

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



NSW RURAL DOCTORS NETWORK
CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

NSW Rural Doctors Network (RDN) offers a range of toolkits and resources to assist communities and general practices with succession planning and to help address local health workforce issues.

RDN operates five General Practitioner (GP) Succession Planning Groups within the Hunter New England Central Coast, Western NSW and Murrumbidgee Primary Health Networks (PHNs).

These groups monitor the GP workforce issues facing towns in each region in conjunction with PHNs, Local Health Districts (LHDs), GP Synergy and other stakeholders.

RDN works at a community level in towns identified and prioritised through its Health Workforce Needs Assessment (HWNA) to:

- identify local workforce issues
- work collaboratively with local stakeholders to develop solutions tailored to that community
- assist with local community-based workforce planning.

THIS SERVICE MAY BENEFIT



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ABOUT NSW RURAL DOCTORS NETWORK

NSW Rural Doctors Network

NSW Rural Doctors Network (RDN) is a not-for-profit and non-government organisation and is the Australian Government's designated Rural Workforce Agency (RWA) for health in NSW.

Our vision is for improved health service access for all Australians – no matter where they live.

We seek to support better health and wellbeing for people living in remote, rural and regional and disadvantaged communities, particularly those in NSW and the ACT.

To achieve this vision, we seek to grow and strengthen a capable primary health workforce, support communities in tailored health workforce solutions, support the capacity of health service organisations, contribute to policy and ensure RDN's continued effectiveness.

RDN offers a range of services, programs and activities across NSW that:

- help remote, rural and regional communities, General Practices and health services to find suitably skilled and qualified General Practitioners (GPs), nurses and allied health professionals to work in their towns
- assist suitably skilled and qualified GPs, nurses and allied health professionals to pursue careers in remote, rural and regional NSW (both Australian and International Medical Graduates/Overseas Trained Doctors)
- support existing remote, rural and regional doctors, nurses and allied health professionals through the provision of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) activities and succession planning
- provide financial support for further study, training and short courses
- assist in finding locum support for remote, rural and regional GPs, including through our unique and free RDN Locum Match
- deliver a wide range of health outreach services to rural towns
- support remote, rural and regional medical partners and families
- provide a range of scholarships, support and information for students studying medicine or health-related degrees in NSW.

RDN also works with:

- Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHSs) to support health services for Aboriginal peoples
- rural NSW Primary Health Networks (PHNs) to support remote, rural and regional GPs
- local communities, governments and rural Local Health Districts (LHDs) on medical workforce matters
- university medical faculties to promote rural medicine.