Susan Brumby

Clinical Associate Professor Susan Brumby is the founding director of the National Centre for Farmer Health—an innovative partnership between Deakin University and Western District Health Service, Hamilton, Victoria. Sue leads the implementation of five key strategies to improve the health, wellbeing and safety of farm men and women which includes inventive and award-winning service delivery models, farmer research, agriclinics, novel education and the farmer health website (www.farmerhealth.org.au).

In 2010, the National Centre for Farmer Health hosted the Opening the Gates of Farmer Health conference where the Hamilton Charter for Farmer Health was developed and endorsed. Sue’s background blends both a theoretical and practical understanding of agriculture, health, management and rural communities. She has been recognised with personal awards for her outstanding and visionary service to rural health and has practical experience in farming and rural communities, managing the family property of performance recorded beef cattle and self-replacing fine wool flock for twelve years. Sue is the principal investigator of the award-winning Sustainable Farm Families™ (SFF) project which has been delivered in all states of Australia. She has also been chief investigator on Australian Research Council, NHMRC, RIRDC, and beyondblue grants. She has previously been awarded a Victorian Travelling Fellowship to the USA and the EU looking at farmer health and decision making.