

BACKGROUND

BUILDING SOCIALLY INCLUSIVE RURAL COMMUNITIES:

A complete resource

Building Socially Inclusive Rural Communities: A complete resource is an evidence-informed resource, developed collaboratively by the Loddon Mallee Region Primary Care Partnerships (PCPs) and their members, which aims to build socially inclusive communities across the region and beyond.

Rural communities disproportionately experience barriers to social inclusion including poorer access to housing, transport and support services. The smaller size of rural populations and their geographical isolation are physical characteristics that impact upon the privacy, distribution of power and acceptance of diversity within communities, ultimately impacting on social inclusion and cohesion.

The complexity and multi-dimensional nature of rural social inclusion and its links to health outcomes has proven challenging for practitioners and policy makers alike, with little existing peer-reviewed evidence of interventions addressing rural social exclusion.

Therefore, the Primary Care Partnerships of the Loddon Mallee Region of Victoria have, over 4-years, developed a framework and accompanying resource that provides information and ideas for translating the evidence and principles of rural social inclusion into actions that people can understand and apply in their own rural community, sector or setting. The informative package; *Building Socially Inclusive Rural Communities: A complete resource*, will facilitate the discussion of rural social inclusion throughout planning, implementation and evaluation processes across a diverse professional audience.

The resource has been developed based on evidence gained both from a rigorous literature review and in consultation with a broad range of health and community service professionals. This has been particularly important to ensure that the story and evidence of rural exclusion has strongly influenced the work. The package includes information and personal stories from communities across central and northern Victoria that have successfully addressed social exclusion.

For hard copies of the resource, please contact your local Loddon Mallee Region Primary Care Partnership.

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WORKSHOP

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A socially inclusive rural community is one where all people, regardless of diversity, are able to feel welcome in their communities and to fully participate in all aspects of rural community life.

This interactive workshop will engage and empower participants to be leaders of rural social inclusion whether within an organisation, partnership, collaboration or the broader rural community

Participants in the workshop can expect the following outcomes:

- Knowledge of the key principles and concepts of social inclusion;
- An understanding of the rural context and social exclusion;
- Introduction to the Rural Social Inclusion Framework;
- A practical understanding of, and confidence to apply, the Rural Social Inclusion Framework in their own setting and to facilitate its use within their wider community;
- Tools to review current or future work against the Rural Social Inclusion Framework.



TO ENQUIRE ABOUT A WORKSHOP, OR FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL PRIMARY CARE PARTNERSHIP IN THE LODDON MALLEE REGION OR OUR CENTRAL CONTACT BELOW:

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