

Promoting Rural Health Careers:

The National Rural Health Students' Network

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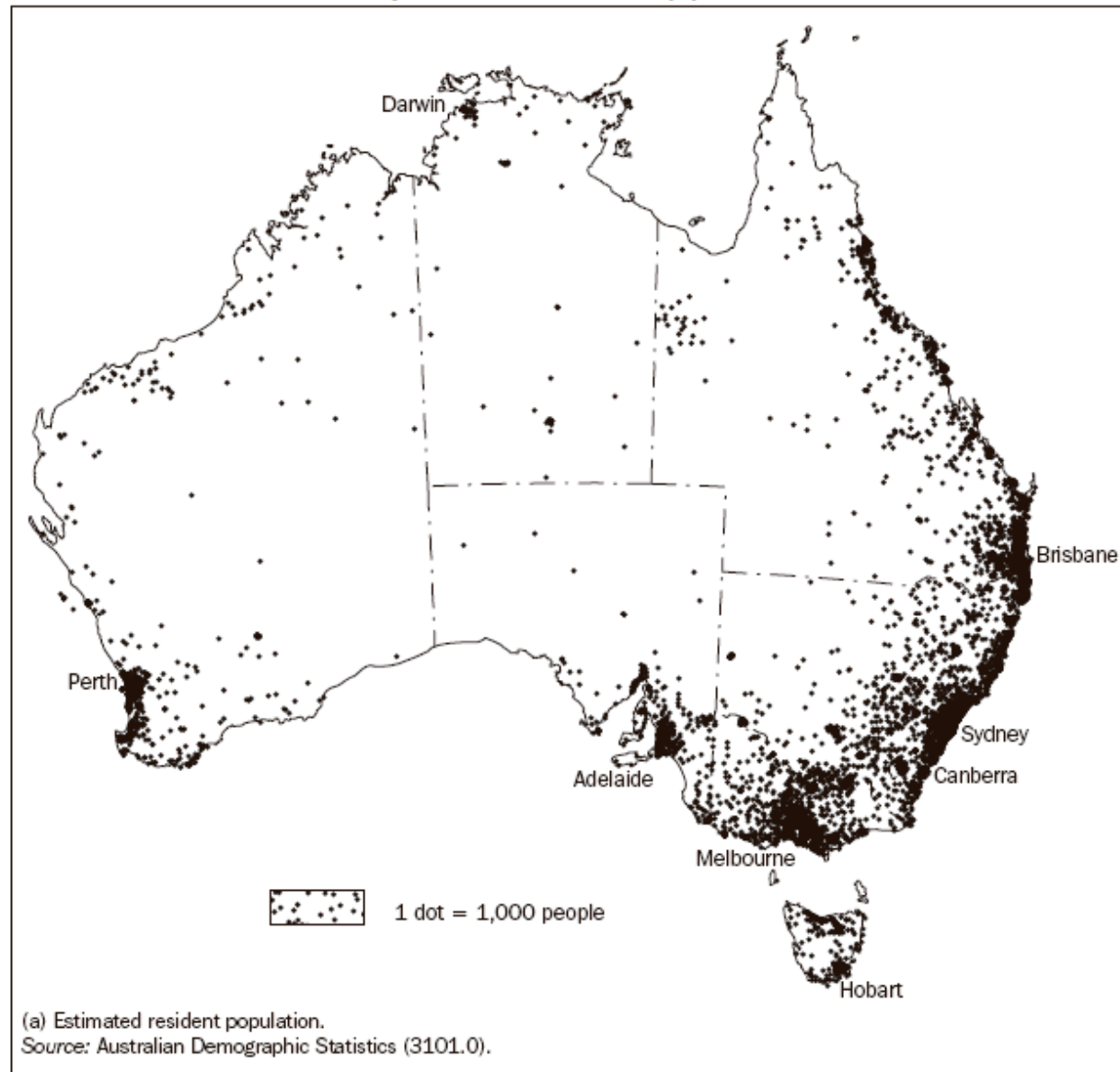
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7.18 Population distribution(a) - June 2006



Rural Workforce Agencies

- Function - to recruit and retain health workers in rural and remote areas
- Non government organisations
- Spread across the country with specific patch plus national organisation



