

## Joe McGirr

Associate Professor Joe McGirr is Associate Dean Rural of the University of Notre Dame Australia School of Medicine Sydney. He lives in Wagga Wagga with his family and is passionate about improving health services in rural and regional areas. He has worked in clinical medicine and senior health administration in south west rural and regional NSW for more than twenty years. He originally practised clinically as a specialist in Emergency Medicine before making a career in health administration, becoming Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Murray Area Health Service and then Director of Clinical Operations for the Greater Southern Area Health Service. He is a fellow of both the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine and the Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators. He has worked closely with patients, communities and clinicians on a range of issues affecting health services. He played a critical role in the establishment one of the first rural clinical schools in Australia in Wagga Wagga. Currently his research interests include climate change, health services and rural medical workforce and he oversees medical school campuses in Wagga Wagga, Lithgow and Ballarat.