

## Heidi Hodge

Heidi Hodge is Partnership Manager of the Mid North Knowledge Partnership (MNKP), a rural and remote university research hub based in Burra, South Australia. Hosted by the Flinders University Rural Clinical School, the MNKP collaborates with rural communities, researchers, universities, industry, government and non-government organisations to ensure ready access to locally-relevant research. Heidi is developing a community engagement framework for the Rural Clinical School, to explore how rural universities can meaningfully partner with their local communities in sustainable ways, and in an academic context. Heidi assists researchers with undertaking local rural and remote research, contributes to grant and ethics applications, hosts local community seminars with visiting academics, presents research findings, and provides support to visiting students and academics. Recent and current research she has assisted with includes rural health professional mobility, tourism innovation systems in rural communities, digital participation of older people in rural communities, and the Mid North Youth Wellbeing Observatory. Heidi has extensive experience with rural communities, community engagement, facilitation, primary industries and natural resources, and has lived and worked in the Mid North of SA for over 15 years. She volunteers with several local, State, and national committees, and has recently completed a Graduate Diploma in Professional Communications.