

Michael Bishop

Michael Bishop is the Executive Director of Rural Health and Aged Care for the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service in Queensland.

He has worked nationally and internationally with health services aimed at improving both the scope and quality of allied health professional services. As a result of this development and review work, he is acknowledged as an allied health professional leader by peers (the Queensland SARRAH Network Coordinator, Australian Chair, AHLANZ).

As a rural health service advocate he has sat as an active member of the Management Boards; a founding member of the Mental Health Council of Australia, the National Rural Health Alliance, the Australian National Art Therapy Association, Mackay Centre for Research On Children and Community Services, The Australian College for Child and Family Protection Practitioners and of course SARRAH.

He has a Human Rights Commendation for work in destigmatisng mental illness. Michael was chair of the Editorial Board of the *Australian Journal of Rural Health* and convened several Australian Rural and Remote Scientific Health Conferences. Michael is the Deputy Chair of the Darling Downs and South West Queensland Medicare Local.

