IDENTIFYING ALLIED HEALTH RESEARCH PRIORITIES
INFORMED BY CONSUMERS, CLINICIANS, HEALTH SERVICE MANAGERS AND RESEARCHERS

STUDY AIMS
- Bring three groups of people together to identify and prioritise local health issues
- Translate priority health issues into research questions related to allied health (AH) practice

BACKGROUND
- Local issues aren’t always heard by researchers
- Research doesn’t always match everyone’s needs
- Research doesn’t always address regional/rural health inequalities

PHASE 1
- Forum, Survey
  Identify local health care issues
  Participants: Community (n>100)
- Focus groups
  Identify values for prioritisation (for ranking)
  Participants: Community (n≤40) Health staff (n≤16)
- Delphi rounds
  Verify issues
  Sort issues
  Rank issues
  Participants: Community (n≤18) Health staff (n≤18) Researchers (n≤18)

PHASE 2
- Translate
  Develop AH research questions for priority issues
  Participants: Researchers (n>15)

STUDY LOCATIONS
- Ballarat
- Ararat
- Stawell
- Horsham
- Warracknabeal

PARTICIPANTS
- Community members from the five study locations
- AH clinicians & health service managers
- Academic researchers

STUDY PROTOCOL

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