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	Objectives	Achievements
Stakeholders	Members 1. SARRAH increases the number of members as well as those that actively participate in the organisation.	1. Informed SARRAH members of activities and general information through the publication of 13 editions of *droplets* and 2 *Special Broadcasts*. 2. Maintained the SARRAH website. 3. Convened the SARRAH Summit held during 9-12 August 2009 which included the 2009 Annual General Meeting. 4. Allocated to Secretariat staff States and the NT to caseload and personally assist in coordinating meetings and other activities. 5. Commenced following up historical member lists in particular those members who have not renewed their 2009-10 SARRAH membership.
	Health Reforms 2. SARRAH continues as a leader to advocate at all levels of Government for reforms of health services to improve health outcomes in rural and remote Australia.	6. Maintained contact with SARRAH's other stakeholders including the Minister's office and Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA). 7. Attended various forums including, but not restricted to: - An address by Prime Minister Rudd on the challenges of health reform for Australia's future which was held in Canberra – 27.7.09. - Summit delegates met with Parliamentarians, Senate and House of Representatives Standing Committees, senior officers from DoHA and the National Health Workforce Taskforce – 10.8 to 12.8.09. - A teleconference with representatives from the DoHA to discuss the Rural Health Continuing Education Sub-Program – 26.8.09. - A teleconference with the National Primary Health Care Partnership Policy Group to discuss Primary Health Care Centres – 31.8.09. - A meeting with the Rural Health Workforce Roundtable held at Parliament House in Canberra – 9.9.09. - A meeting with representatives from the DoHA held in Canberra to discuss a range of issues such as 2010 scholarship administration processes and project proposals – 11.9.09. 8. Developed and distributed to various parliamentarians, media and DoHA a paper titled SARRAH's views on the National Health and Hospital's Reform Commission Final Report – August 2009. 9. Responded to the DoHA on Healthcare identifiers & privacy discussion paper – August 2009. 10. Provided a submission to the Senate Committee Inquiry into Rural and Regional Access to Secondary and Tertiary Education Opportunities – August 2009. 11. Published a Primary Health Care Position Paper – August 2009. 12. Responded to the NSW Department of Health on the second NSW Rural Health Plan – September 2009.

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	Objectives	Achievements
Stakeholders	Workforce 3. SARRAH represents a workforce which is essential to addressing health inequality for residents of rural and remote communities.	13. During September 2009 SARRAH submitted 2 proposals to the DoHA seeking funding to: - develop an educational tool providing evidenced-based education, training and support for rural and remote oral health workers, Aboriginal Health Workers and other members of the rural health workforce to improve oral health in rural and remote communities. - support a new SARRAH position to work with the Australian Government and governments of the Northern Territory, Queensland, Western Australia, Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services and local Divisions of General Practice to provide input from the allied health sector that will overcome barriers experienced by health care providers across Northern Australia. 14. Also refer to comments in the above section 'Health Reforms'.

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	Objectives	Achievements
Internal Business Processes	Corporate Governance 4. SARRAH maintains mechanisms to support accountable and transparent governance procedures including planning, financial management and reporting.	15. Received approval of the 2009-12 Strategic Plan and 2009-10 Annual Operational Plan. 16. Convened, reported and provided administrative support to 1 Annual General Meeting, 1 Board and 2 Advisory Committee meetings. 17. Commenced drafting the SARRAH 2008-09 Annual Report. 18. Maintained SARRAH's financial management and reporting systems.
	Projects and Programs 5. SARRAH maintains efficient administrative systems to effectively manage projects and programs.	19. Negotiated with the Victorian Department of Health access for SARRAH members to an on-line continuing professional development program - Statewide Allied Health Workforce Education Program (SAHWEP) commencing early October. 20. Provided feedback to the DoHA on the draft guidelines for the new Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship Support Scheme. 21. Continued to administer the current Allied Health Clinical Placements Scholarship (AHCPS), Australian Rural and Remote Health Professional Scholarship (ARRHPS) and Rural Allied Health Undergraduate Scholarship (RAHUS) Schemes. 22. Launched the RHSET project to support the transition of AHP's to rural and remote practice. 23. Opened applications for ARRHPS and RAHUS Schemes. 24. Exchanged signed contracts with the DoHA on funding for 2009-10.
People, Learning and Development	Human Resources 6. SARRAH recruits, fosters and values highly trained staff.	25. Conducted half year staff appraisals in accordance with SARRAH's Performance Management Guidelines. 26. Developed a 2009-10 Staff Training and Development calendar. 27. Continued to develop staff in their roles and functions.
	Information and Knowledge Management 7. SARRAH maintains effective information technology and knowledge management systems to improve performance, retain corporate knowledge, and provide a resource for all stakeholders.	28. Continued enhancing information resources through reviewing and amending existing information systems and databases.

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	Current Business Issues	Future Milestones
Stakeholders	1. Unsure on the impact of the Commonwealth Governments review into rural programs. 2. Continue to follow up past members who have not renewed their 2009-10 SARRAH membership.	1. Continue to follow up outcomes from the 2009 SARRAH Summit. 2. Monitor outcomes from the 2009 Federal Budget including as a key stakeholder, participate in consultations to: - reform support, scholarship and training programs for allied health professionals in rural and remote Australia. - develop a policy framework and draft guidelines to expand the Medical Specialist Outreach Assistance Program to introduce allied health professionals providing services to Indigenous communities. 3. Monitor outcomes from the Commonwealth Government on the reports produced by the various strategic health planning bodies. 4. Monitor feedback from DoHA on SARRAH's project proposals. 5. Develop a strategy to source funding from corporate Australia.
Internal Business Processes	3. Prepare, distribute and evaluate member questionnaires to identify specific needs. 4. Finalise roles and responsibilities for the SARRAH Advisory Committee.	6. Finalise and distribute SARRAH's 2008-09 Annual Report. 7. Provide input and support, where possible, to SARRAH's Working Groups. 8. Administer the current AHCPS, ARRHPS and RAHUS Schemes. 9. Develop a communications strategy to meet the information needs of stakeholders including revise and enhance SARRAH's website. 10. Develop a Risk Management and Business Continuity Plan.
People, Learning and Development	5. Monitor the implementation of the Government's 'Fair Work Bill 2008' which is replacing the current *Workplace Relations Act 1996*.	11. Continue to implement the 2009-10 Staff Training and Development calendar. 12. Continue to review SARRAH's human resource policies ensuring alignment with private sector local labour market conditions.