National Rural Health Students' Network Program

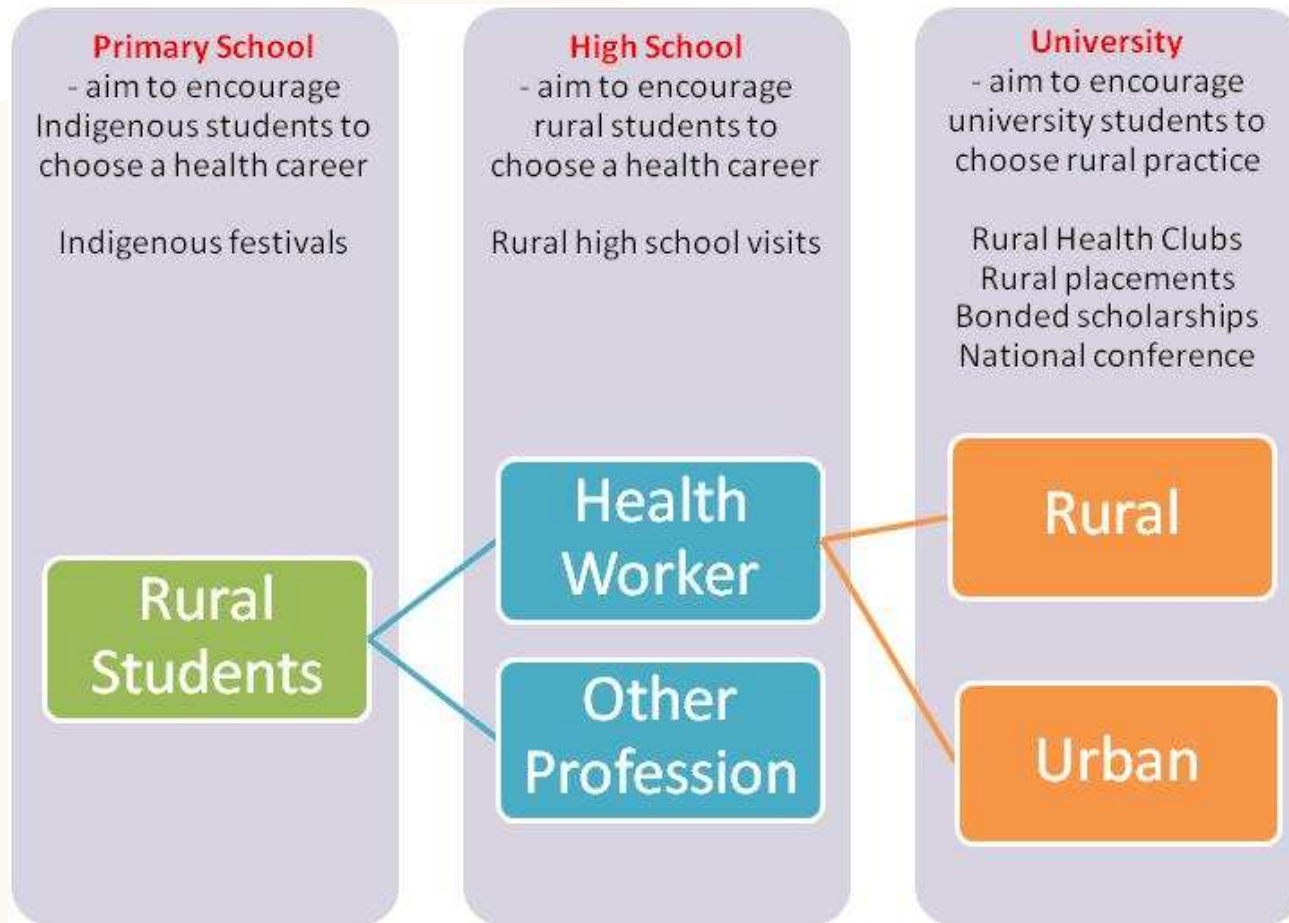
- Rural Health Clubs



- National network and office



The Education Pipeline to Rural Workers



Primary School

- Aim – to encourage Indigenous students to choose a health career
- Indigenous Festivals program



High School

- Aim – to encourage rural students to choose a health career
- Rural High School Visits Program
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Rural High School Visits

