

**Editor in Chief and Deputy Editor team**  
**Australian Journal of Rural Health**  
**Call for expressions of interest**

With the imminent retirement of current and proactive Editor in Chief (EiC), the Australian Journal of Rural Health (AJRH) is seeking expressions of interest for the team roles of EiC and Deputy Editor (DE) of the Australian Journal of Rural Health, published by the National Rural Health Alliance.

The AJRH has seen some positive changes including higher impact factor, shorter submission to decision rates, over the last 4 years under the current Editorial leadership by Dr Pim Kuipers.

The AJRH is a multidisciplinary journal focused on advancing rural, remote and regional health practice, research and outcomes. We aim to facilitate and strengthen interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary networks to enable all health professionals to better assist in improving the health and well-being of all people in rural and remote areas.

The AJRH is the official journal of the National Rural Health Alliance, the key body for rural, regional and remote health services, workforce, research, education and training organisations in Australia.

Now in its 34<sup>th</sup> year, the AJRH is a leading forum for high quality research on rural and remote health in Australia and internationally. It is health discipline agnostic. The journal is published by Wiley.

**About the roles**

The EiC and DE will be proactive and energetic with a strong record in health-related research and is committed to achieving the highest standards of scholarly publication.

The EiC and DE have:

- comprehensive understanding of ethics and methodologies underpinning rural and remote health research.
- effective stakeholder engagement skills to oversee the Journal Editorial Board and International Advisory Board; participate on the Journal Advisory Committee; and effectively engage day-to-day with journal staff.
- strong rural health research network, which supports researchers and enables high-quality submissions to the AJRH.
- understand the Australian rural health system and is committed to multi-disciplinary collaboration.
- are confident and proactive in contributing to academic and public narratives on rural health across academic and media platforms.
- academic qualifications at PhD or equivalent in a health-related field with a strong publication record.

The EiC's role to only focus on the executive leadership of the AJRH (setting direction, chair meetings, major editorial decisions). The ideal candidate is someone in a senior academic role. (unpaid)

The DE's role to be the person who completes the editorial work of the AJRH (handling all manuscripts and editorial decisions, liaison with Wiley and Wiley administration, communication with authors and reviewers, article decision-making, etc.)

(modest stipend)

The roles are for two years, with an option for extension for a maximum term of five years.

Applicants are invited to submit a current CV together with a short Expression of Interest addressing the key selection criteria to [execassist@ruralhealth.org.au](mailto:execassist@ruralhealth.org.au) by **5pm (AEST) on Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026**.

Click here for full Position Description [XXXX](#)

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