The National Rural Health Student Network (NRHSN) represents the future of rural health in Australia. It has more than 9000 members who belong to 28 university Rural Health Clubs from all states and territories. It is Australia’s only multi-disciplinary student health network, bringing together people studying medicine, nursing and allied health, encouraging them to pursue careers in the bush.

In 2015, the NRHSN’s priorities were:
1) Rural and remote training pathways
2) Positive rural experiences
3) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health
4) Mental health training for all health students

In light of our priorities, in 2015, the NRHSN has:
- Updated the “When the Cowpat hits the Windmill” Mental Health Guide, a guide to support students to mentally healthy while on a rural placement to Rural Health Clubs
- Update of the Extended Scope of Practice and Bonded Schemes position papers
- Introduction of a Quality Indigenous Health Curriculum position paper
- Attendance at the Senate Select Committee on Health with Rural Health Workforce Australia
- Parliamentary breakfast hosted by The Hon Fiona Nash, Assistant Minister for Health and attended by 20 parliamentarians representing a cross-section of MPs and Senators and student representatives from the 28 Rural Health Clubs
- Signed up to the Health System Coalition in support of Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander run through the Lowitja Institute
- Written submission to the Rural Health Multidisciplinary Training Programme consultation
- 103 Rural Health Club members visited 1382 secondary students across 40 rural schools
- 68 Rural Health Club members attended six Indigenous Community Engagement Activities
- 88 applications were received for funding to attend Conferences of National Significance (CoNS) with 37 applications successfully funded during this period. Five students presented at the conference they were funded to attend.

Election and handover from the 2015 to 2016 NRHSN Executive will occur in November, with the 2016 Executive team to be led by Chair, Rebecca Irwin, a third year medical student at the Australian National University and Vice Chair, Joshua Mortimer, a fifth year medical student at the University of New South Wales.