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The National Rural Women's Coalition announces its new Board of Directors

Following its Annual General Meeting, the National Rural Women's Coalition is pleased to announce its Board of Directors for 2016/2017.

Alwyn Friedersdorff from Wynyard, Tasmania (President)
Leonie Noble from Geraldton, Western Australia (Vice President)
Dorothy Coombe from Ringwood, Victoria (Treasurer)
Sarah Parker from Undera, Victoria (Secretary)
Lisa Shipley from Tamworth, New South Wales
Dr Kim Webber from Richmond, Victoria
Rechelle Leahy from Armidale, New South Wales
Hannah Wandel from Kingston, ACT

The Directors of the National Rural Women's Coalition comprise of representatives from –

Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) - Alwyn Friedersdorff
Women's Industry Seafood Community (WINSC) – Leonie Noble
Country Women's Association of Australia (CWAA) – Dorothy Coombe
Australian Women in Agriculture (AWiA) – Sarah Parker
Indigenous Rural Women's Representative – Lisa Shipley
National Rural Health Alliance (NRHA) – Dr Kim Webber
Plus two independent directors
Independent Director – Rechelle Leahy
Independent Director – Hannah Wandel

The Board of Directors will provide a clear supportive leadership and determine a consequential and energizing pathway for a long-term presence in rural, regional and remote Australia for the National Rural Women's Coalition.

"I regard the talented Directors on the Board as my 'string of pearls' who shine in their own manner and work together to make a valuable contribution." **says President, Alwyn Friedersdorff.**

The National Rural Women's Coalition will continue to provide a powerful voice for rural, regional and remote women as well as many platforms to increase the capacity and capabilities of women in these areas. Some of the project initiatives from the NRWC will include virtual training classrooms, leadership programs, forums, meetings, webinars and through all its projects, the National Rural Women's Coalition also provides amazing networking opportunities.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL RURAL WOMEN'S COALITION

The National Rural Women's Coalition (NRWC) is funded by the Office for Women and works to support and grow vibrant rural, remote and regional (RRR) communities throughout Australia. The NRWC provides a collaborative voice for women living in rural, remote and regional Australia. It represents the diverse views of women helping to build a positive profile of their achievements and issues. NRWC provides policy advice to the Australian Government on matters relevant to the views and circumstances of rural women and takes a leading role in ensuring that it helps as many rural, regional and remote women as possible to achieve their goals. Formed in 2002 and funded by the Australian Government, the National Rural Women's Coalition is one of five alliances

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taking the lead and ensuring the voices of as many women as possible are heard by Government, especially those women, who in the past have found it difficult to engage in advocacy and decision making.

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