



# Western Alliance

A healthier regional Australia



# Digital Health CRC Ballarat Showcase

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## Overview

- Who are we?
  - Established 2014
  - Collaborative partnership between health services and academic research institutions in western region of Victoria
- Mission
  - To deliver collaborative health-care research and capability building programs that improve service delivery and health outcomes in western Victoria



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## Overview

- Strategic Priorities
  - Effective rural and regional research capacity building program
  - Cross-network research implementation program
  - Develop a sustainable organisation
  - Engaged, active network and community
  - **Achieve recognition as a Centre for Innovation in Regional Health**





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# **NHMRC Centre for Innovation in Regional Health Submission**

# NHMRC Centre for Innovation in Regional Health

## Accreditation

- “Accrediting leading centres of collaboration in health and medical research, research translation, research-infused education and training, and outstanding health care in regional and remote areas.”



# NHMRC Centre for Innovation in Regional Health

## Why Accredited – NHMRC perspective?

- Help create a self-improving regional health system so that regional health services can quickly take advantage of cutting-edge research and that the research agenda can be **shaped (and owned) by the needs of end-users**, such as health care providers and health care consumers.
  - Encourage leadership and collaboration in health research and translation
  - Promote the development and use of innovative and evidence-based models of health care practices and policies that are of **direct relevance and benefit** to regional and remote areas

# NHMRC Centre for Innovation in Regional Health

## Evaluation Criteria

1. Outstanding **leadership** in research- and research-based clinical care that **enhances the quality** of health care in regional and remote Australia.
2. Excellence in **innovative biomedical, clinical, public health and/or health services research addresses the challenges and opportunities** of health care provision in regional and remote Australia.
3. Programs and activities to **accelerate translation** of research findings into health care and ways of bringing health care problems to the researchers.
4. **Research-infused** education and training.
5. Health professional leaders who ensure that research **knowledge is translated** into policies and practices locally, nationally and internationally.
6. Strong **collaboration** amongst the research, translation, patient care and education programs.

# Submission Framework

- Geography:
  - Western Victoria and Western Alliance as a foundation platform for expansion to engage all of rural and regional Victoria.
- Domains of Activity:
  - Clinical Practice
  - Population Health
  - Health Services
- Underpinning Principles
  - Equity
  - Access to health services
  - Promoting consumer engagement
  - Translation and comparative effectiveness research
  - Quality, safety and innovation
  - Stimulating engagement with other industries and disciplines

# Submission Framework

- Major Platforms:

- Prevention
- Collaboration/Communication
- Workforce
- Infrastructure, data and technology
- Clinical trials
- New models of care

- Major Themes

- Chronic Disease/Multi-morbidity
- Ageing
- Farmer Health
- Child Health
- Mental Health
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health

# Submission Framework

- Organisational Tiers

- Members

- Health services
    - Universities

- Associates

- Key discipline or industry specialist groups

