



## Current role

### Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network

#### *Senior Advisor - Policy, Strategy and Innovation*

The Senior Advisor is responsible for providing strategic advice and analysis and responsible for developing new partnerships, business, and funding opportunities that further the strategic priorities and innovation agenda of the organisation.

## Education

### **Charles Sturt University**

Masters in Business Administration 9/12 units completed

### **Charles Sturt University**

Masters in Human Resources Management (EmpRelations)

### **Australian Institute of Company Directors**

Company Director Course

## Publications

Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drugs: After Hours Crisis Marketing Initiative; C Loton, M Neal; Pages 125-152

# Melissa Neal

## Profile

Ms Neal is an experienced Senior Executive committed to developing local partnerships and working in organisations that improve outcomes for priority populations particularly in regional and rural locations.

Prior to joining the Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network in 2015, Ms Neal worked at senior levels in the not-for-profit sector across community services and primary health industries.

Ms Neal has also served as a board director in disability services. During her career she has gained experience in the areas of governance, leadership, strategic management, human resources and industrial relations to effectively manage and lead organisations. Prior to the roles with Murrumbidgee PHN, Ms Neal has worked as an Executive for previous iterations of PHNs, including Southern NSW Medicare Local and Southern General Practice Network.

## Professional experience

### Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network

#### *Chief Executive Officer*

2017 - 2024

#### **Role responsibilities**

Responsible for the strategic leadership and management of the Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network, in order to meet the PHN objectives of improving patient experience, health outcomes and the cost effectiveness of services.

### Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network

#### *Acting Director Corporate Services / Chief Operations Officer*

2015 – 2017

#### **Role responsibilities**

As a member of the Executive team I was responsible for providing leadership, guidance and direction within functional areas of responsibility in accordance with organisational plans.

## Professional representations

**Cancer Institute NSW** - Statewide Cancer Plan Governance Group

**NSW Health and NSW PHN Statewide Committee** - Co-Chair

**Murrumbidgee Health and Knowledge Precinct** - Board Member