

# Taskforce Weekly Bugle



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## Alex Moves From 'Healthy Arrangements' to 'Healthy Patients'

This week Alex Rankin, the Commonwealth Co-Chair for the JSC, announced her departure to take up a new position in the Commonwealth Health Portfolio. This is sad news for the JSC as Alex has been an excellent Co-Chair and has worked hard to help the Queensland Regional Arrangements progress. Harry Abrahams (Contact Harry on Ph 02 6274 2538 or Email [harry.abrahams@ea.gov.au](mailto:harry.abrahams@ea.gov.au)) steps up into the Co-Chair role in the interim period. Best of luck to Alex in her new endeavours.

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## Social Research Project Proposals

One of the Social and Economic SIPs has delivered an opportunity for Regional Bodies to partner up with social researchers to address critical social issues affecting the development and implementation of Regional NRM plans. Some excellent preliminary proposals were received and about five are being asked to progress into full proposal development. Regional Bodies and Regional Coordination Groups should keep in mind that there will be a second phase of proposals announced next year. For further details contact Lyn Aitken on Ph 07 3896 9601 or Email [Lyn.Aitken@nrm.qld.gov.au](mailto:Lyn.Aitken@nrm.qld.gov.au)

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## National Regional Competitive Project Proposals

The Commonwealth has recently announced that there will be national opportunities for Regional Bodies to tap into some \$10 - \$15 million (this financial year) of NHT2 funds available for investment at a regional level on a competitive basis. The JSC will be exploring the most effective way to progress Regional Bodies accessing these funds in coming weeks following discussion with Regional Coordination Groups and the Regional Group Collective. For further information please contact David Wildermuth on Ph 07 3224 2475 or Email [David.Wildermuth@nrm.qld.gov.au](mailto:David.Wildermuth@nrm.qld.gov.au)

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## Anne Goeths Returns to the Taskforce

Anne Goeths has returned to the Taskforce this week after a stint working for the Burnett Mary Regional Group. Anne took the challenge on in a big way, and the Group has been very pleased with the outcomes achieved from the secondment. Anne's return reminds the Taskforce of some critical issues, including the degree to which Regional Bodies are overwhelmed by a range of competing demands, the need for Regional Bodies to really focus on their core role, and the continuing need for more rather than less communication from the Taskforce to Regional Bodies and Regional Coordination Groups. The experience also has reminded us of the need for JSC to really articulate a clear set of Investment Principles agreed between the Commonwealth and the State as we approach Regional Investment Strategy land. You can contact Anne Goeths via Email: [Anne.Goeths@nrm.qld.gov.au](mailto:Anne.Goeths@nrm.qld.gov.au)

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## Three PhD Scholarships

An exciting opportunity exists at:

- Griffith University, Department of Politics and Public Policy
- University of Queensland, School of Social Science (Sociology Program) and
- Central Queensland University, Faculty of Business and Law

for three outstanding candidates to undertake full-time applied research to investigate whole of government approaches to regional community engagement and the value of government-community partnerships for achieving regional outcomes. The Scholarships are funded by the Australian Research Council under its Linkage

Projects scheme, which supports collaborative research projects between higher education and industry.

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