





## DRIVING CHANGE

### **IDENTIFYING ALLIED HEALTH RESEARCH PRIORITIES**

INFORMED BY CONSUMERS, CLINICIANS, HEALTH SERVICE MANAGERS AND RESEARCHERS

STUDY PROTOCOL

### STUDY AIMS

- Bring three groups of people together to identify and prioritise local health issues
- Translate priority health issues into research questions related to allied health (AH) practice

### **BACKGROUND**



Local issues aren't always heard by researchers



Research doesn't always match everyone's needs



Research doesn't always address regional/rural health inequalities

## PHASE 1

### Forum, Survey



Identify local health care issues

**Participants** Community (n>100)

Consolidate local issues

### **Focus groups**



Identify values for prioritisation (for ranking)

### **Participants**

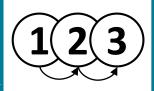
Community (n≤40) Health staff (n≤16)

# Thematic analysis

Ranking criteria verification

### PHASE 2

### **Delphi rounds**



Verify issues Sort issues Rank issues

### **Participants**

Community (n≤18) Health staff (n≤18) Researchers (n≤18)

Similarity analysis Cluster analysis

### **Translate**



Develop AH research questions for priority issues

**Participants** Researchers (n>15)

Verification of AH research questions

### STUDY LOCATIONS

- Ballarat
- Ararat
- Stawell
- Horsham
- Warracknabeal

### **PARTICIPANTS**

Community members from the five study locations



AH clinicians & health service managers



Academic researchers







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