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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **THE WHEATBELT COMMUNITY TO HAVE THEIR SAY ABOUT FUTURE HEALTH SERVICES**

The Wheatbelt Health MOU Group has engaged an independent consultant, Marguerite Tohl, Director, MMT Consultancy Services, to work with the Wheatbelt community to gather information about community needs, priorities and local solutions to inform decisions on future health service planning.

MMT Consultancy Services is based in South Australia and the Director, Marguerite Tohl has extensive experience undertaking consultancies throughout Australia and in Papua New Guinea.

The Wheatbelt Health MOU Group is a partnership between the Wheatbelt Development Commission, Wheatbelt Local Government Authorities, WA Country Health Services, Wheatbelt and the Wheatbelt General Practice Network.

The Chairperson of the Wheatbelt Health MOU Steering Group, Tracy Meredith said that “this is an important part of the Wheatbelt Health Planning Initiative Project and we encourage all residents across the Wheatbelt to participate in these community forums and have a say about the health services that are needed in the future”

MMT Consultancy Services will be conducting the community consultations in twelve locations throughout the Wheatbelt region. The meetings will be held June in: Boddington, Beverley, Corrigin, Gingin, Jurien Bay, Koorda, Lake Grace, Merredin, Moora, Narrogin, Northam and Southern Cross. Two meetings are being arranged for each location; one during the day and the other in the evening to ensure that as many residents can attend as possible.

Meetings will also be held with other stakeholders such as, local Government and service providers to gather as much information as possible.

Ms Meredith added that “the information gathered will then be used to inform decisions about future health planning across the Wheatbelt Health Region”.

A Community Booklet with information about the community and the current issues facing rural communities will be available prior to the consultations from your local Shire office. Advertisements will be placed in local papers in May to advise when they will be ready to collect.

If you would like to find out more about the community consultations or would like to register your interest please contact Pip Shields at the Wheatbelt Development Commission P: (08) 9881 5888.

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