

Rural Nursing and Midwifery Faculty

Overview

On 2 February 2009 Australian Rural Nurses and Midwives (ARNM) merged with RCNA, officially becoming the Rural Nursing and Midwifery Faculty.

The strength of our combined membership means that we now have increased capacity to advance the professions of rural nursing and midwifery.

The Rural Nursing and Midwifery Faculty will be the first of many RCNA faculties. The term 'faculty', in this context, denotes an area of professional focus, encompassing research, promotion, advocacy and learning.

Objectives

To ensure the **voice, views and values** of rural nurses and midwives are represented at a national level RCNA has identified four key objectives. They are:

- to advance rural nursing and midwifery through the identification of priority issues for action
- to facilitate opportunities for members through high level communication and the provision of a national forum for rural nurses and midwives
- to position RCNA as a lead organisation to promote and advance professional excellence in the rural nursing and midwifery workforce
- to inform and influence rural health policy development at federal / state / territory and local levels.

Benefits

RCNA members are eligible to join the Rural Nursing and Midwifery Faculty. They can sign up on the RCNA membership application form or electronically through the RCNA website. In addition to the benefits offered to members of RCNA, nurses and midwives who join the rural faculty will receive the following benefits:

- *e-Rural* – a comprehensive weekly electronic newsletter focusing on contemporary health news and events, providing a strong rural focus
- *Rural Nurse* – a quarterly publication focusing on topical rural health issues and stories profiling and promoting rural nurses and midwives
- *Australian Journal of Rural Health* – a bi-monthly publication which provides research information, policy articles and reflections related to health care in rural and remote areas of Australia
- access to 3LP Continuing Nurse Education (CNE) information and opportunities, which includes specific rural nursing and midwifery content
- access to online computer literacy training (International Computers Drivers Licence) and onsite Mental Health Emergencies workshops for generalist rural clinicians.

Advisory Committee

The Faculty is advised by a committee formed by members of RCNA who have professional expertise in Rural Nursing and Midwifery.

Contact us

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