



DELEGATE'S REPORT

14 June 2005

DR3	SCHOOL OF RURAL HEALTH
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SUMMARY:

Reporting on attendance at the meeting of the Community Advisory Board.



The meeting was held at Coffs Harbour on Friday, 3 June 2005 and was preceded by the official opening of the Faculty of Medicine Campus of the School of Rural Health by The Honourable Tony Abbott, MP Federal Minister for Health and Ageing.

An overview of the School of Rural Health is attached [Appendix A](#).

The University of New South Wales requires that 25% of the students admitted to medicine enter the School of Rural Health together with 3 or 4 Indigenous students who are provided with mentors.

Interestingly statistics provided through the port Macquarie Campus disclosed: -

- In 2003 the achievement was 73% (69% city)
- In 2004 the achievement was 72% (66% city)

A number of Year 6 students return to the area as junior Medical Officers with some succeeding as specialists and GP's within the area.

The incoming Director, School of Rural Health Faculty of Medicine, Professor Louis Pilotts believes the Community Advisory Board should provide a conduit between the medical students and the community in which they train.

Professor Pilotts is also an advocate for change and research.

The next meeting of the Board will be held in Kempsey.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be noted.

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COUNCILLOR J H BOWELL