

## Marie Lally

Marie Lally is Convenor of the 12th National Rural Health Conference.

Marie is a fourth generation Australian farmer, married to Kevin, with two married farming daughters and five grandchildren.

Her positions have included South Australian Country Women's Association President (1996–1999), National President of the Country Women's Association of Australia (2000–2003) and a Member of Council of the National Rural Health Alliance.

In 2002 Marie was a Member of the Prime Minister's Diplomatic Delegation to the 3rd World Congress of Rural Women in Madrid. In 2003–2004 she was a Member of the National Drought Review Panel for the Federal Minister of Agriculture. From 2003 to 2008 she served on the Regional Women's Advisory Council to the Deputy Prime Minister. Between 1989 and 2007 Marie attended eight world conferences of the Associated Country Women of the World.

In 1998 Marie was awarded Citizen of the Year for the District Council of Ellistonia. In 2003 she was awarded the Centenary Medal of Federation of Australia (for outstanding service to women in rural Australia).

Marie was appointed a Member in the General Division of the order of Australia (AM) in June 2004.

In 2011–12 she was a Director on the Board of the Australian Year of the Farmer.

Marie is still heavily involved in farming and community activities at Lock and Tumby Bay. Among other things she is President of the Hospital Auxiliary at Tumby Bay.

