

## Jennifer Bowers

Dr Jennifer Bowers has a BSc (Hons) and PhD in Social Psychiatry from the ANU. She has held chief executive positions in South Australia and Queensland Mental Health Services; worked in Commonwealth and State Health Services and has been involved in the development of a remote tourism facility. She has professorial academic appoints at two Qld universities and is the inaugural Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of the not-for-profit Australasian Centre for Rural and Remote Mental Health established 9 years ago. She has lead the development and implementation of innovative mental health, wellbeing and suicide prevention programs focused solely on the needs of Australians living and working in rural and remote areas. In recognition of the unique circumstances and challenges faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities; those working in the mining and resource sector particularly FIFO workers; and Australians involved in, and connected to, farming and agriculture, the centre has spearheaded research, design and delivery of proactive awareness-raising, prevention and early interventions.