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Rural Health West announces appointment of new Chief Executive Officer

The Board of Directors would like to announce that Mr Tim Shackleton has agreed to join Rural Health West as the new Chief Executive Officer with effect from 1 February 2016.

Rural Health West is a not-for-profit organisation that is focused on recruitment and retention of health professionals for rural and remote Western Australia.

Mr Shackleton has extensive professional experience in the rural and regional health sector of Western Australia, including various positions with WA Country Health Service; and he was the Chief Executive Officer for the Royal Flying Doctor Service Western Operations between 2006 and 2011. For the past five years Mr Shackleton has been the Director of a private consulting firm specialising in providing strategic advice, health service planning, stakeholder engagement and project management services to the Western Australian and Australian health sectors. He also brings to Rural Health West extensive non-executive director experience, including positions with the Western Australian Regional Development Council; Wheatbelt Development Commission; Regional Australia Institute; and Western Australian General Practice Education and Training Limited (WAGPET).

“Having worked in the Western Australian regional health sector for many years, I have a strong understanding and appreciation of the concerns around health care. The rural health workforce are such an integral part of the communities in which they live and work, I am happy to be joining Rural Health West and assisting in the continuation of this organisation’s important work,” said Mr Shackleton.

Mr Shackleton’s experience, knowledge and leadership qualities are well known and highly regarded and The Board of Directors are confident that he will provide strong leadership for Rural Health West into the future.

The Board of Directors would like to thank Ms Belinda Bailey who will leave Rural Health West in February 2016. As the Chief Executive Officer of Rural Health West for seven years, Ms Bailey has made an extraordinary and outstanding contribution to the organisation and the communities Rural Health West serves.

“Ms Bailey has upheld the values and reputation of the organisation, leaving it in an excellent position to further enhance attraction, recruitment and retention of the health workforce,” said the Honourable Grant Woodhams, Chair of the Board of Directors.

Arrangements are being made for a smooth transition and handover between the two Chief Executive Officers.

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As the leading rural health workforce agency for Western Australia, Rural Health West is a not-for-profit organisation funded by the State and Commonwealth Governments responsible for the recruitment and retention of a highly skilled sustainable health workforce to meet the needs to rural and remote Western Australians communities.