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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 2 editions of the monthly SARRAH e-Newsletter and 1 *Special Broadcast*. 2. Maintained the SARRAH website including posting SARRAH's September 2011 Quarterly Report and other publications. 3. Finalised an Evaluation Report on the 2011 SARRAH National Summit. 4. Commenced following up the outcomes from the 2011 SARRAH National Summit in Canberra. 5. Continued following up historical member lists in particular those members who have not renewed their 2011-12 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 Ministers Roxon's office and Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA). 7. Provided the following submission on: - Registration Standards to Medical Radiation Board. - Rural & Remote Health Workforce Innovation and Reform Strategy to Health Workforce Australia. - Inquiry into and Report on Use of 'Fly-in, Fly-out', 'Drive-in, Drive-out' Workforce Practices in Regional Australia to the House of Representatives Standing Committee. - Practice-Level Indicators of Safety and Quality for Primary Health Care to the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care. - Definition of Charity to the Treasury. - Inquiry into Factors affecting the supply of health services & medical professions in rural areas to the Senate Community Affairs Reference Committee. - 2012-13 Federal Budget to the Treasurer. - Allied Health Assistants in Rural and Remote Australia Position Paper. 8. Attended various forums including, but not restricted to: - Rural Allied Health and Medical Society (RAHMS) Rural Appreciation Weekend in Dunedoo, NSW – 30.9 to 2.10.11. - National Allied Health Clinical Education Network meeting via teleconference – 4.10.11. - NT SARRAH Member meetings via teleconference – 7.10 & 16.12.11. - National Indigenous Health Workforce Package meeting via teleconference 11.10.11. - Rural & Remote HWA Innovation & Reform Strategy meeting in Darwin – 12.10.11. - ABC Riverland Interview via telephone – 13.10.11 - Rural & Remote HWA Innovation & Reform Strategy meeting in Alice Springs – 14.10.11. - Bush Support Services Round Table Committee meeting via teleconference – 17.10.11. - SARRAH Conference Organising Committee meeting via teleconference – 17.10.11. - Capacity Building Sub Committee WG meeting via teleconference – 17.10.11. - Northern Territory General Practice Education Board meeting in Darwin – 17.10.11. - HWA Allied Health Stakeholder Consultative Group meeting via teleconference – 18.10.11. - SARRAH Board meetings via teleconference – 18.10 & 20.12.11. - Rural & Remote HWA Innovation & Reform Strategy meeting in Geraldton- 20.10.11. - Rural Health Education Foundation meeting in Canberra – 20.10.11. - HESTA meeting in Canberra – 21.10.11. - Medicare Australia Stakeholder Consultative Group meeting in Canberra – 26.10.11 - Australian Physiotherapy Australia Conference in Brisbane – 26 to 30.10.11.

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	Objectives	Achievements
Stakeholders (cont'd)	Health Reforms 3. 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.	- Murray Darling Basin Plan Campaign meeting via teleconference – 27.10.11. - Medicare Local Access and Equity Roundtable meeting in Sydney -2.11.11. - Health Workforce Australia Standing Advisory Committee for Health Professions meeting in Adelaide – 4.11.11. - Pharmacy Guild Professional Collaboration Project meeting via teleconference – 7.11.11. - Queensland Council of Allied Health Professions meeting via teleconference – 8.11.11. - NSW Rural Allied Health Conference at Port Macquarie – 9 to 11.11.11. - Nursing & Allied Health Rural Locum Scheme Steering Committee meeting in Melbourne – 9.11.11. - Department of Health & Ageing meeting in Canberra – 14.11.11. - National Rural Health Alliance meeting in Canberra – 14.11.11. - Rural & Regional Health Australia meeting in Canberra – 15.11.11. - SARRAH Audit Committee meetings via teleconference – 16.11 & 14.12.11. - Australian Healthcare Reform Alliance Parliamentary Delegation at Parliament House in Canberra - 21.11.11. - Australian Division of General Practice meeting in Canberra – 22.11.11. - Health Workforce Australia Allied Health Stakeholder Consultative Group meeting in Melbourne -23.11.11. - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare Conference 2011 - Australia's Welfare in Canberra – 23 to 24.11.11. - Meeting with Tony Windsor M.P. & Advisors at Parliament House in Canberra – 24.11.11. - Health Workforce Australia Future Leaders Group meeting in Adelaide 24 to 25.11.11. - Illawarra-Shoalhaven Medicare Local meeting via teleconference – 24.11.11. - CRANAplus Meeting in Canberra – 29.11.11. - NAHSSS Reference Group meeting via teleconference – 30.11.11. - WA Country Health Forum via teleconference – 1.12.11. - Australian Institute of Company Directors Forum in Canberra – 5.12.11. - NRHA Council meeting via teleconference – 5.12.11. - National Allied Health Clinical Education Network meeting via teleconference – 6.12.11. - Meeting with Townsville-Mackay Medicare Local (ML) via teleconference – 7.12.11 - Meeting with Macedon Ranges & NW Melbourne ML via teleconference – 7.12.11. - Meeting with General Practice South Australia in Adelaide – 9.12.11. - HWA Expert Reference Group Meeting - National Rural, Regional & Remote Health Workforce Strategy in Adelaide – 9.12.11. - Meeting with Hume ML via teleconference – 13.12.11. - Associations Forum meeting in Canberra – 13.12.11. - Audiology Online Training and Supervision Project meeting via teleconference – 16.12.11. - Australian Division of General Practice meeting in Canberra – 19.12.11. - Meeting with Barwon Medicare ML via teleconference – 20.12.11.
	Workforce 4. SARRAH represents a workforce which is essential to addressing health inequality for residents of rural and remote communities.	9. Continued to monitor Health Workforce Australia progress against its 2011-12 Work Plan through the Allied Health Stakeholder Consultative Group forum. 10. Commenced contacting 33 Medicare Locals which have rural and remote geographical coverage across Australia. 11. Also refer to comments in the above section 'Health Reforms'.

