

An Invitation to join our Network

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ACI Rural Health NETWORK



Our Executive Committee

ABOUT US

Who are we?

ACI Rural Health Network is a collaborative body with 450 members from diverse geographic backgrounds and areas of interest: rural Clinicians and Managers, Aboriginal Medical Services, Consumers, Medicare Locals, NSW Ambulance, Residential Aged Care, Dept. of Agriculture, Dept. of Education, Local Council, University Departments of Rural Health, Private Practitioners, Ministry of Health, NSW Health Pillars and Non-Government Organisations.

What do we do?

We promote and showcase rural innovation.

We provide input into Models of Care to ensure a compatible fit with rural communities.

We communicate with ACI, rural health service providers and consumers for the appropriate implementation of models of care and innovation, including use of technology, to reflect the individual needs of rural and remote communities. We establish working parties as determined by the Executive.

2013 Achievements

- 23 Rural Innovative Projects uploaded to the Aust. Resource Centre for Healthcare Innovation (ARCHI) Website
- 20 Rural clinicians sponsored to attend the NSW Health Innovation Symposium
- Three ACI Health Innovations Awards introduced at the Health Education and Training Institute Rural Health and Research Congress
- Three working parties Oct 2013 – Oct 2014 to:
 - Review current practices nationally and develop standardised state-wide guidelines for the use of NSW *Telehealth*
 - Review *Regional Aged Care Hospital Avoidance Models of Care* and prepare an itemised report with cost benefit analysis and recommendations
 - Develop a framework for an annual 'virtual' *Rural Innovations Changing Healthcare (RICH) Forum* using video conference linking clinicians and consumers across rural NSW.

2014 – The year ahead...

- RICH Forum held 14th March linking 17 sites – A day of showcasing innovative rural models of care which:
 - Demonstrate a creative approach to an existing issue
 - Have embedded the change
 - have potential to be taken up by other health settings
- Identify, share and showcase innovative rural models of care
 - ACI Rural Innovation Awards at:
 - Rural Health and Research Congress September
 - LHD Innovation Awards May - September
- Populate and promote the ARCHI Innovation Register
<http://www.archi.net.au/resources/delivery/rural>
- Establish Working Parties to progress "ground up" Network priorities
- Work with LHDs, Health Infrastructure and the Ministry of Health to form an MPS Reference Group; a subset of the ACI Rural Health Network, to establish goals and objectives of a 'person centred' Primary Health approach to aged care within NSW MPS facilities.

Rural Health Network Executive Committee

The committee is co-chaired by a NSW Health Employee and a Non NSW Health Employee and includes:

Name	Position	Organisation
Richard Cheney	Co-Chair – Health Director Allied Health	Orange - Western NSW LHD
Patrick Frances	Co-Chair - Consumer	Port Macquarie
Mr David Cross	Physiotherapist	Gilgandra - Western NSW LHD
Dr Jeremy Christley	Staff Specialist Rehabilitation	Nowra - Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD
Leanne Crittenden	Co-ordinator Northern Child Health Network	Hunter New England LHD NSW Kids and Families
Prof Michael Douglas	Public Health Physician, Assoc. Prof UCRH & GP	Lismore and small EDs - Northern NSW LHD
Bronwyn Cosh	Clinical Nurse Manager	Moree - Hunter New England
Richard Colbran	Business Director	Royal Far West Kids, Manly
Jenny Tyrrell	Nurse Manager	Griffith – Murrumbidgee LHD
Dr Theresa Beswick	General Manager	Coffs Harbour - Mid North Coast LHD
Mr Vahid Saberi	CEO	North Coast Medicare Local
Dr Thomas Douch	GP / VMO	Young – Murrumbidgee LHD
Jenny Zirkler	Executive Care Manager	Residential Aged Care
Judith Hallam	Redesign Leader	Queanbeyan – Southern NSW LHD
Current EOI	Aboriginal Medical Service	
William O'Brien (Uncle Bill)	Aboriginal Consumer	Birpai Aboriginal Land Council Port Macquarie
Michelle Druitt	Team Leader Aboriginal Health	Griffith - Murrumbidgee LHD
Dale Sutton	Director of Nursing and Midwifery	Broken Hill - Far Western NSW LHD



Patrick Frances – Consumer Co-Chair
Port Macquarie



Richard Cheney – NSW Health Co-Chair
Orange



Jenny Preece – Rural Health Manager
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