

# Rural Health Service / Multi Purpose Service (MPS)

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#### INTRODUCTION:

The new Hospital Planning Unit (HPU) for Rural Health Services (RHS) and Multi Purpose Services (MPS) will replace the former NSW Health DS35 in 2006. The new HPU recognises the diversity of rural communities and the need to adapt and integrate a range of acute, aged and primary health care services to meet each community's needs. Note that stand-alone primary care facilities are addressed in HPU 255 – Community Health and are not further addressed in the new Guideline.

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[Examples](#) of Rural Health Services / Multi Purpose Services ;

[Organisations](#) grouped as Government ; Australian non-Government ; Overseas organisations

#### GOVERNMENT REPORTS:

AHMAC and National Rural Health Alliance (NRHA), *Healthy Horizons: Outlook 2003-2007 - A Framework for Improving the Health of Rural, Regional and Remote Australians*, Canberra, 2002.

[http://www.ruralhealth.org.au/nrhpublic/publicdocs/hh/03\\_hh0307rep.pdf](http://www.ruralhealth.org.au/nrhpublic/publicdocs/hh/03_hh0307rep.pdf)

[NOTE: This is considered an out of date document by at least one expert in this field as at March 2005]

Australian Government, Department of Health and Ageing, *The Multipurpose Service (MPS) Mode*.

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/wcms/publishing.nsf/Content/ruralhealth-services-mps-model.htm>

This document provides guidance to communities interested in developing a Multipurpose Service.

QUOTE: "**The MPS Model:** Multipurpose Services are integrated health and aged care services. They receive Commonwealth funding for flexible aged care places and State funding for a range of health services. Multipurpose Services may also attract State funding for capital works, however the availability of capital funds varies within each State/Territory. The joint Commonwealth/State Multipurpose Services (MPS) Program aims to provide a flexible and integrated approach to health and aged care service delivery to small rural communities."

Australian Resource Centre for Healthcare Innovations (ARCHI) E-Library

<http://www2.archi.net.au/e-library/service/rural> [NOTE: **Rural & Remote** covers innovative approaches to the delivery of health services in rural and remote areas. Login access required.]

Commonwealth Department of Health & Ageing, ***Multipurpose Services***  
<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/wcms/publishing.nsf/Content/ruralhealth-services-mps.htm>

[NOTE: This site links to Commonwealth documents with explanations of 'how MPS sites are selected'; 'site approvals' and details of what the Australian Government looking for in the service plan]

Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing, ***Ageing in Place: A guide for providers of residential aged care***, 2002.

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/wcms/publishing.nsf/Content/ageing-publicat-ageplace.htm>

[NOTE: This is considered an out of date document by at least one expert in this field as at March 2005]

Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing. ***The Guide: Implementing Occupational Health and Safety in Residential Aged Care***

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/wcms/publishing.nsf/Content/ageing-manuals-ohs-ohsindex.htm-copy2>

NSW Health, ***Rural Hospitals: Design Philosophy***

[http://www.asset.gov.com.au/ruralhospitals/design\\_philosophy.shtm](http://www.asset.gov.com.au/ruralhospitals/design_philosophy.shtm)

NSW Health Department, **(DS 35) Rural Health Service Building Guideline**, Design Series, Capital & Asset Management Branch, July 2000, National Library of Australia ISBN 0 7347 32 066, State Health Publication (CAMB) 00 – 0131

[NOTE: This Building Guideline represents an extensive body of work by the author (Colleen Wilson, Colleen Wilson Health Strategies Pty Ltd) as published by NSW Health in 2000. The Bibliography in Section 10 is extensive and contains relevant references including technical documents, articles, books, legislation, NSW Health Department Circulars, list of relevant Australian Standards, and other historical publications. **CD Publication can be ordered through:** The Better Health Centre, PO Box 5003, Gladesville NSW 2111. Ph: 9816 0452 Fax: 9816 0492 ,Email: <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/health-public-affairs/bhc/bhc.html>]

