

**RURAL
HEALTH
WEST**

MEMBERSHIPS

Working to ensure rural communities
can access quality healthcare.

distance is no obstacle

Rural Health West exists to ensure that rural and remote communities in Western Australia have access to quality healthcare.

We do this by attracting, recruiting and retaining health professionals in rural locations. We provide ongoing support to ensure these vital professionals have access to education and skills development, family and social support, locum services, clinical outreach programs to support their patients, and business and practice support to ensure healthy private and community practice.

We are known as the 'go to' people in the rural health sector in Western Australia. We are proud to support health professionals living and working in rural and remote Western Australia.

Why be a member?

Our members are an essential element of our organisation. Our members act as a sounding board for new initiatives, provide support for our advocacy work on issues that impact health services and workforce in country Western Australia, and act as our eyes and ears on the ground in rural communities.

Having a **strong membership** means we are well placed to ensure Western Australian **rural communities** can **access quality healthcare**.

We invite individuals who work or have an interest in the rural health and medical sector, and organisations which operate in or support rural Western Australia to become members of Rural Health West.

COVER

Dr Stephanie Trust
Kununurra Medical



Rural Health West has allowed me to extend my diagnostic abilities thanks to my scholarship. I've been able to take what I learned on the course and show colleagues extra tips and techniques.

WADE BLOFFWITCH

Registered Paramedic, Ngangganawili Aboriginal Health Service

Membership categories

We offer two categories of membership to new members.

A third category, Life Membership, is offered to existing members selected by the Board to acknowledge their significant contribution to Rural Health West.

HEALTH PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Health Professional Membership is available to health professionals who:

- reside or practise in a rural or remote area; or
- have an interest in rural health; or
- are registered* with a relevant professional body; or
- have significant experience or achievement in their profession/field in rural and remote health.

Health Professional Members are entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting and General Meetings, and can be nominated to the Board of Directors.

Fee: \$25.00 per annum

ORGANISATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Organisational Membership is available to organisations who can demonstrate commitment to bettering the health and wellbeing of communities in rural and remote areas.

Organisational Members are entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting and General Meetings, and can nominate a representative to become an Organisational Member of the Board of Directors.

Fee: \$100.00 per annum

* Special dispensation is available for health professionals who are not eligible to be registered with a health professional board.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The Board occasionally considers individuals for Life Membership to recognise outstanding service to Rural Health West.

If recommended by the Board (by ordinary resolution at a General Meeting), Life Members have the powers of an Individual Member, but without the requirement to pay a fee or subscription.

Membership entitlements

Membership	Governance entitlements			Requirements
	AGM and GM attendance	AGM and GM voting	Board appointment	Annual subscription fee
Organisational	✓	✓	✓	\$100.00
Health Professional	✓	✓	✓	\$25.00
Life	✓	✓	✓	✗

RURAL HEALTH WEST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Organisational, Health Professional and Life Members are eligible to be part of the Board of Directors. Rural Health West's Board consists of up to nine Directors including:

- Up to four Directors who are Health Professional Members, (nominated and elected by Members), of whom up to two can be medical practitioners, up to one can be a nursing and/or midwifery health professional, and up to one can be a dental or allied health professional.
- Up to one Director who is an appointed representative of an Organisational Member (nominated and elected by Members), which is a country local government authority.
- Up to four Independent Directors (appointed by the Board), who have experience or recognised qualifications in any of the following areas:
 - business;
 - financial management;
 - law;
 - human resources and recruitment;
 - marketing; and
 - any other relevant skills or areas of expertise which would complement the Board's composition.

The Board must appoint:

- The Chair and Company Secretary from the Independent Directors
- The Deputy Chair from any of the other Director categories

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORMS

Membership application forms are available at www.ruralhealthwest.com.au/membership. A copy of the Rural Health West Constitution can be downloaded from the website.



I am grateful for the opportunities and support I receive working in rural Western Australia.

DR MICHAEL CUDJOE
Medical Practitioner, Goldfields



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