

## Chris Mitchell

Chris Mitchell is CEO of Health Workforce Queensland (HWQ), a not-for-profit rural health workforce agency that creates sustainable health workforce solutions to meet the needs of remote, rural, regional and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in Queensland. Chris leads HWQ in its work to understand the needs of Queensland communities, especially their health needs, so as to ensure optimal health workforce are available. Chris possesses a degree in Health Administration and a Masters of Business and has over 30 years of leadership experience in health workforce development. He has worked in a variety of communities including Griffith, Sydney, Dubbo, Brisbane and remote and rural Queensland. These roles have provided him with extensive experience in health service management and delivery across diverse geographic areas. Chris has a comprehensive understanding of health workforce development, industry trends and the impact and challenges of health workforce shortages in remote and rural communities. A particular interest is in collaborative solution creation activities with communities and stakeholders to optimise health service delivery and improve health outcomes. Chris has facilitated a number of action research projects in remote and rural Queensland that focused on health service redesign to ensure that communities had access to viable health services.