NSW Health Futures Planning Project ***Rural And Remote Aspects Of A High Level Strategic Plan For Health In NSW***, Issue paper prepared by the National Rural Health Alliance Inc

[www.health.nsw.gov.au/futuresplanning/pdf/rural\\_health.pdf](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/futuresplanning/pdf/rural_health.pdf)

NSW Health Policy Directive PD2005\_124, ***Multipurpose Services (Guidelines for NSW)*** [http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/policies/PD/2005/PD2005\\_124.html](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/policies/PD/2005/PD2005_124.html)

NSW Health, ***Rural Companion Guide to the Role Delineation of Health Services***, 1<sup>st</sup> Edition 2004. Statewide Services Development Branch. [NOTE: Email: <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/health-public-affairs/bhc/bhc.html> for copy]



NSW Health Department, ***Healthy Horizons: A Framework for Improving the Health of Rural, Regional and Remote Australians 1999-2003***.

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/policy/hsp/hhorizons.html>

[NOTE: Includes links to the NSW Report July 2001 plus the four parts of the Framework document]

NSW Health Department, **NSW Health Rural Health Plan**, September 2002. NSW Government <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/rural/ruralresponse.pdf>  
[NOTE: This report foreshadowed the major capital works for regional hospitals and defined rural referral hospitals within new networking arrangements]

Queensland Health Capital Works Branch, **Guidelines for the Planning, Design and Building of Primary Health Care Facilities in Indigenous Communities** [http://www.health.qld.gov.au/cwamb/indig\\_guide/default.asp](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/cwamb/indig_guide/default.asp)  
[NOTE: Web page Last Reviewed: 02 March 2004 when accessed 4 April 2006]

Victoria, Department of Human Services, **Multi-purpose Services (MPSs)** <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/ruralhealth/hservices/mpurpose.htm>  
[NOTE: based in Victoria are defined as “a subset of small rural health services that already operate under an integrated funding and accountability model across service types.” **Documents include**  [Sample Service Plan for Multipurpose Services \(581kb, pdf\)](#) and  [Service Planning Manual for Victorian Multipurpose Services 2003 \(410kb, pdf\)](#) ]

Western Australia Health Department, **Country Health Services October 2003.** <http://www.health.wa.gov.au/hrc/discussion/docs/031024%20kb%20Country%20Report%20from%20Prodn%20v14.pdf>  
[NOTE: A paper prepared by WA Country Health Services, Department of Health for the Health Reform Committee to facilitate public discussion. A brief outline of the focus of each of the 12 discussion papers is provided in the introduction.]

## ARTICLES:

Bidwell, Simon (2001) **Successful Models of Rural Health Service Delivery and Community Involvement in Rural Health: International Literature Review**, Centre for Rural Health : Christchurch, New Zealand. Accessible from [www.moh.govt.nz/crh](http://www.moh.govt.nz/crh)  
ISBN 0-9582474-1-2 (Internet)

Carter, Sir, David, **Healthcare in a Rural Setting**, London, British Medical Association, 2005,  
[http://www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/healthcarerural/\\$file/rural.pdf](http://www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/healthcarerural/$file/rural.pdf)

Durey, Angela and Lockhart, Chris, **A Review of Community Consultation In the Development of a Multi Purpose Service in Rural and Remote Australia**, Australian Health Review, Vol. 28(1) September 2004 pp. 97-104

Fleming, Richard and Bowles, John **Small, specialised long stay units for the dementing: their role and effectiveness.** First presented at the Alzheimers Disease International Conference in Edinburgh, 1994.

