

Carolyn Bourke

Carolyn Burke has a clinical background spanning 34 years and a strong commitment and love of rural nursing and midwifery, with experience at the heart of patient-centred care. She believes in a collaborative practice model, continuous quality improvement and supports innovation in health care for rural communities to obtain more care locally. Following 12 years in management as a Nurse Unit Manager, Nursing Director and Director of Nursing, Carolyn currently holds the position of Clinical Nurse Consultant – Telehealth Coordinator for the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service. Her keen interest in service improvement together with the ability to engage and educate clinicians in Telehealth processes has seen an increase in the uptake of services across all specialities with the Darling Downs leading Queensland in service events and models of care. Carolyn is driven to achieve results by challenging the norm to enhance the patient's experience throughout the health care journey. TeleDentistry is just one new and exciting concept for residents in Aged Care Facilities within the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service to receive oral health care without the need to leave their homes maintaining comfort and continuity of care.