



## Media Release

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### **New Board directors for Rural Health West**

Rural Health West welcomes Liane Papaelias and Cathy Bolt to its Board of Directors following the Annual General Meeting held on 17 October 2017.

Ms Papaelias has been confirmed as the new Company Secretary, bringing 20 years' experience in the not-for-profit sector to the organisation. She has previously worked at the Autism Association of Western Australia and at the Royal Flying Doctors Service Western Operations.

Ms Bolt will be known to many rural communities from her many years working as a journalist covering rural matters, her employment at the CBH Group and more recently, as Media and External Affairs Manager for Wesfarmers Limited.

Rural Health West Chairman Grant Woodhams said Ms Papaelias and Ms Bolt were excellent candidates

"I have crossed paths with Ms Bolt many times due to our respective backgrounds in journalism and the rural sector," Mr Woodhams said.

"She has built a solid career working for organisations that operate throughout rural Western Australia and I believe she will bring a great deal of insight and knowledge to the board.

"Ms Papaelias has a strong financial background, which she has used to benefit organisations in the not-for-profit sector.

"This blend of skills and experience will be extremely valuable for Rural Health West and I look forward to her guidance and advice as the new Company Secretary."

Ms Papaelias and Ms Bolt replace outgoing Company Secretary John Martin and director Karen Brown.

### **ENDS**

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*Rural Health West aims to improve access to quality healthcare for rural communities through the provision of a highly skilled, motivated and sustainable medical and allied health workforce. We are a not-for-profit organisation primarily funded through the WA Country Health Service and the Australian Government Department of Health.*