





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

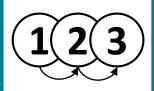
Community (n≤40) Health staff (n≤16)

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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