*inspiring the future
of rural health*



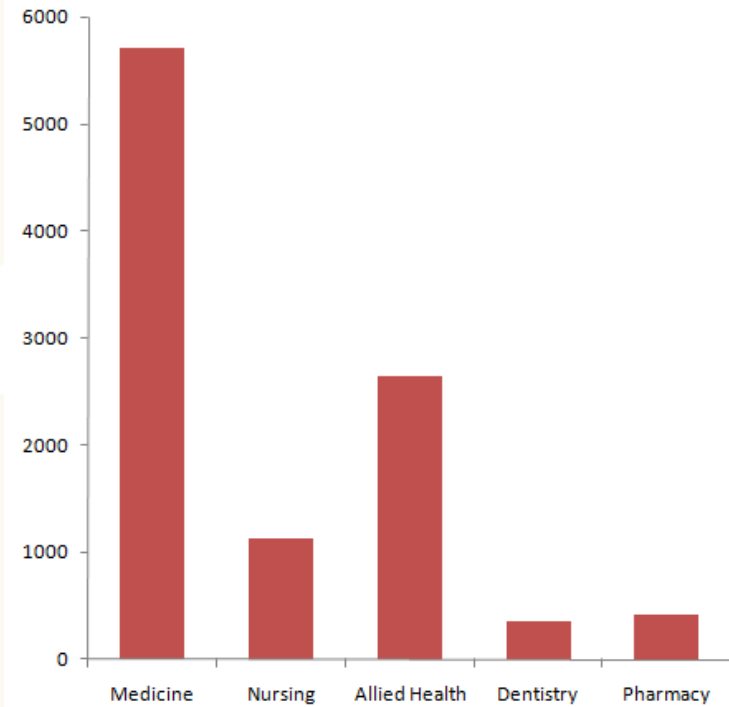
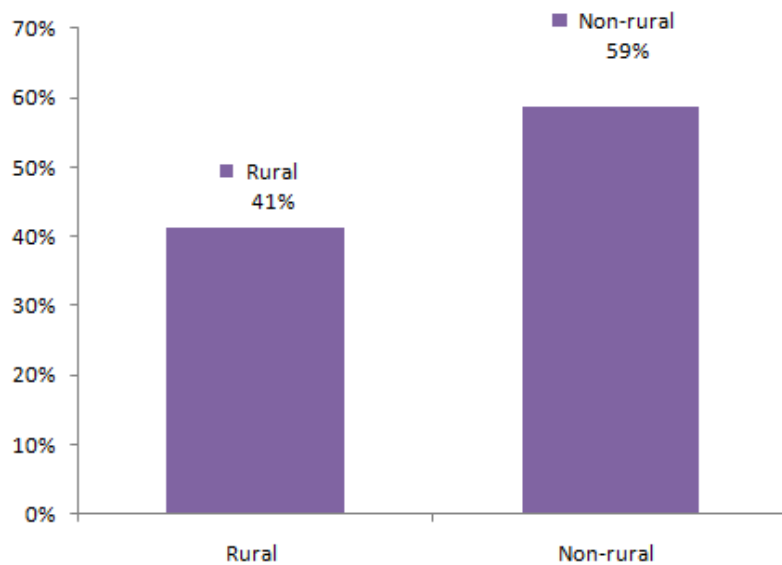
Rural Health Clubs

- Aim – to encourage health students to choose a rural career
- Local activities – social and peer pressure!
- Opportunities – CONS, RHSV and Indigenous festivals



