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Associate Professor David Perkins appointed Editor of the Australian Journal of Rural Health

Associate Professor David Perkins has been appointed Editor of the *Australian Journal of Rural Health*, to succeed Professor James Dunbar in a planned transition over the next few months.

Dr Perkins is Director of Research at the Centre for Remote Health Research, Broken Hill University Department of Rural Health, University of Sydney. He has a research interest in primary mental health care service models, particularly issues of access and quality. David has been a Deputy Editor of AJRH and is also Associate Editor, International Journal of Integrated Care. He lives in Broken Hill.

“I am looking forward to working with the Journal Advisory Committee and the Journal Associates to build on the work led over the past five years by James Dunbar to retain the AJRH’s quality standards and improve its processes,” Professor Perkins said.

The AJRH has a premier place in Australia’s rural and remote health sector as a peer-reviewed, multi-disciplinary academic journal. It is owned and managed by the National Rural Health Alliance and is the official journal of the Rural Nursing and Midwifery Faculty of the Royal College of Nursing, CRANAplus and Services for Rural and Remote Allied Health. The AJRH is published by Wiley Blackwell in Melbourne and is available both in hard copy and on-line.

Gordon Gregory, Executive Director of the National Rural Health Alliance, paid tribute to the work of retiring Editor, James Dunbar. “Under James Dunbar *AJRH* has consolidated its position as a journal of high quality. Recognition of this comes from its tier B ranking in the ARC’s Excellence in Research Australia classification and its Thomson ISI impact factor of 0.786. With James’ imminent departure we are delighted that David has taken on this important role. Rural and remote health is in a challenging period and I look forward to working with David to ensure the AJRH does not rest on its laurels,” Mr Gregory said.

In welcoming the appointment James Dunbar said: “I am delighted that David has been appointed. As Deputy Editor he showed a great commitment to the AJRH and made a major contribution to rural and remote health research. His appointment will be welcomed widely within the sector.”

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