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AMA (WA) Joins Regional Health Professionals Network as Associate Partner

The Australian Medical Association Western Australia (AMA WA) has joined the Regional Health Professionals Network (HPN) program as an Associate Partner, reinforcing its commitment to supporting rural health professionals across Western Australia.

This new partnership enhances opportunities for AMA (WA) to connect with health professionals working in regional and remote communities, while contributing to the HPN program's mission of improving health outcomes through stronger workforce support and collaboration.

Rural Health West General Manager Education and Engagement Leesa Thomas said having AMA (WA) come on board as an Associate Partner is a welcome addition to the HPN program.

"Their involvement demonstrates a strong commitment to rural health and allows us to bring even more value to professionals working across the state," Leesa said.

"The HPN program thrives on collaboration.

"It's about building connections and sharing knowledge to create robust communities of practice for health professionals across rural WA. Ultimately this work helps to ensure rural communities receive coordinated, high-quality care."

As an Associate Partner, AMA (WA) will have the opportunity to:

- Promote its professional, workplace relations, and member support services to rural practitioners,
- Deliver education and training activities aligned with the needs of HPN members, including a virtual Financial Management session accessible to all members,
- Support regional networking and engagement through HPN activities,
- Promote AMA (WA)'s educational offerings and the Doctors' Health Advisory Service WA (DHASWA) through HPN communications, and
- Collaborate with other sector organisations to strengthen future partnerships and advocacy for rural health.

“AMA (WA)’s involvement also supports youth engagement through the Dr YES (Youth Education Sessions) program, which will be promoted through HPN channels when visiting rural communities,” AMA (WA) President Dr Kyle Hoath said.

“We’re excited to strengthen our presence in regional areas and contribute to the HPN’s collaborative efforts to support and connect health professionals across Western Australia.”

The HPN program continues to grow, with sector-wide backing from Partners including Rural Health West, WA Country Health Service, WA Primary Health Alliance, St John WA, the Rural Clinical School of WA, the Royal Flying Doctor Service and University Departments of Rural Health. Numerous local and regional organisations also support the program to deliver activities tailored to local needs.

The AMA (WA)’s participation as an Associate Partner further strengthens the network’s ability to connect, support, and retain health professionals working in regional WA.

For more information about the Health Professionals Network, visit www.ruralhealthwest.com.au

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Rural Health West aims to improve access to quality healthcare for rural communities through the provision of a highly skilled, motivated and sustainable medical and allied health workforce. We are a not-for-profit organisation primarily funded through the WA Country Health Service and the Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing.