

## Webinar: Spotlight on non-traditional rural health researcher pathways

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There are many ways to enter a career in research. This webinar will highlight the non-traditional career pathway taken by DELIVER team members **Alison Buccheri** and **Megan Battersby**. We will explore the factors that influenced these team members to pursue research careers, as well as the support, resources, and conditions that have enabled them to build research capability and contribute to improved healthcare delivery.

**Dr Olivia King** along with Megan, Alison and their managers, **Fiona Brew** (Chief Executive Colac Area Health) and **Jodie Reid** (Co-Director Specialist Clinics, At Home Programs and Palliative Care Medicine, Emergency, Subacute and Home Directorate Barwon Health) will provide insights into both individual and organisational experiences of developing non-traditional research career pathways in rural and regional health contexts.



**Megan Battersby** is an Accredited Practising Dietitian and currently working as the DELIVER Project Lead at Barwon Health. As well as holding a clinical role in the Complex Wound Management Clinic, she has been supporting various DELIVER research projects and organisational initiatives to evaluate At Home services. Megan's DELIVER role and STaRR project have allowed her to continue to evolve her knowledge and skills as an emerging researcher, combining her interests in health service research and service evaluation to inform At Home care delivery in regional Victoria.



**Alison Buccheri** is a Research Translation Coordinator DELIVER / Western Alliance. Alison started her healthcare career as an early intervention speech pathologist in 2007, before working as a generalist clinician across several rural health services. Alison joined the Research Unit at Colac Area Health in 2021 and has contributed to research projects exploring topics including dysphagia management, malnutrition, staff wellbeing, rural healthcare, student supports, and home-based care for older adults. Alison's favourite thing about working in research is seeing how it can lead to improvements in staff and consumer experiences of healthcare.