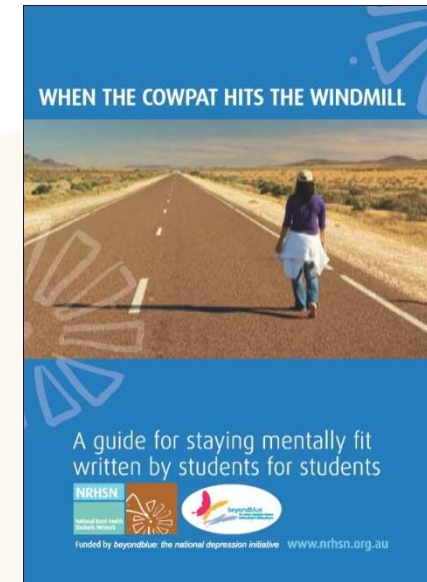
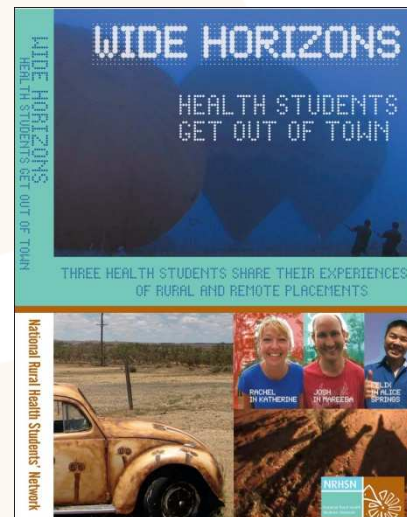
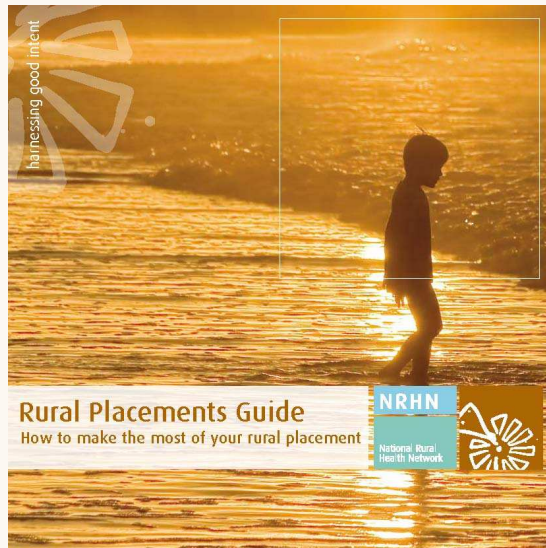
Who are they?

Membership Rural origin Vs Non-rural



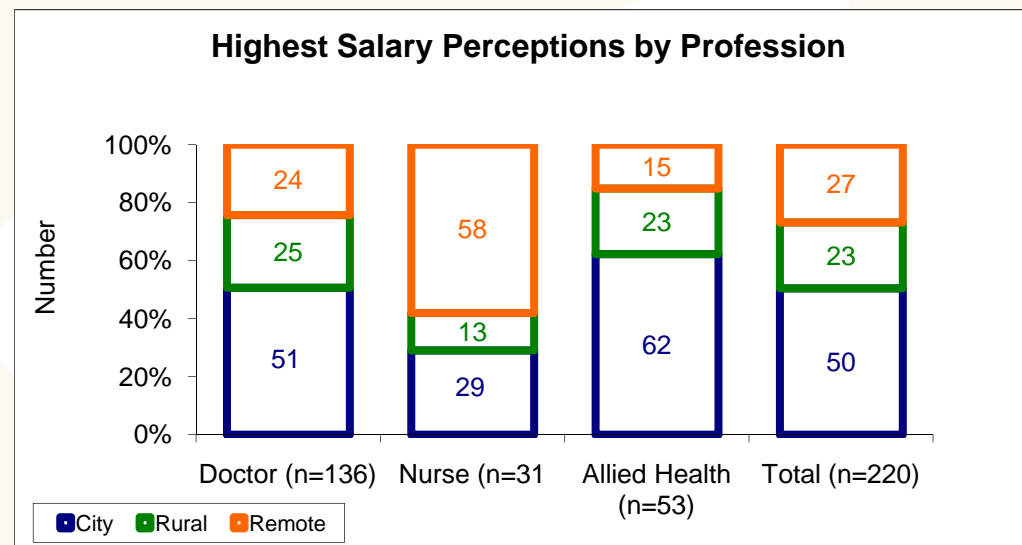
Rural Health Clubs – Rural Placements

- Placements guide
- DVD
- Mental health guide



Informative

- Ask the future workforce what they need – for example:
 - They think you earn less working in rural
 - We know you earn more
 - Need to match fact with perception = more likely to work rural!



Other Education Initiatives

- Produce more – increase places at university
- Places for rural students at university (and bonding)
- Scholarships for rural students (and bonding)
- Cost of university reimbursement for years of rural practice
- Compulsory rural placements for all medical students
- Rural Clinical Schools



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