

Rosie Downing

Rosie Downing is passionate about and committed to the provision of accessible and appropriate maternity services for families living in rural and remote communities. Trained as a nurse and then a midwife, she has worked in public, private, community controlled, urban and remote health services around Australia, including as a Remote Area Midwife in two remote communities of Central Australia. Her interests in the social determinants of health in Australia lead her to complete a Masters of Social Health (Aboriginal Health), University of Melbourne. In 2014, with the assistance of a sponsored Churchill Fellowship (the Peter Mitchell award) she travelled through Scotland, Canada and Aotearoa/New Zealand to observe and learn from successful birthing services located in geographically remote communities. She currently works with the Alice Springs Midwifery Group Practice; a continuity of care service where 40% of clients come from rural or remote communities in Central Australia.