Grealy, James. **Dementia specific environmental design (webpages)** <http://www.bigkidz.biz/design.php> [Internet accessed 27 Mar 2006]

Hoodless, Mary and Evans, Frank, **The Multipurpose Service Program: The Best Health Service Option for Rural Australia**, Australian Journal of Primary Health, Vol. 7(1) 2001 pp. 90-96

Neumayer, Bob; Chapman, Janet and Whiteford, Gail, ***Role of Multi-purpose Service Programs Providing Residential Aged Care in Rural Australia: A Discussion Paper***, Australian Health Review, Vol. 11, 2003 pp. 287- 291

## **EXAMPLES (Rural Health Units & MPS)**

**NSW Rural Hospital and Health Service Program** includes the development of integrated Rural Hospitals and Health Services (previously termed Multi Purpose Services, or MPS's) Primary Health Care Services and other possible models.

[http://www.asset.gov.com.au/ruralhospitals/mpsp\\_program.shtm](http://www.asset.gov.com.au/ruralhospitals/mpsp_program.shtm)

[NOTE: Select the "[Developed Sites](#)" link for details by location of population, service configuration etc]

**Rural Hospitals: Kyogle - Project Overview**

<http://asset.gov.com.au/ruralhospitals/kyogle/overview.shtm>

**Forbes Factory:** Open Inspection Day (8 March 2002) to demonstrate the Modular Construction Process being utilised for the Rural Hospital and Health Service Capital Projects in New South Wales. [NOTE: Select the "[View Image Gallery](#)" for pictures of layout etc]

***Developing Integrated Rural Health Care Systems: An Evaluation of the Kadavu Rural Health Project in Fiji*** Quality Assurance Series, No. 24 December 2000, Commonwealth of Australia 2001

[http://akwa.usaid.gov.au/akw.nsf/unids/48E0865F223D8541CA256CD60018FCFE/\\$FILE/Kadavu\\_Rural\\_Health.pdf](http://akwa.usaid.gov.au/akw.nsf/unids/48E0865F223D8541CA256CD60018FCFE/$FILE/Kadavu_Rural_Health.pdf)

**Rural Clinical Services**, Spotlight Newsletter, April 2004, NSW Rural Health Taskforce [NOTE: Concise stories and pictures of projects across NSW focus on rural health examples]

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/rural/taskforce/pdf/spotlightapril04.pdf>

Heywood Rural Health Service, ***Milestone for Heywood Rural Health Service*** (Media Release) Friday, 17 May 2002

<http://hnb.dhs.vic.gov.au/web/pubaff/medrel.nsf/0/ef5074297095e402ca256bbc0015c3ce?OpenDocument>

## **ORGANISATIONS:**

**National Rural Health Alliance (NRHA)**

<http://www.ruralhealth.org.au/>

[NOTE: NRHA is the peak body working to improve the health of Australians in rural and remote areas. Has information on emergent rural health issues, conferences (eg, National Rural Health Conference). Site includes access details for the free CD of '**Rural and Remote Health Papers 1991 – 2005**' This CD is a valuable resource for students, academics, researchers and policy writers in the field of rural, regional and remote health. The 1,800 separate authored documents contain 17,000 pages of information and are searchable by key words and phrases)

**Australian Rural Health Education Network (ARHEN)**

<http://www.arhen.org.au/>

**NSW Rural Health Taskforce**

[www.health.gov.au/rural](http://www.health.gov.au/rural)

**Rural Health Advisory Council (RHAC)**, Queensland Government, Queensland Health

<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/rhac/default.asp>

**Rural & Regional Health Services Branch**, Rural & Regional Health & Aged Care Services Division, Department of Human Services, State Government of Victoria, Australia

<http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/rrhacs/index.htm>

[NOTE: You need to see both the DHS, RRHACS website and Victorian Government's Rural Health Web site

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/ruralhealth/index.htm> for complete details]

**Office of Rural Health, Rural Health and Palliative Care Branch, Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing**

### ***State/Territory Governments Organisations***

#### **New South Wales**

NSW Health, [NSW Rural Hospital and Health Service Program](#)

