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The **Pingelly Community Resource Centre Inc** in partnership with various organisations, has spearheaded the development of a pioneering approach to home care and support for elderly individuals in rural and remote areas of Australia. The **Staying in Place initiative** represents a community-led solution to address the challenges of thin markets and poor service provision in rural and remote areas, demonstrating the potential for sustainable, locally-driven models of care.



Social enterprise **Australian Centre for Rural Entrepreneurship (ACRE)** has created a blueprint for rural and remote Australian communities to positively respond to the devastation of natural disasters. **Wilderness Collective** is a community-led initiative in Far East Gippsland founded by five passionate locals in response to the 2019/2020 Black Summer bushfires. Wilderness Collective is using a place-based approach, with a focus on co-working and community collaboration to shape a new future for the town Mallacoota, simultaneously building an enterprising culture and thriving year round local economy.



Queensland based **IMPACT Community Services (IMPACT)** used their passion for uplifting vulnerable populations across their region to offer a voluntary initiative targeted towards supporting jobseekers facing employment barriers. Since early 2022, the **Workfit program** has met more than 750 Bundaberg and Hervey Bay jobseekers at their point of employability need and equipped them with skills to cultivate a self-awareness, resilience, and a sense of personal development, coupled with AI technology that aligns a participant's strengths to available job opportunities. The Workfit model leverages the strengths of a regional, rural or remote workforce to bridge the gap to place-based industry need.



The **National Rural Health Alliance** is dedicated to advocating for equitable healthcare access and improved outcomes for the 7 million people living outside Australia's major cities. Through successful case studies in Mareeba in North Queensland and Bogan Shire in Western New South Wales, the Alliance helped spearhead **grassroots-led healthcare initiatives** in preventing the loss of essential services. The organisation demonstrates the potential for community-driven solutions to address healthcare challenges in rural areas, offering valuable lessons for communities facing similar issues.

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Reaching more than 22,500 students through face-to-face sessions in schools and communities, **Illuminate Education Australia** focuses on fostering confidence, creativity, and capability among students, enabling them to address local challenges. Through the **Illuminate Challenge**, students have created and taken ownership of their own initiatives to address issues specific to their own communities.



With pastoral land making up 21% of Western Australia's geographical area, the **Southern Rangelands Pastoral Alliance** recognised the role the industry played not only on a national scale but internationally. Using the 2026 International Year of Rangelands Pastoralists (IYRP) framework, the group is sharing knowledge and learning through a partnership with Kenyan farmers. SRPA and its members are using their skills to trial initiatives in digital technologies and sustainable production to lay the groundwork for a more balanced and more sustainable pastoral sector for years to come.



The **Red Earth Community Foundation** has been instrumental in driving positive change across the Burnett Inland region in Queensland through their community foundation and 'pay it forward' models of operation. The foundation has invested in its region's positive transformation through the coordination and hosting of the annual **Community Leadership Program and Community Leadership Forum** that spark conversation about solutions to local problems. With a focus on collaboration, inclusivity, and long-term sustainability, community foundations have become invaluable assets in driving meaningful change from the grassroots level.



The **Remote Australians Matter** (RAM) initiative was founded to address the disparities in access to primary healthcare in remote and very remote regions of Australia. The creation of the **RAM Conference** convened 130 stakeholders and community representatives, led to the Charleville Charter, a document that underpins the delivery of universal health care to remote Australia. Through engaging communities in the design and development of tailored health solutions, RAM believes that creating robust health economic development will help rural communities continue to contribute to additional vital industries including defence, biosecurity, border security and economic security.

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NFP House has the desire to see not for profits and community groups build their capacity, help reduce duplication and optimise community assets. The organisation's annual **Regional Report Card** for Gladstone reports on the health of the not for profit sector, supporting funders with robust data, and identifying areas of strength and need. As a result, not for profit organisations have access to a concise, clear improvement plan, access to volunteers to help them complete the improvement plan and links to funding for their organisation.



Members of the **Outback Highway Development Council** have one shared mission - to see the **2700km Outback Way** from Laverton, WA to Winton, QLD sealed. The Council has been instrumental in advocating for the Outback Way since its formation in 1998, securing decades of bipartisan government support and funding to increase safety, enhance connectivity and stimulate economic growth. The work of the OHDC Inc has enhanced opportunities for tourists to explore Western Australia, the Northern Territory and Queensland, and put much needed dollars back into regional communities.



ShoreTrack enables and supports young people disengaging from school and learning. They have been recognised for best practice in **reengaging students in school and connecting early school leavers to employment opportunities**. Its program has been identified as an 'enabler' in the Nambucca Regional Economic Development Strategy. Data shows outstanding results for all the 45 school students involved in ShoreTrack programs in 2023 including improving school attendance by 40 to 100% and retention to Year 12 by 30%, with an average 55% decrease in negative behaviours in 12 months, whilst 50% of early school leavers engaged in skills-based training and have found employment.

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