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New role for long-time rural medicine supporter

Well known rural medicine advocate, Professor Geoffrey Riley AM has been appointed as a new Medical Advisor for Rural Health West, continuing his long-time commitment to supporting rural doctors.

Professor Riley will join Rural Health West's Medical Advisory Team and provide high-level advice to Rural Health West Chief Executive Officer, Tim Shackleton and the Board of Directors on issues of strategic importance to health and medical service delivery.

Tim Shackleton said Professor Riley has had an important impact on today's rural medical workforce – directly and indirectly.

"Many of his peers value Professor Riley as a trusted advisor, mentor and confidante," said Mr Shackleton.

"He has also played a key role in supporting the younger generation of medical students as Associate Dean of the Medical School at The University of Western Australia, and Head of The Rural Clinical School of Western Australia.

"Professor Riley has an enormous wealth of knowledge about the opportunities and challenges of the rural health sector.

"This new role will solidify our long-standing relationship with Professor Riley and will provide Rural Health West with new insight into how to enhance and expand the range of services we provide to rural general practitioners and their communities," he said.

Professor Riley will join Rural Health West's Medical Advisory Team from May 2016.

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Professor Riley is available for interviews regarding his new appointment. Please contact Kerida Hodge, Manager Communications and Marketing on 08 6389 4500 or Kerida.Hodge@ruralhw.com.au.

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

