What is Friends of the Alliance?
Friends of the Alliance is a network of people who support the work of the National Rural Health Alliance. Membership is open to individuals and organisations interested in the health and wellbeing of the 7 million people who live and work in rural, regional and remote Australia.

Our Friends provide the Alliance with grassroots connections to current issues affecting health and wellbeing in rural and remote areas.

Formed in 1999, Friends was conceived by a group of individuals and organisations wanting a closer relationship with the Alliance. Through Friends it is possible for members to express support for the Alliance’s vision and contribute their experience and knowledge which, in turn, helps to shape the Alliance’s policy work.

Over time, Friends has grown in strength and purpose and it is now an established part of the Alliance’s operations, with an Advisory Committee comprised of state representatives and with the Chair of Friends also being a full member of Council of the Alliance.

The benefits of joining
As a Friend you receive some special benefits to help keep you connected, including:

- complimentary subscription to the Australian Journal of Rural Health for individual members
- discounted registration for the biennial National Rural Health Conference, Australia’s pre-eminent event for rural and remote health
- access to Partyline, an online quarterly magazine produced by the Alliance that brings you news relating to rural and remote health
- access to the Alliance’s monthly electronic newsletter, The BushWire.

Community connections
A Friends community page has been set up to capture resources, stories, case studies about local rural health issues and how community networks can connect people facing similar issues with possible solutions. Email your contribution to friends@ruralhealth.org.au

Keeping the Alliance connected and informed
As a Friend you have the opportunity to help the Alliance better understand the health issues affecting the lives of rural, regional and remote Australians.

You are kept informed of Alliance activities and policies and encouraged to champion the work of the Alliance in your local community, in your family and personal networks, and through local media outlets.

JOIN NOW:
Join online at www.ruralhealth.org.au/friends, or email friends@ruralhealth.org.au for further information.