

# Eforum Newsletter: NRHA eforum 2 December 2005

National Rural Health Alliance E-forum – 2 December 2005

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## GREAT NEWS FOR RURAL AND REMOTE ALLIED HEALTH

The announcement by Minister Abbott of a new undergraduate scholarship for allied health disciplines is great news for people in rural and remote areas. The full text of the Alliance statement is at <http://www.ruralhealth.org.au/nrhpublic/Index.cfm?Category=MediaReleases&Year=2005> and is reprinted below.

The Government's announcement of the scholarship is at <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/content/health-mediarel-yr2005-ta-abb133.htm>

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## JOHN WAKERMAN LEADS NEW ALLIANCE EXECUTIVE

John Wakerman, Director of the Centre for Remote Health in Alice Springs, is the new Chairperson of the National Rural Health Alliance. The full text of the Alliance announcement is at <http://www.ruralhealth.org.au/nrhpublic/Index.cfm?Category=MediaReleases&Year=2005> and is reprinted below.

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From: Jenny Fleming  
Subject: Improving After Hours medical Services in Rural and Remote Australia

The Rural After Hours Triage Education Resource (RAHTER) is the result of the highly successful SA Rural After Hours Triage Education and Training Program conducted by the Rural Doctors Workforce Agency (RDWA), South Australia and is a resource that that will assist rural and remote communities throughout Australia to implement training and education programs relevant to local GPs and nurses who manage the after hours primary medical care service.

The Program was the first of its kind nationally and importantly, focused on a number of key and innovative aspects. It acknowledged both GPs and nurses in the management and delivery of after hours services in rural and remote areas and also integrated knowledge and skills training with relationship/ communication system development. The Program delivered a very high quality after hours triage training intervention in over 20 rural and remote communities in SA, involving nearly 200 rural nurses and 80 rural GPs.

The RAHTER is a practical resource and includes all information and material developed for the Program, including program objectives, workshop outlines, templates and evaluation processes. A CD is also enclosed with a full copy of the resource and all accompanying readings and workshop activities.

For a copy of the RAHTER:  
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The SA Rural After Hours Triage Education and Training Program and Rural After Hours Triage Education Resource was funded by the Australian Government, Department of Health and Ageing

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From: Clair North  
Subject: "Obesity and Overweight – It CAN be Managed"

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Tuesday 13th December 2005











in that Executive position. Alison was pharmacist at Dorrigo and Coffs Harbour and locum at Coffs Base and Bellingen Hospitals. She has recently bought into a pharmacy in Nambucca Heads, and works as a locum pharmacist in the area. In September 2005 Alison was elected to the Pharmacy Board of NSW.

Deputy Chairperson is Jenny May, a part-time GP at Tamworth in northern NSW. Jenny also works for the University Department of Rural Health in Tamworth supporting research activities in primary care. Jenny practised with her husband at Tom Price in the Pilbara for five years and more recently in a remote community in Canada for a year. Jenny has been involved with Divisions of General Practice and the Rural Doctors Association and is on the RDA Women's Group.

Other Members of the Executive elected at the AGM on Sunday 31 October are Stephen Gough from the Council of Ambulance Authorities, Liz Mattock, remote area nurse and CRANA delegate, and Myra Pincott, National President of the CWAA.