

Media Release

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New role for health stalwart in the North West

Rural health stalwart, Chris Pickett, has recently started work with Rural Health West in the role of Regional Advisor – North West, where he will support local health agencies and work with communities to tackle pressing health issues.

Chris brings more than 30 years senior management experience and 15 years health care management experience to the role, previously heading up both the Kimberley Pilbara Medical Local and Pilbara Health Network as Chief Executive Officer.

Rural Health West Chief Executive Officer Tim Shackleton said recruiting Chris was a coup for Rural Health West.

“Chris is a great operator and is extremely well-respected in the rural health sector,” said Tim.

“Rural Health West supports more than 170 general practitioners throughout the North West, providing recruitment services, locum support, professional development and practice support via funding from the Australian Government Department of Health and WA Country Health Service.

“It also commissions 90 specialist and allied health services to nearly 50 communities throughout the Pilbara and Kimberley regions through its Outreach in the Outback program, which is funded by the Australian Government.

“Chris will support the delivery of these services on the ground, and will work with local organisations, such as the WA Country Health Service, the WA Primary Health Alliance and Aboriginal Medical Services, to identify emerging issues and develop solutions where communities may need additional services and support,” he said.

Chris said he is looking forward to working closely with colleagues across the Kimberley and Pilbara.

“The North West of WA is a fantastic part of the world with dedicated health professionals working in tough conditions.

“I’m looking forward to supporting them in their efforts to improve the health and wellbeing of our communities,” said Chris.

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Pictured: Chris Pickett

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Rural Health West is a not-for-profit organisation responsible for recruiting and retaining a highly skilled sustainable health workforce that meets the healthcare needs of rural and remote communities in Western Australia. We are primarily funded through the WA Country Health Service and the Australian Government Department of Health.