Jennie Keioskie

Jennie Keioskie is employed as a rural mental health promotional officer within the Southern NSW Local Health District (SNLHD) through the Rural Adversity Mental Health Program (RAMHP)—a program funded through the NSW Ministry of Health and coordinated by the University of Newcastle’s Centre for Rural and Remote Mental Health (CRRMH), in Orange, NSW. The key aim of the program is to build individual and community capacity that supports the mental health and wellbeing of rural and remote communities during periods of adversity. RAMHP emphasises building community resilience through building partnerships with local services and agencies in alignment with the aims of the CRRMH, which provides quality mental health education and research programs to rural NSW.

Jennie has a degree in psychology and a postgraduate degree in social work and has worked in the area of mental health and wellbeing for over 20 years. Being a country girl at heart Jennie has always lived and worked in rural Australia and has a passion for bringing high-quality services to those who live outside the major metropolitan and regional areas. Jennie has been employed with RAMHP since early 2010 and believes the success of the program is its ability to build on and support many of the strengths that are inherent in rural communities such as community connectedness and innovative and creative problem solving.