



OUTBACK ALLIED HEALTH FORUM

THURSDAY 30TH AND FRIDAY 31ST JULY, 2026

MOUNT ISA, QUEENSLAND

Abstract Guidelines

We welcome abstracts from clinicians, practitioners, managers, educators, students, and researchers working in rural and remote health settings. Whether you're new to research or regularly involved in quality improvement as part of your role, your work matters.

Abstracts can describe completed projects or work that is still underway, including:

- Quality improvement initiatives
- Service evaluations
- Clinical or workforce innovations
- Research projects
- Education or supervision initiatives
- Student projects
- Pilot and feasibility studies
- Any other projects in your workplace.

Your abstract should clearly relate to the forum theme:

“Connecting Across Wide Horizons: Innovate, Adapt & Thrive”

Please use the headings below depending on your project type. This structure is designed to be practical and accessible, especially for those new to writing abstracts.

Maximum length: 300 words (including headings)

Language: English

Tone: Clear, professional, and easy to understand

Presentation formats

- Individual or group presentations: 10 minute presentation + 5 mins question time (15 minutes total)
- Lightning presentations: 5-minute presentation
- Poster presentation: A0 size poster



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Quality Improvement Projects

These guidelines are designed to support clinicians, students, and teams who undertake quality improvement as part of their everyday work in rural and remote health services. Quality improvement projects are practical, locally driven, and focused on making care better, safer, or more efficient. Clear explanations of what you changed, what happened, and what you learnt are valued just as much as formal research methods.

What we did

Briefly explain:

- The context: where you work and why this project was needed
- The aim or purpose of your project
- What you actually did:
 - Quality improvement framework or research approach (if used)
 - Setting (e.g. hospital, community service, outreach clinic)
 - Who was involved (staff, patients, students, community)
 - What changed, was introduced, or was tested

What we produced

Describe the key outputs, results, or progress to date:

- What happened (or do you anticipate happening) as a result of your project?
- What changed, was improved, developed, or learned?
- If outcomes are still emerging, describe what you have observed so far

This might include:

- Improvements in service delivery or patient care
- Workforce, supervision, or education outcomes
- Tools, resources, or pathways developed
- Preliminary findings or early impacts

What we learnt

Reflect on:

- Why your work is important for rural or remote health
- How it contributes to resilience, reflection, or responsiveness
- What others might learn from your experience

Practical implications for clinical practice, services, or workforce wellbeing

Reflection is encouraged – learning from challenges and adaptations is just as valuable as reporting success.



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Research Projects

These guidelines are designed to help clinicians, students, and early-career researchers confidently share research projects in a clear and practical way. Your presentation does not need to be complex – the focus is on explaining your work and what it means for rural and remote health practice.

Introduction/Background

Briefly explain:

- Where the project took place (e.g. rural hospital, community service)
- The issue, problem, or gap your research aimed to address
- Why this topic is important in a rural or remote health setting

Aims

Clearly state:

- The main aim of the research, or
- One or two key research questions

Methods

Describe how the research was conducted, using plain language:

- Study design (e.g. survey, interviews, audit, mixed methods)
- Setting (where the research occurred)
- Who participated (if relevant)
- How information or data were collected
- Whether the study is complete or ongoing

Results

- Summarise the main findings or progress so far:
- Key results, themes, or trends
- Early or preliminary findings if the project is still underway

Conclusions / Relevance to Practice

Explain:

- What the findings mean
- Why they matter for rural or remote health services
- How the research relates to clinical practice, workforce, service delivery, or education
- Where relevant, link to the forum theme: Innovate, Adapt & Thrive



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Abstract Review Process

Abstracts will be reviewed by the OAHF 2026 Abstract Committee using the following criteria:

- Clear explanation of the project or initiative
- Appropriate use of a research or quality improvement framework
- Originality or innovation
- Relevance to rural and remote allied health practice
- Contribution to knowledge related to the forum theme

More than one abstract may be submitted by the same presenter.

Submission Information

- All abstracts must be submitted via the forum website:
<https://www.crrh.jcu.edu.au/conferences/outback-allied-health-forum/outback-allied-health-forum-2026/abstract-form/>
- Authors of successful submissions will be notified by **5th June, 2026**
- Accepted presenters will receive guidelines for preparing posters or presentations.