



Nomination Statement ACRRM President 2018

Dr Ewen McPhee

Dear Member

I have nominated as a candidate President of the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine.

The main strength that I would bring to this position is a passion for the advancement of Rural and Remote Medicine as a Discipline. I believe that ACRRM is the champion for future clinicians looking for a meaningful, interesting and diverse career delivering primary and secondary care to people wherever that live and work; regardless of geography.

The key skills I would bring to the position are firstly a knowledge of the organisation, having served as a board director of ACRRM since 2015, member of College Council and the FARM committee. I am a Rural Doctor, and resident of my rural town for nearly 30 years. I actively engage in my advanced scope of Obstetric practice. I am a GP supervisor, medical educator and active participant in rural health policy and strategy. I have a current awareness of the external industry in which ACRRM operates that spans the political, departmental and education dimensions.

Having served as the President of the Rural Doctors Association of Australia for two years and continuing to serve on many committees, I have close contact with strategically relevant agencies, politicians and people. The Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine is at the centre of critical work regards the evolution of Rural Generalist Medicine, establishment of sustainable models of Primary Care, and expansion of training opportunities for future clinicians that deliver a unique and transformative Career.

Should I be successful in the election as President I will represent members to the best of my ability. I will work closely with government, educational institutions, and state and federal health agencies, to deliver a consistent training experience for ACRRM registrars that is flexible, relevant and rewarding. I will be fearless in advocating for sustainable financial models of care that improve access and equity for rural communities. Finally, I will ensure that the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine remains independent, authoritative and responsive to the needs of its members.

The future for ACRRM is bright, we are not constrained by a name or a place. We are a College that embraces diversity, respects context and supports our members who live and work in unique environments be it rural Australia, with our first nations people, our near Island nations, Antarctica or military and retrieval medicine. ACRRM is a forward-looking College, we do not live in the past nor have we let the past shape our responses. I look forward to contributing, as previous Presidents have, to the opportunities before us.

Yours faithfully,

Ewen McPhee

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Senior Academic Clinician (Queensland University, Central Queensland Regional Training Hub, UQ Rural Clinical School)

Senior Fellow (Generalist Medical Training – James Cook University)

Chair: Central Queensland Clinical Council (Central Queensland, Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast Primary Health Network)

Chair: Queensland Health Telehealth Governance Committee

Member: Queensland Pre-Vocational Medical Accreditation (QPMA)

Board Member: Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM)

Past President: Rural Doctors Association of Australia (RDAA)

Past President :Rural Doctors Association of Queensland (RDAQ)

Practice Principal: Emerald Medical Group (Central Highlands Health)