<http://www.asset.gov.com.au/ruralhospitals/>

#### **Queensland**

Queensland Health, [Office of Rural Health](#)

<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/orh/>

#### **South Australia**

Department of Human Services, [Social Justice and Country Division](#)

<http://www.dhs.sa.gov.au/home.asp?nav=about-admin-country>

#### **Tasmania**

Department of Health and Human Services, Multipurpose Services in Tasmania

<http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/ruralhealth/mps.html>

#### **Victoria**

Department of Human Services,

[Multipurpose Services in Victoria](#) (content via Better Health Channel)

[http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/bhcv2/bhcarticles.nsf/pages/Rural\\_health\\_services\\_support\\_available?open](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/bhcv2/bhcarticles.nsf/pages/Rural_health_services_support_available?open)

#### **Western Australia**

Department of Health

[Multipurpose Services in Western Australia](#)

<http://www.health.wa.gov.au/mps/>

#### **New Zealand, Centre for Rural Health**

<http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/0/55b8e684cb76f9c7cc256d9f000ace50?OpenDocument>

[NOTE: The Centre closed at the end of 2002. Although copies of these documents have been deposited with the National Library of New Zealand, and the Ministry of Health Library, the Centre intended that they are made available indefinitely in electronic form. Reports include models of service delivery, workforce reports etc with international literature reviews]

### ***Australian Non-Government rural health organisations***

Section extract from Australian Department of Health and Ageing, **Page currency, Latest update: 16 September, 2005** Source:

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/wcms/publishing.nsf/Content/ruralhealth-about-links.htm>

- [ABC rural](#)
- [ABC Heywire](#) - giving regional youth a voice
- [Health Workforce Australia](#) - provides information on health workforce planning in Australia, including the activities of national committees such as the Australian Health Workforce Advisory Committee (AHWAC) (covering nursing, midwifery and allied health workforces) and the Australian Medical Workforce Advisory Committee (AMWAC) (which has responsibility for medical workforce planning).
- [Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health](#) (SARRAH) a 'grassroots' organisation whose membership consists of individual Allied Health Professionals across rural and remote Australia. SARRAH is nationally recognised as the peak body representing rural and remote Allied Health professionals.
- [Centre for Primary Health Care](#) - a joint initiative of Queensland Health and the University of Queensland, established to help communities respond to health needs.
- [Drug Action Week](#) ® 18-24 June 2006 - aims to raise awareness about alcohol and other drug issues and promote the achievements of those who work to reduce drug-related harm. Get involved by holding your own event or participating in an event planned in your area.
- [Farmsafe Australia](#) - Major occupational health and safety organisation for rural Australia.
- [National Farmers' Federation](#) - a national voice for Australian agriculture.
- **National Rural Health Alliance (NRHA)** - the peak national body working to improve the health of Australians living in rural and remote areas in Australia. A very useful multi-link site, with links to Australian and overseas rural health/telehealth resources, the Alliance's member bodies, a fortnightly email forum, conferences and publications. <http://www.ruralhealth.org.au/>
- [NSW Rural Doctors Network](#) - working to recruit, retain and support general practitioners in country NSW.
- [Pharmacy Guild of Australia - Rural and Remote Pharmacy](#)
- [Royal College of Nursing, Australia](#) - a leading professional organisation representing nurses from all practice areas throughout Australia; administers Australian Government nursing scholarships.
- [Rural Health Education Foundation](#) - includes facility allowing rural health professionals to watch education programs through the Internet.
- [Working With Indigenous Peoples With Disability](#) - provides information about a wide range of practical resources for allied health professionals and carers working with Indigenous peoples with disability living in remote areas of Australia.

