

Rachel Brindal

Rachel Brindal, BEd (Special Education—Hearing), MICD, is a senior consultant with the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children (RIDBC) Teleschool. Rachel began her career as a teacher of the deaf in regional Queensland before working in the Pacific Islands developing deaf education practices in Tonga and Samoa. In 2009, Rachel joined the RIDBC Teleschool team based in Sydney, where she began supporting children with hearing loss and their families in regional and remote parts of Australia via telepractice. In 2012, she relocated to Darwin to establish RIDBC's first permanent site outside of NSW. Rachel and her colleagues at RIDBC Darwin are now providing services to families in the Top End through a blended service model; a combination of telepractice and in person sessions. These services include therapy, habilitation and a cochlear implantation program. Rachel is passionate about breaking down the geographical barriers by using technology to provide a client-centred high quality service model.