1. **Scope of the Specialist Network**

The aim of the Regional, Rural and Remote (RRR) Specialist Network is to be a source of information, an advocate for issues, and a network that facilitates information exchange in the wider water sector.

The primary focus of this Specialist Network is on the collection, distribution, treatment, disposal, reuse of suitable quantities of fit-for-purpose water for onsite systems for several houses, an industry or farming venture through to communities up to a population of 2000. In this context, fit-for-purpose water includes drinking water, commercial and public open space irrigation, environmental, recycled, stormwater and, to a lesser extent, mining, commercial and industrial applications.

For a water system to work effectively and sustainably, there needs to be integration across many areas and in this context, our Specialist Network will be collaborating with other AWA Specialist Networks to aspire to provide a holistic approach to the governance of small water management systems. Whilst we will work with all of the Specialist Networks, there is an emphasis on the following four Networks;

* Asset Management
* Desalination
* Operations
* Water for all

We aim to achieve this by

* facilitating knowledge sharing and access to appropriate technologies and the viability for application,
* Promoting RRR initiatives to our members and the wider community;
* Improving connectivity between the application of RRR across the Australasian water industry;
* Encouraging engagement from OEM’s and suppliers to promote suitable solutions and technologies
* Engaging with relevant broader industry associations to better understand the needs and opportunities in rural/remote communities.

1. **Specialist Network Committee Members**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Name** | **Organisation** | **State/Territory** |
|  | Dr Danny Burkett | BG&E | Western Australia |
|  | Kate Smith | Aurecon | New South Wales |
|  | Damien Abbott | Martin Energy Group Australia | Victoria |
|  | Marty Hancock | Water Research Australia | New South Wales |
|  | Dr Michael Lawrence | Bligh Tanner | Queensland |
|  | Pierre Mukheibir | Institute for Sustainable Futures (UTS) | New South Wales |
|  | Trevor Sultana | Goulburn Mulwaree Council | New South Wales |
|  | Dr Dan Deere | Water Futures Pty Ltd | New South Wales |
|  | Ben Kele | Arris Pty Ltd | Queensland |

1. **Committee objectives for 2021 - 23**

The RRR Specialist Network’s committee objectives are aligned with AWA’s Strategy’22 Core Principles. Our actions to achieve these objectives in 2021-2023 include: