

Shining brightly: lessons from rural health time in the sun

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The presentation has two main components that highlight the sustained and sustainable impact being achieved in rural and remote health care as a result of resilient and creative partnerships between health workers and rural communities.

Examples from the Darling Downs and Surat Basin highlight the responses of the local communities to the unprecedented changes in health systems and health needs being experienced in these communities. Briefly, the examples showcase initiatives in cross border services delivery, community engagement and partnerships between public and private sectors.

A second theme demonstrates the significant impact that rural, remote and very very remote allied health professional innovations have had and are having upon the health system, nationally and internationally through such organisations as SARRAH and the NRHA.

