



Fact Sheet 11

friends of the Alliance

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friends of the Alliance is an organisation for individuals and bodies that wish to support the work of the NRHA. It is also one of the means by which the Alliance facilitates communication among members of the community interested in health issues in rural and remote Australia.

friends of the Alliance is a body established by the Constitution of the National Rural Health Alliance. The Chair of *friends* has a seat on the Alliance Council.

friends provides the Alliance and its work with additional grassroots connections to rural and remote happenings.

The Alliance mails information to around 10,000 people and maintains regular email contact with 7,000. *friends* augments the in-flow of information to the Alliance about its work, most of which is generated by its 31 Member Bodies and their delegates to Council.



Who can join?

friends of the Alliance welcomes individual members, as well as small and large organisations. The Alliance provides *friends* with information, connections, discounted Conference fees and regular updates about Alliance activities.

As part of their membership benefits, *friends* receive a copy of the Alliance's Rural and Remote Health Papers CD. This is a comprehensive collection of conference and research information on rural and remote health published since 1991. They are also entitled to discounted registration to the biennial National Rural Health Conferences.

What friends do

As well as supporting the Alliance through payment of a modest membership fee, *friends* are able to be part of the Alliance's information and policy processes, and are encouraged to contribute their views, stories about successful rural projects and rural pictures to *Partyline*, the Alliance's newsletter.

Members of the organisation elect the *friends* Advisory Committee, and may carry out such other functions as are assigned to *friends* by Council of the Alliance.

friends Advisory Committee

The *friends* Advisory Committee comprises two representatives from each State and Territory and meets every two months by teleconference.

With support from Alliance staff, the Advisory Committee oversees and facilitates the activities of *friends* of the Alliance and provides editorial support for *Partyline*. The Chair of *friends* of the Alliance is elected by the *friends* Advisory Committee from within its membership, and is a member of Council of the Alliance.

A face-to-face meeting of *friends* of the Alliance is held at each biennial National Rural Health Conference.

Partyline

The first issue of *Partyline* was produced in March 1999 as the newsletter of *friends* of the Alliance. In December 2000 it became the flagship publication of the Alliance itself and was widely distributed.

Partyline is a means of receiving and disseminating information to and from *friends* of the Alliance and others with an interest in rural and remote health. *Partyline* welcomes contributions that relate to rural health and endeavours to provide coverage of a broad range of health professions, health issues, rural issues and content style (eg policy, human interest, personal views). Recent editions have featured photographs and poetry contributed by *friends* and other readers.

The current edition and all back copies are available at www.ruralhealth.org.au [select Publications].

How to join

Membership of *friends* is open to individuals and organisations. You can join now by completing the application form overleaf or you can download an application form from www.ruralhealth.org.au under the 'friends' page. If you would like any further information please don't hesitate to contact friends@ruralhealth.org.au



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Membership of *friends* of the Alliance

TAX INVOICE

ABN 68 480 848 412

Membership type (GST Inclusive)

- Individual Membership \$44 Concession (not in paid workforce) \$27.50
 Small Organisation (less than 50 staff) \$165 Large Organisation (more than 50 staff) \$330

Your details

Name: _____

Job Title: _____

Organisation: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Postcode: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Mobile: _____

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Attach cheque/postal note payable to friends of the Alliance or fill in your credit card details:

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Submission

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