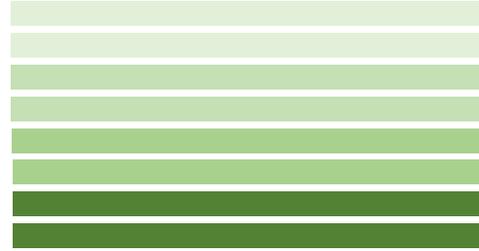




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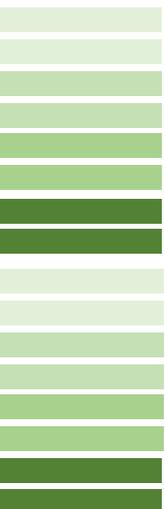
Starting this year we endeavor to run a bi-monthly newsletter to showcase what has been going on in the region and to share our successes and goals. If you have any newsworthy stories please send them through so we can let everyone know! Any upcoming events can also showcase through this forum.

Regional Training Hubs (RTH) are a part of the Integrated Rural Training Pipeline (IRTP). This national program is now over two years old. The WA Regional Training Hub, an integral part of the Rural Clinical School incorporating the University of Western Australia, University of Notre Dame and Curtin University, continues to build on the rural training network.

The aim of the WA Regional Training Hub is to contribute to improved regional health care by increasing support and training opportunities for medical students and junior doctors throughout Western Australia.

Our team members are listed below and are more than happy to offer advice on any matter related to rural training and opportunities.

<b>Prof David Atkinson</b>	Clinical Director
<b>Dr Angela Glen</b>	GP Midwest Geraldton
<b>Dr Sarah Woodlands</b>	GP Kimberley Derby
<b>Dr Bek Ledingham</b>	GP Kimberley Broome
<b>Dr Graeme Fitzclarence</b>	GP/GPA Pilbara Karratha
<b>Dr Brian Cunningham</b>	GP/ED Albany
<b>Dr Lorri Hopkins</b>	GP Albany
<b>Dr Kelvin Billingham</b>	GP Kalgoorlie
<b>Dr Ralph Chapman</b>	GP Kalgoorlie/Metro
<b>Dr Helen Wright</b>	Specialist Paediatric Consultant – Perth Children’s Hospital
<b>Dr Mat Coleman</b>	Specialist Psychiatrist - Albany
<b>Dr Bron Peirce</b>	Specialist ED Consultant – Bunbury





## #DestinationRural Initiative – Rural Doctors Association Australia



Medical Students and junior doctors have been invited to a number of events over the past 6 months to showcase the diverse and rewarding careers rural and remote medicine has to offer. A number of events have already been held in Narrogin and Geraldton with the latest event held at the University of Western Australia campus, Perth. On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Over 60 students and junior medical officers (JMOs) attended the Medical Students and Junior Doctors event held at the Clinical Training and Evaluation Centre (CTEC), University of Western Australia Campus for an informal get together to learn more about rural and remote medicine across all specialties.



Peta Rutherford, CEO, Rural Doctors Association of Australia spoke about the wonderful career and lifestyle choices available when working and living in rural and remote locations. Peta showed a videos from the Kimberley region which demonstrated the broad range of medical experiences on offer and the fantastic training and supervision that medical students and junior doctors received with one on one personal contact with their supervisor. Andrew Kirke, Head of The Rural Clinical School of Western Australia and President of the Rural Doctors' Association of Western Australia spoke about his experiences doing an elective in Kununurra and working as a rural GP proceduralist in remote locations such as Derby and Kalgoorlie. He is now working as a GP in Bunbury. He spoke about the benefits of working as a student with The Rural Clinical School of Western Australia in the 15 locations across Western Australia and the level of support, supervision and experiences provided in each of those locations. He also discussed the opportunities available for final year students to stay in the location where they completed their RCS training. Currently this is only available in a couple of locations.



There was keen interest from both students and JMOs on what rotations were available in the regions, particularly for interns and JMO positions. Dr David Oldham, Director, WA Country Health Service Medical Education Unit was able to discuss the increase in intern positions in Bunbury and Albany and the other regions coming on board in a year or two. Most of the attendees were students from The University of Western Australia, Notre Dame University and Curtin University but it was also good to see a handful of junior doctors. Also, some of the attendees were on the Rural Medical Bonded Program. The prize for attending was a stethoscope provided by the Rural Doctors Association of Australia and won by Callum Burns, student from The University of Western Australia.

## Upcoming Events:



### **We invite you to a meet and greet event to welcome the new Medical Fraternity to Geraldton**

*Canapés will be provided along with beer, wine and soft drinks*

**Date:** Thursday 19 March 2020, 6pm

**Venue:** Geraldton Yacht Club - 214 Marine Terrace

**RSVP:** Thursday 12 March 2020. To RSVP, please click [here](#)

For further information please contact Sarah:

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***We look forward to seeing you there!***



## Upcoming Events:

**RURAL  
HEALTH  
WEST**

### WA Rural Health Conference 2020 **BEYOND2020** health innovations

21 and 22 March 2020 | Pan Pacific Perth



Government of Western Australia  
WA Country Health Service

*This conference is proudly delivered by Rural Health West  
in partnership with WA Country Health Service  
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Tracey Isidori	Project Officer - Midwest/Goldfields
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