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Internal Business Processes	Corporate Governance 5. SARRAH maintains mechanisms to support accountable and transparent governance procedures including planning, financial management and reporting.	12. Convened, reported and provided administrative support to 3 Board and 2 Audit Committee meetings. 13. Maintained SARRAH's financial management and reporting systems.
	Projects and Programs 6. SARRAH maintains efficient administrative systems to effectively manage projects and programs.	14. Continued administering the allied health streams of the Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship and Support Scheme and the Rural and Remote Health Stakeholder Support Scheme. 15. Submitted 2 applications seeking funding from DoHA under the Health System Capacity Development Fund for SARRAH: • representatives to attend HWA and Medicare Local consultative forums; and • Secretariat to support ongoing activities. 16. Closed scholarships applications for 4 of the 5 streams. It is proposed that the following numbers will be awarded in 2012: • 126 Undergraduate (DoHA minimum is 99). • 81 Clinical Psychology (DoHA minimum is 40). • 44 Continuing Professional Development (DoHA minimum is 41 for Round 1 only). • 82 Postgraduate (DoHA minimum is 43). 17. Provided NAHSSS and RRHSSS progress reports to DoHA.
People, Learning and Development	Human Resources 7. SARRAH recruits, fosters and values highly trained staff.	18. Continued to develop staff in their roles and functions.
	Information and Knowledge Management 8. SARRAH maintains effective information technology and knowledge management systems to improve performance, retain corporate knowledge, and provide a resource for all stakeholders.	19. Continued enhancing information resources through reviewing and amending existing information systems and databases.

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	Current Business Issues	Future Milestones
Stakeholders	1. Continue to respond to the SARRAH Member and Non-Member Surveys. 2. Continue enhancements to the electronic SARRAH membership database.	1. Monitor the expansion of the Medical Specialist Outreach Assistance Program to introduce allied health professionals providing services to Indigenous communities. 2. Monitor outcomes from the Commonwealth Government on the reports produced by the various strategic health planning bodies. 3. Maintain contact with the 33 Medicare Locals which have rural and remote geographical coverage across Australia. 4. Monitor outcomes from the 2011 Federal Budget. 5. Develop a strategy to source funding from corporate Australia. 6. Continue to assist States and the NT to coordinate meetings and other activities.
Internal Business Processes	3. Continue to prepare for SARRAH's 2012 National Conference.	7. Provide input and support, where possible, to SARRAH's Working Groups. 8. Continue to respond to key outcomes arising from the SARRAH 2011 National Summit. 9. Continue to administer the allied health streams of the Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship and Support Scheme and the Rural and Remote Health Stakeholder Support Scheme. 10. Continue enhancements to the SAPS (IT) functionality in particularly reporting capabilities used to support the administration of the allied health scholarship schemes. 11. Develop a Risk Management, Business Continuity Plan and Fraud Plan.
People, Learning and Development	4. Monitor developments with the Government's 'Fair Work Bill' in particular the new National Employment Standards (NES).	12. Continue to review SARRAH's human resource policies ensuring alignment with the NES and private sector local labour market conditions. 13. Implement the 2011-12 Staff Training and Development calendar.