

S03E03 - Rural Remote Episode Show notes

When the NDIS was originally envisaged in its early kind of pilots and design phases, the idea was that it would operate in much the same way across Australia. A central feature of the design was that it would be nationally consistent. Has this been the experience of NDIS participants and providers in rural and remote areas of Australia? How has COVID-19 changed access to services in these areas?

In this episode, we hear from [Dr Stuart Wark](#), from the School of Rural Medicine at the University of New England. He talks about the key issues that NDIS participants in rural and remote areas are facing and how the uptake in the use of telehealth during the COVID-19 pandemic could improve access to services for NDIS participants. You can learn more about Dr Wark's work in [his article in the Rural and Remote edition of IDA](#) magazine. ASID members can watch [Dr Wark's webinar with Laura Hogan](#) on Issues for rural and remote Australia.

We also hear about [Associate Professor Angela Dew](#)'s research projects including: a project at Sydney University funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council looking at allied health services in regional, rural and remote areas of New South Wales; and her more recent work within an Australia Research Council Indigenous Discovery grant looking at NDIS planning in remote areas. You can read more about this project in [IDA's September 2020](#) issue.

Read the [transcript](#) of this interview on the ASID website.

Look out for the upcoming rural and remote special issue of journal RAPIDD which Dr Dew is guest editor for (expected mid 2021).

We also have a bonus episode due in mid 2021 where you will hear more about rural and remote issues from a service provider perspective.

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