

## Meaghan Trovato

Meaghan Trovato was the initial Rural Transfer Coordinator for the Townsville Hospital and Health Service. Based in Ingham Hospital at the time, Meaghan was able to successfully implement the program, which resulted in a permanent position being created and increased utilisation of rural facilities. Most importantly it provided the opportunity for patients to continue their episode of care close to home, in their local facility. Meaghan holds a Bachelor of Nursing Science and Masters of Advanced Nursing Practice from James Cook University. While her initial clinical focus was cardiac and intensive care nursing, circumstances lead to embarking on a rural nursing career at Ingham Hospital. Meaghan also enjoys education of nurses, teaching advanced life support with both the Australian College of Critical Care Nurses (ACCCN) and CRANA. The Rural Transfer Coordinator role has sparked interest in patient flow, and she is now Nurse Manager for Patient Flow Support Unit at The Townsville Hospital.