NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH ALLIANCE INC.

Friends OF THE ALLIANCE

Advisory Committee Nomination 2017–2019

Date	
Name	
Organisation	
Address	
Position	
Phone / Mobile	/
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Please provide a brief statement about your interest and qualifications for the position.
Eg. Work / interest in rural and remote health

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Purpose and Terms of Reference

Friends of the Alliance is a body established by and recognised in the Constitution of the National Rural Health Alliance. The organisation welcomes individual members as well as small and large organisations. The Alliance provides Friends with information, connections, discounted Conference fees and special updates about Alliance activities.

Friends of the Alliance exists to:

- *provide certain services to its members;*
- *support the work of the Alliance to improve the health of people in rural and remote Australia by paying a fee and contributing to the Alliance's policy and evaluation processes;*
- *promote and facilitate communication on rural/remote health issues in the community; and*
- *engage in activities that raise the profile of the Alliance and its work.*

Friends of the Alliance will elect a Friends Advisory Committee to:

- *facilitate communication between Council of the Alliance and the rural/remote health sector;*
- *provide views to the Chair of the Friends Advisory Committee for input to NRHA Council;*
- *coordinate Friends activities, including at the National Rural Health Conference;*
- *carry out such other functions as may be assigned to it by Council of the Alliance.*

Friends Advisory Committee (FAC)

1. *The FAC is comprised of two representatives from each State and Territory and two members of the Alliance Council.*
2. *The usual term for Committee members is two years, with the option to nominate for subsequent terms. Elections for State and Territory representatives take place soon after each biennial National Rural Health Conference; Council representatives are appointed at CouncilFest.*
3. *State and Territory representatives are elected from within the membership of Friends by the members in each particular jurisdiction. In determining eligibility no distinction will be drawn between those who are individual members and those who are from an organisation.*
4. *If a State/Territory is under-represented (such as insufficient nominations or a mid-term resignation), a financial member from that jurisdiction may be appointed by the Committee to fill the vacancy.*
5. *The Chair of Friends is elected by the FAC from within its membership, and serves as a member of Council of the Alliance for the duration of the term.*
6. *The financial transactions and financial affairs of Friends form part of the financial transactions and financial affairs of the Alliance, for which the NRHA Board is responsible.*
7. *Members of the FAC are normally expected to cover the costs of their involvement. A face-to-face meeting of Friends Advisory Committee is held at each National Rural Health Conference.*

Return to the National Rural Health Alliance: Booth 27 at the 14th National Rural Health Conference or by post at PO Box 280, Deakin West ACT 2600 or email nrha@ruralhealth.org.au