### **Overseas Organisations**

- **Center for Rural Health Policy Analysis (US)**  
<http://www.rupri.org/healthpolicy/index.html>
- **Office of Rural Health Policy (US)**  
<http://www.ruralhealth.hrsa.gov/>
- **Maine Rural Health Research Center**  
<http://muskie.usm.maine.edu/ihp/ruralhealth/>
- **Office of Rural Health - Canada**  
<http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/rh-sr/index.html>
- **Canadian Rural Partnership**  
[http://www.rural.gc.ca/crp\\_e.html](http://www.rural.gc.ca/crp_e.html)
- **The Institute of Rural Health (UK)**

<http://www.irh.ac.uk/> provides documents with mainly operational (health service delivery) focus.

- **The National Rural Health Association (USA)**

<http://www.nrharural.org/> is a non-profit membership organization with more than 10,000 members that provides leadership on rural health issues.

## **JOURNALS, MAGAZINES & CONFERENCES**

**PubMed** ([www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)). Article abstracts through the National Library of Medicine.

**Rural and Remote Health** <http://rrh.deakin.edu.au>

[NOTE: Hosted at Deakin University, Victoria, Australia, RRH offers on-line reviews, original research and other academic articles on all facets of rural health, including policy, education and clinical issues. Site users are invited to participate in a moderated forum on rural health issues. Described as “The International Electronic Journal of Rural and Remote Health Research, Education, Policy and Practice”]

**The Australian Journal of Rural Health**

<http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/journal.asp?ref=1038-5282&site=1>

[NOTE: a multidisciplinary refereed journal, and since its inception in 1993 has contributed to the accumulation of knowledge of rural health in Australia. The Journal aims to establish a national and international reputation for the quality of its scholarly discourse and value to rural health professionals.]

**The Journal of Rural Health (USA)**

<http://www.nrharural.org/pagefile/journal.html>

[NOTE: a quarterly journal published by the NRHA (USA), offers original research encompassing evaluations of model and demonstration projects to improve rural health, statistical comparisons of rural and urban differences, and mathematical models examining the use of health care services by rural residents. Summaries of recently published rural health research discuss the objectives, geographical focus, database, and methods and outcomes of the research.]

**The Online Journal of Rural Nursing and Health Care (USA)**

<http://www.rno.org/journal/index.html>

[NOTE: offers the latest in peer-reviewed research and practice-related features for rural nurses and other health professionals. This type of media allows fast replies to issues and greater contribution opportunities than are available in printed matter. Includes links to the RNO Digital Library.]

**The Canadian Journal of Rural Medicine**

<http://www.cma.ca/cma/common/displayPage.do?pageId=/staticContent/HTML/N0/I2/cjrm/index.htm>

The Canadian Journal of Rural Medicine (CJRM), the official journal of the Society of Rural Physicians of Canada.

**Rural eHealth Forum**, to be held in **Geraldton, Western Australia on 18-19th May 2006**.

[NOTE: This conference is the first eHealth conference to be held in WA and possibly the first Australian eHealth conference to focus on rural and remote issues. A preliminary program, registration form and details available at

[www.cucrhu.uwa.edu.au/eHealth](http://www.cucrhu.uwa.edu.au/eHealth) ]

**8th National Rural Health Conference**

<http://www.ruralhealth.org.au/nrhpublic/publicdocs/conferences/8thNRHC/Home.htm>

[NOTE: Conference focus was on issues of workforce & cross-sectoral service delivery in rural/remote Australia, especially in relation to Indigenous health. Included an **Arts-in-health** session in the presentations]

## **2006 National SARRAH Conference**

'Building Bridges ... Crossing Borders'

13 - 16 September 2006, Albury Convention Centre - Albury, NSW

[Conference Website](#) 7th national conference for rural and remote allied health professionals.

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### **Footnotes:**

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- This reading and reference list of resources on **Rural Health Service / Multi Purpose Service (MPS) Health Facilities** will be included in the CHAA Bookmarks Set as of the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2006. Notice of the existence of this resource was made in CHAA Newsletter 2006-03, dated 1st April 2006. The reading and reference set was developed just prior to release of the draft Guideline for expert review in mid-April 2006.
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