

RDAA Board Director (Community representative)

The Rural Doctors Association of Australia (RDAA) Board is seeking expressions of interests from professionals with financial and corporate governance experience to join the Board. This role is a voluntary position.

The Rural Doctors Association of Australia is a national body representing the interests of all rural medical practitioners and the communities where they live and work. Our vision for rural and remote communities is accessible, high quality health services provided by a medical workforce that is numerically adequate, located within the community it serves, and comprises doctors and other health professionals who have the necessary training and skills to meet the needs of those communities.

The RDAA Board currently consists of a nominee from each state Rural Doctors Association, one co-opted director nominated by the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) and up to four other co-opted (Director appointed) members.

Term: The term of the Community Representative Director will be up to 3 years. The tenure will cease aligned with the Annual General Meeting generally scheduled in October of each year.

Role: The appointed Director will provide input into the strategic direction and advocacy for the RDAA and provide the perspective of not only their own, but also a broad general rural community perspective.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

Responsibilities:

- Attend bimonthly RDAA Board meetings via video/teleconference.
- Attend Rural Medicine Australia conference including the pre-conference face to face board meeting.
- Attend the annual RDAA Politicians Forum in Canberra & and RDAA strategic planning day – generally consecutive days.
- Provide feedback on RDAA draft policy, submissions and media releases (generally via email).
- Promote living in rural communities and the work of the Rural Doctors Association of Australia to members, non-members and other stakeholder groups.
- All RDAA Board members are required to declare any potential conflicts of interests.
- Community representative must hold Associate Membership of the organisation for the period they are appointed to the Board.

Selection Criteria:

Skills & Attributes:

- Strong understanding of the benefits and issues experienced by people who live in rural and remote communities particularly in relation to lifestyle, access of services, tyranny of distance and social determinants of health.

- A knowledge or ability to quickly gain knowledge, of the health workforce challenges, in particular in the rural and remote setting.
- Demonstrated experience in financial and/or corporate governance.
- Strong communication skills.

Highly Desirable Experience:

- Previous Board Directorship experience.
- Previous experience in a rural focused Non Government Organisation.
- Previous experience in advocacy work.
- Qualifications in Accounting, Business or Law would be highly regarded.

Expenses:

- RDAA covers travel, accommodation and meals for Board members attending events such as the Rural Medicine Australia conference, and other meetings or events where the board member is officially representing the RDAA.

How to Apply:

- Submit an expression of interest outlining how your previous experience, skills and knowledge meet the selection criteria. Please consider the RDAA Strategic Plan in your response. The plan is available via <https://www.rdaa.com.au/Aus/Aus/About/Governance.aspx?hkey=51a2c40c-11a4-4e18-b832-4a24d1f70a81>
- Provide a copy of your curriculum vitae including contact details of referee/s.
- Short listed applicants will be interviewed via video conference or in person.
- Applications will close 30 June 2024.

Enquiries and applications can be directed to:

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