

# Friends OF THE ALLIANCE



...healthy and sustainable rural, regional and remote communities

Your generous support through Friends will help the Alliance work towards its vision of ‘... healthy and sustainable rural, regional and remote communities’.



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## 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 being a full member of Council of the Alliance.

## 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 people in rural, regional and remote Australia. 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.

## 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

Plans are underway to launch an online Friends community portal. The portal will enable Friends members to network directly and share resources, stories, case studies or solutions for rural health issues.

## Friends activities

To keep up to date with Friends activities visit [www.ruralhealth.org.au/friends/activities](http://www.ruralhealth.org.au/friends/activities)

## Join now

Join online at [www.ruralhealth.org.au/friends](http://www.ruralhealth.org.au/friends) or email [friends@ruralhealth.org.au](mailto:friends@ruralhealth.org.au) for further information.