

OUTBACK ALLIED HEALTH FORUM

CONNECTING ACROSS WIDE HORIZONS: INNOVATE, ADAPT & THRIVE

Thursday, 30th July 2026

TIME	SESSION	PRESENTATIONS
12.30-1.00pm		Registration <i>Welcome to the Outback Allied Health Forum, Day 1.</i>
1.30pm		Forum Opening Welcome to Country
2.00pm	Panel	Topic: Connecting Across Wide Horizons: Innovate, Adapt and Thrive. Host: Zara Margolis Panel Members: Andrew Quabba (NWHHS), Rahni Cotterill (NWRH), Aaron Hollins (JCU), Liza-Jane McBride (CAHOQ), Kylie Stothers (IAHA) and Manjit Sekhon (Gidgee Healing)
3.00pm		Afternoon Tea Poster Presentation Display: ○ Identifying Service-Learning Principles in Higher Education: A Narrative Literature Review ○ Thriving Through Partnership - A Co-Designed School-Readiness Resource ○ Therapy Dog Interventions in Clinical Placement Context: Narrative Review ○ Partnerships of Service Learning Programs: A Rapid Review ○ Connecting Rural Ideas to Research Impact: How RRR Cap Helps Clinicians Innovate, Adapt and Thrive. ○ Mums and Bubs Groups in Remote Indigenous Communities: Exploring Innovative Approaches Suggested by First Nations Workers ○ Gallup Survey
3.30pm	Presentations	Don't Choke at the Challenge: Developing Dysphagia Management Capability in the Northwest Building Workforce Capacity for Best-Practice Frailty Care in Regional and Rural Residential Aged Care: Findings from Facility Audits and Workforce Training in North Queensland A Rural Hospital's Take on Collaborative Pharmacist Medication Prescribing Thriving together: Allied Health Professionals' Perspectives on Fertility Care From Access to Participation: School- based Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy Supporting Every Student through Multi-Tiered Systems Connecting Across Wide Horizons: Innovating Integrated Diabetes Care in Remote Western Queensland
5.00pm		Closing Remarks Networking Function
7.00pm		Good Night!

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9.00		<i>Welcome Back, Late Registration</i> <i>Morning tea</i> <i>Welcome to the Outback Allied Health Forum, Day 2.</i>
10.00am	Presentations	Strengthening Transition Care Through a Key Worker Model in Regional Queensland Talk the Talk: Developing Communication Therapy Capacity in the Northwest Community Bereavement Support Group in Mount Isa Two Perches, One Placement: A Rural Physiotherapy Placement Model Safe Transitions: Promoting Better Dementia and Delirium Care in North West Queensland The Rural Script: GP and Pharmacist Collaboration to Improve Medication Safety in Remote Communities
		Poster Presentation Display
11.35am		<i>Lunch</i>
12.35pm	Keynote Speaker	Adjunct Professor Adam Scott.
1.20pm	Presentations	Finding Our Feet During Rural Podiatry Workforce Shortage: Service Critical Workforce Project Expanding Horizons in Kidney Care: Towards Collaboration between Rural Allied Health Professionals What is Known About the Allied Health Assistant Role in Rural and Remote Settings: A Scoping Review Protocol. Exploring Enablers and Barriers of Participation in Exercise Groups in the North West Region: A Retrospective Review Bridging Physical and Mental Health: A Rural Multidisciplinary Pilot Program Exercise Interventions for Adults Living in Rural and Remote Areas Diagnosed with a Mental Illness: A Scoping Review SPROUT: Growing a Sustainable Rural and Remote Allied Health Workforce from School to Professional Practice
2.30pm		<i>Awards & Acknowledgements</i>
3.00pm		<i>Afternoon tea</i> <i>Goodbye!</i>

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