

## **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-  
Rape & Sexual Assault Mid North Liaison Committee 2002-  
Mid North Mental Health MOU Liaison Committee 2007-  
Board Member Australian General Practice Network 2007-  
Board Member General Practice SA (formerly SA Divisions Inc) 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]  
Wakefield Regional Clinical Privileging Committee 1998-2008  
Mid North Clinical Privileging Committee 1999-2008  
Country Health SA Country Health Care Plan Taskforce 2008

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 with General Practice SA [formerly South Australian Divisions Inc] as well as the Rural Divisions Group.

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.

In my 2 years on the AGPN Board I have come to recognise many of the strengths of the Divisions Network while also learning of some of the challenges we face. I believe we are now in a position where we are aiming for a stronger connection to our member divisions while entering a phase of potentially large changes in the environment in which we work. I look forward to interesting times in the next few years for AGPN and the Divisions Network.

I have also upgraded my theoretical Board knowledge by undertaking the Company Directors Course with the Australian Institute of Company Directors.