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The National Rural Health Alliance salutes its Executive Director, Gordon Gregory, who was awarded an OAM in this weekend's Queen's Birthday Honours list.

"Gordon's contribution to rural health has been enormous during the last 38 years, the last 17 of which he has spent as Executive Director of the Alliance," said NRHA chair Dr Jenny May. Before coming to the Alliance he was advisor to the Hon John Kerin, the Federal Minister for Primary Industry.

"As the inaugural and only Executive Director, Gordon has guided an Alliance of 12 groups to become a peak body with 28 different member organisations. Under his leadership it has become widely recognised as the country's pre-eminent body for rural health advocacy," Dr May said.

"His guiding hand has steered a path at eight consecutive biennial national rural health conferences that have allowed the sector to unite and advocate on behalf of the more than seven million people who live in rural, regional and remote Australia.

"Gordon's capacity to encourage and support rural consumers, clinicians, Indigenous groups and all those interested in the welfare of rural Australians has seen many Alliance recommendations and policies adopted by successive governments.

"Personal leadership, the capacity to bring people and communities together, and an ability to synthesise a range of disparate views into agreed positions are among the special attributes Gordon has brought to rural health. Rural Australians are very much the richer for his work and advocacy."

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