

## Owen Allen

Owen Allen is a physiotherapist of 34 years, practising mostly in rural Queensland in both private and public sectors. Between 1994 and 2009 Owen was involved with the rural health movement through Queensland and National committees and organisations. In 2008, Owen began looking at introducing creativity into his practice with older people, and facilitating local arts-in-community events. Through the work, Owen has found himself in a growing network of North Queensland regional dancers; and significant dance leaders as Liz Lea of Canberra Dance Theatre and DANscienCE Festival, Glen Murray of MADE (Tasmania), David McMicken, Tracks NT, Erica Rose Jeffrey (Dance for PD, Brisbane). Owen has begun an association with Art as Action, Boulder Colorado and as a creative consultant with Future Flash (Climate Change Education Program, Gainesville, Florida). Through these projects, Owen has developed an inclusive facilitatory approach to contemporary theatre dance as a practice. By 2016, he will be ready to take the program, The Art of Movement, to any rural community in Australia.