## SARRAH Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health

## **Media Release**

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## SARRAH ANNOUNCES THE NEWLY APPOINTED ALLIED HEALTH RURAL GENERALIST ACCREDITATION COUNCIL

Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health (SARRAH), the peak body for allied health professionals working in rural and remote Australia, is proud to announce the appointment of the new Allied Health Rural Generalist Accreditation Council.

Established as an independent council under the Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health (SARRAH) corporate governance structure, the Allied Health Rural Generalist Accreditation Council (the Council) accredits post-professional entry education programs in rural generalist practice for allied health professions as part of the Allied Health Rural Generalist (AHRG) Pathway.

Supported by funding from the Australian Department of Health and Aged Care, the establishment of the Council represents an important step forward on the journey to expand the Allied Health Rural Generalist Pathway.

The Council has been appointed by the SARRAH Board as follows:

- Emeritus Professor David Prideaux, Flinders University, (Chair)
- Annie Farthing, Manager, Adult Allied Health, NT Department of Health
- Dr Anthea Brand, Director, Uni Dept of Rural Health, Flinders University
- Edwina Powe, Pelvic Health Physiotherapist, Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital
- Hannah Mann, Director, Founder, Chief Pharmacist, Kimberley Pharmacy Services
- Dr Isabel Paton, General Manager Community Care Gateway Health
- Dr Pam Harvey, Rural Nursing and Allied Health Lead, Monash Rural Health, Monash University

Quote from Prof. Prideaux

"The creation of the Council is an historic step in the provision of high-quality generalist health professional services in rural and remote Australia. Council members have a broad range of relevant expertise and experience. I look forward to commencing this vital work in collaboration with my fellow members."

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