IDENTIFYING ALLIED HEALTH RESEARCH PRIORITIES
INFORMED BY CONSUMERS, CLINICIANS, HEALTH SERVICE MANAGERS AND RESEARCHERS

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)

Focus groups
Identify values for prioritisation (for ranking)
Participants
Community (n≤40)
Health staff (n≤16)

Delphi rounds
Verify issues
Sort issues
Rank issues
Participants
Community (n≤18)
Health staff (n≤18)
Researchers (n≤18)

PHASE 2
Translate
Develop AH research questions for priority issues
Participants
Researchers (n>15)

STUDY LOCATIONS
• Ballarat
• Ararat
• Stawell
• Horsham
• Warracknabeal

PARTICIPANTS
Community members from the five study locations
AH clinicians & health service managers
Academic researchers

STUDY PROTOCOL

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Consolidate local issues
Thematic analysis
Ranking criteria verification
Participants
Community (n>100)

Verify issues
Sort issues
Rank issues
Participants
Community (n≤18)
Health staff (n≤18)
Researchers (n≤18)

Similarity analysis
Cluster analysis
Participants
Researchers (n>15)

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