

# AARNet Advisory Committee – Health Sub-Committee

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## Aims, Strategies and Membership

### Aims

The AAC Health sub committee will:

- seek to maximise the potential for researchers, educators and innovators to collaborate across the H-R&E network interface;
- provide advice to the AAC in relation to health related networking issues;
- provide advice to AARNet on AARNet led health initiatives

### Strategies

The AAC Health Sub-Committee will:

- Encourage procedures, practices and cultures that render the H-R&E interface as transparent as is practical;
- Promote and conduct forums that bring together practitioners and decisions makers.
- Engage with stakeholders of the H-R&E network interface in both the health and R&E sectors in order to discover and extend the issues and their potential solutions across the sectors.
- Lobby government, health jurisdictions and R&E sector stakeholders.

### Membership

Nominations of the AAC in the following areas:

- A member of the AAC as chair (Ms Mary Sharp, CIO University of Newcastle)
- A prominent researcher/academic with specific interest in the health research and/or education. (Assoc Professor Colin Carati, Executive Director, ICT Strategy , Flinders University)

- A representative of a regional network organisation selected for experience at the H-R&E interface (Mr. Ross Gorham – Queensland RNO)
- Two senior network managers drawn from AARNet members. (Mr. Tom Maher, Monash University and Mr. Steve Junor (University of Sydney))

The AARNet health liaison person (Mike Rebbechi) will act as Executive Officer for the group.

## Examples of Activities

Amongst other activities the committee will:

- Meet regularly to review progress against the aims of the committee and to devise
- Organise forums specifically targeting the H-R&E interface sometimes in conjunction with eHealth conferences
- Engage with key government officials in the health sector
- Provide advice on the conduct of the proposed National Health Innovation and Training network pilot.
- Meet with the Council of Australia Deans of Medicine
- Strive to place the H-R&E interface on the agenda of ehealth conference circuit.