



Rural & Remote  
Medical Services Ltd  
2020 Highlights



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## **Partnering with local SMEs and ATSI organisations to enable them to access new technology or larger markets.**

RARMS has signed an agreement with Orange based SME allied health company PhyzX 2U to support their expansion of services into rural and remote communities. RARMS is working with PhyzX 2U to provide patient referrals to expand their capacity to employ people in rural and regional areas, and support the clinical training of rural and regional allied health students to grow the rural health workforce.



## **Help Indigenous businesses to expand opportunities and generate jobs.**

RARMS signed an MOU with rurally-based First Australians Health to work together to co-develop a new mobile hospital services to improve access to health services in small communities, and train Indigenous health workers. 50% of First Australians Health employees are Indigenous Australians. RARMS sub-contracts GP and VMO services to the Coonamble Aboriginal Medical Service to support increased training and jobs for Indigenous people in an Indigenous-led business.



## **Support local Traineeships, including Indigenous Traineeships.**

RARMS supported Mental Health First Aid training for all staff in our rural and remote locations to improve how we support people with mental health concerns and grow greater awareness in our communities. RARMS has commenced preparation of an Indigenous Trainee Program to support rural and remote Aboriginal youth to undertake training in RARMS practices.



## **Support rural and Indigenous kids to undertake clinical placements in rural and remote towns.**

RARMS signed an agreement with the Rural Clinical School of the Australian National University to provide clinical placements for rural, remote and Indigenous medical students in our practices. We also have agreements with the University of Newcastle, University of Sydney and Monash University for nursing and allied health placements.



## **Support local social development initiatives such as school breakfast.**

RARMS grants program supports health related initiatives including support for school breakfast program, kids sports and health innovation. RARMS also funds the Cooee Initiative which aims to engage local community in planning for their own health futures and support improved health literacy, promotion and outcomes.



## **Support technology and R&D transfers, introducing new innovations that foster new markets and eco-systems in the local market place.**

RARMS has funded the Cooee Initiative to work with communities to create a new health insight portal working with a start-up SME - Seer Data Analytics which employs staff in regional areas. The portal aims to empower rural and remote communities and stakeholders to improve the targeting of future investments to improve return on investment and stimulate new income generating programs and activities.



## **Providing new jobs, skills transfer and local training and career development opportunities.**

By operating services in rural and remote communities, RARMS stimulates local economic growth and employment. An independent study of two RARMS practices found that RARMS generates between 10-16 new jobs in rural and remote towns and more than \$1 million in economic activity.

