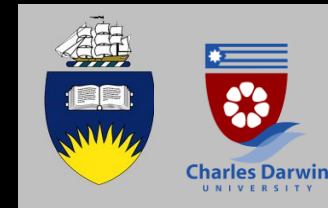


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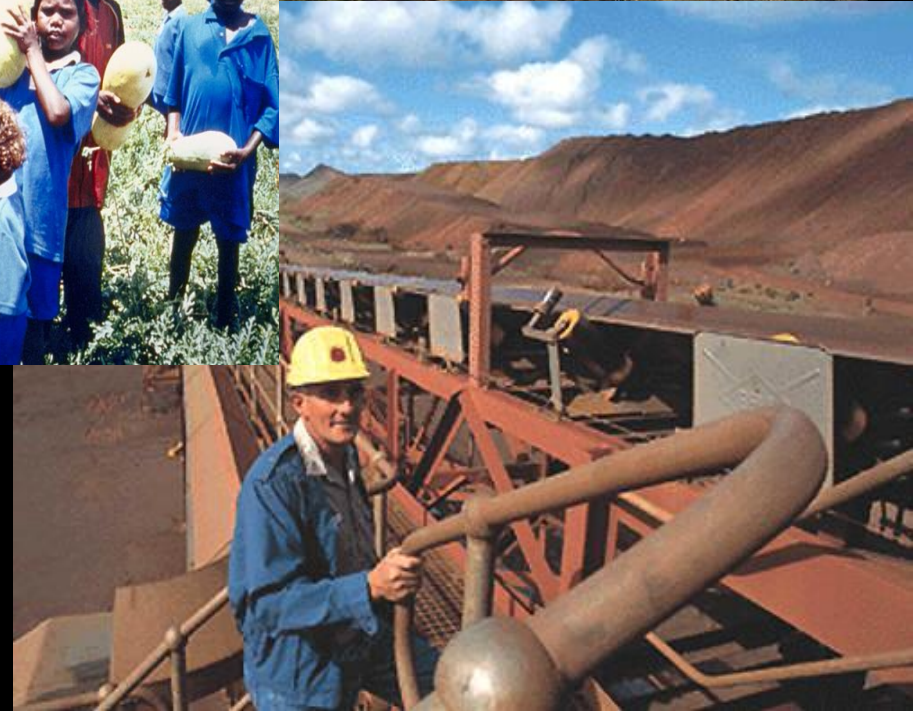
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Remote & rural health services for an equally healthy future for all Australians

John Wakerman







Health system reform

- Equal outcomes
- Equitable access Thriving rural & remote communities
 - *'a critical reciprocal relationship exists between ...health services...& sustainable communities.'*

Incremental change vs big bang

- Apply existing knowledge
 - *Building on our strengths: remote & rural Australia an incubator of innovation*
- Systemic & systematic reform



A systemic & systematic approach

- Policy
- Governance
- Funding
- Community engagement
- Workforce
- Leadership & Management
- Infrastructure



Policy

- National rural & remote health policy & plan
- Indicators & targets
- Strengthened Office of Rural Health



Governance

- *National leadership and local flexibility*
- National leadership: a single level of responsibility & accountability
- Local flexibility: regional models
 - *No one size fits all*
 - *...'a more localized or "natural regional" approach to the delivery of PHC services in order to meet communities' diverse needs.'*
- Critical population mass
- Maximising community participation



Funding

- *Move away from 'multiple short-term rigid funding silos' to 'flexible funding arrangements'*
- *Needs-based, blended funding arrangements*
- Needs-based: population, health status, remoteness, mobility
- Blended payments for PHC: enrolment & capitation, FFS, incentives
- Single source of funding with regional purchasing



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Community engagement

- Regional governance
- Service level: different forms eg patient satisfaction, community fora, community control
- Requires funding, especially governance training



Workforce

- Short term: remuneration, CPD, locums, HRM, recognition & remuneration of non-doctors eg RANs.
- Medium term: address other health system factors.
- Longer term: paramedicals, students of rural origin.



Multidisciplinary practice

- Bundles of care for chronic diseases
- Interprofessional education & 'collaboration ready' graduates
- Health services support for PHC teams



Leadership & management

- Community & professional leaders
- Accreditation for managers
- Qualifications
- CPD



Infrastructure

- Information systems
- Health centres
- Accommodation
- Transport
- Telehealth