects. 15 rural projects have been forwarded to ARCHI for the Register.

Monthly newsletters can be found at <http://www.archi.net.au/our-services/nn>

To subscribe for the newsletter email "subscribe" to admin@archi.net.au

The Executive Committee

Name	Representative	Organisation
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Rural Health Plan Consultation

In November 2012, Minister for Health and Minister for Medical Research, Jillian Skinner, established a Ministerial Advisory Committee for Rural Health to provide advice on issues of concern to rural communities and assist in the development of a Rural Health Plan.

The NSW Rural Health Plan will identify innovative solutions for rural, regional and remote health. An Issues Paper has been drafted to support the consultation process and develop the NSW Rural Health Plan.

Consultation with the NSW rural community will occur through the NSW Rural Health and the NSW Government 'Have Your Say' websites. <http://engage.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/ruralhealth>

Focus groups will be held with clinicians, administrators and consumers in August and September in rural Local Health Districts across NSW. The ACI Rural Health Network has aligned their objectives, supports the Ministerial Advisory Committee for Rural Health in improving health services for rural communities, and will be consulted in this process. Surveys and submissions are to be received by 30 September.

For further information on the consultations, issues paper and rural health plan, go to the following link: <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/rural/pages/default.aspx>

Email ruralhealth@doh.health.nsw.gov.au for more information on the consultation approach and development of the *NSW Rural Health Plan* or ring 9391 9182 or visit <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/rural>

