

Summary of recent changes to the Rural Health West Constitution



Changes to Membership categories

Effective 29 October 2019

Previous Membership categories

	Category	Eligibility	Vote at AGM?
1	Individual Member	A registered medical practitioner having substantial medical experience in rural and remote areas and/or a demonstrable interest in rural and remote medicine	Yes
2	Organisational Members	An organisation representing or employing rural health professionals or a rural local government authority	Yes
3	Associate Members	An individual who demonstrates a desire to support the objectives of Rural Health West	No
4	Life Member	An individual who has demonstrated outstanding service to Rural Health West	Yes

New Membership categories

	Category	Eligibility	Vote at AGM?
1	Health Professional Member	Any health professional registered with relevant health regulation authority residing and/or practising in rural and remote WA	Yes
2	Organisational Members	An organisation representing or employing rural health professionals or a rural local government authority	Yes
4	Life Member	An individual who has demonstrated outstanding service to Rural Health West	Yes

Changes to Board composition

Effective 29 October 2019

Previous Board composition

Category	Manner of appointment	Number
Chair	A person who may or may not be a Member, elected by the Board	1
Individual Member	Elected by Individual Members	2
Organisational Member	Elected by Individual Members and Organisational Members	2
Other	Directly appointed for specified skills or expertise required by the Board	3
Total Board Members		8

Approved Board composition (gradual implementation)

Category	Manner of appointment	Number
Health Professional Member – medical practitioner	Elected	2
Health Professional Member – nursing or midwifery	Elected	1
Health Professional Member – dental or allied health	Elected	1
Country Local Government Member	Elected	1
Independent Director – Chair	Appointed	1
Independent Director – Company Secretary/Finance Director	Appointed	1
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Total Board Members		9