

Candidate information regarding Dr Alison Edwards

Qualifications:

MBBS(Adel), DA(UK), FRACGP, FACRRM

Professional Memberships:

AMA, FACRRM, FRACGP, RDASA, FAMSACA

Current Positions Held:

Medical Director- Mid North Division of Rural Medicine 2003-
Management Committee - Mid North Division of Rural Medicine 2000-
Principal Medical Officer- Port Broughton & District Health Service 2002-
Board Member Rural Doctors Workforce Agency 2006-
Wakefield Regional Clinical Privileging Committee 1998-
Mid North Clinical Privileging Committee 1999-
Rape & Sexual Assault Mid North Liaison Committee 2002-
Mid North Regional Mental Health MOU Liaison Committee 2007-

Previous Positions Held:

Secretary- Rural Doctors' Association of South Australia 1994-1998
Management Committee- Rural Doctors' Association of South Australia 1998-2000
Branch Council -Australian Medical Association, SA Branch 1998-2002
Proxy Board Member - South Australian Rural and Remote Medical Support Agency 1998-2001 [attending 12 months meetings while one board member on sabbatical]

I am a GP in Port Broughton, South Australia. I have worked there since 1994, having worked as a locum across rural South Australia for two years prior to this. Like most rural GPs west of the eastern seaboard, the doctors at Broughton Clinic are the only doctors in town and provide all services to the local hospital as well as care in the clinic setting.

I have been actively involved in the medico-political arena for many years and have been a part of the Mid North Division of Rural Medicine [formerly Mid North Division of General Practice] since its inception.

Through the Medical Director role, I have been involved in South Australian Divisions Inc "Directors & Chairs" meetings as well as the Rural Divisions Group. Over the last four years this has led to a greater awareness of the issues relevant to the Divisions Network.

I believe the Divisions are uniquely placed to be able to access input from the grassroots. The State based organizations and AGPN have the potential to channel this information usefully for the benefit of GPs and their patients. Equally so, the State & National organisations have the ability to provide support to Divisions and manage information flow from the government and other organisations. I strongly believe the Divisions network has an important role alongside our fellow professional organisations.