Andrew Heath

Andrew Heath is currently the Primary Health Manager East Pilbara with WA Country Health Service, and is also a co-lead of the recently-launched WA Disability Health Network. Originally qualifying as a social worker in 1977, Andrew’s career has been largely spent in the health and human services sector in remote locations in Australia. Andrew holds a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Melbourne, with a particular emphasis on program evaluation and disability. The project that Andrew is presenting, Pilbara Healthy Kids Initiative, is the result of four years’ dedicated work by teams of allied health and community nursing staff in Newman and Hedland conducting outreach work into the Western Desert communities in the Pilbara region. The Pilbara Healthy Kids Initiative has been funded through a combination of Commonwealth and state funds and industry involvement, and is a multi-agency approach that includes the key health service providers in the region—representing the ideal partnership model in seeking better health outcomes for Aboriginal people in the Pilbara.