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Research interests

- social change processes in rural communities
- multidisciplinary research frameworks
- social dimensions of water reform such as major water pipeline infrastructure

Research Output

Journal papers

Schwarz, I., McRae-Williams, P. and Park, D. (Submitted). Identifying and utilising a farmer typology for targeted practice change programs: A case study of changing water supply in the Wimmera Mallee. *Extension Farming Systems Journal*

Working papers

Schwarz, I. and McRae-Williams, P. Understanding the socio-economic value of water pipelines for Australian dryland farming regions – A systematic review of the literature.

Schwarz, I. Water reform and the resilience of small business people in drought affected agricultural communities.

Conference papers and presentations

Schwarz, I. and McRae-Williams P. (2009). Does major regional infrastructure influence the resilience of a rural community? in *Rural Health: The Place to Be....* Proceedings of the 10th National Rural Health Conference , 17-20 May, Cairns, Qld.

Schwarz, I. and McRae-Williams P. (2008). Closing the loop between research and sustainable regional development in *Creative Solutions – expect them to be different.* Proceedings of the 12th National Conference of Sustainable economic growth for regional Australia, 18-20 August, Albury, NSW.

Schwarz, I. and McDonald, J. (2007). Place matters! Rural as an 'enabling culture' for female GPs in *Standing up for Rural Health: Learning from the past. Action for the future.* Proceedings of the 9th National Rural Health Conference, 7-10 Mar 2007, Albury, NSW.

McRae-Williams, P., M Deutsher, M., and **Schwarz, I.** (2007) Is the pipeline our lifeline? Water reform and sustainability in drought- affected dryland communities of rural Victoria in AWA Oz Water conference 2007, Sydney

Hall, J. and **Schwarz, I.** (2005) Exploring connections between a rural campus, nursing education and the health of a community in *Royal College of Nursing Australia (RCNA) National Conference*, 6 – 8 July, The Grand Hotel, Glenelg, SA.

Schwarz, I. and McDonald, J. (2004) Patriarchy and Resistance to Change in Rural General Practice: Progress by Female Activists in Revisioning a Male Institution in *The Annual Conference of The Australian Sociological Association: Revisioning Institutions: Change in the 21st Century*, 8-11 December 2004, La Trobe University, Beechworth Campus, Beechworth

Schwarz, I. (2004) Shut the Gate! How ideological and cultural closure of medicine continues to limit opportunities for female rural GPs in *University of Ballarat Annual Research Conference 2004: Regional Research – Connecting the Local with the Global*, 3 November 2004, Geoffrey Blainey Auditorium, Mt Helen Campus, Mt Helen

Schwarz, I. (2003) The agenda for change among female rural general practitioners in 7th *National Rural Health Conference: The Art and Science of Health Community*, 1-4 March 2003, Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart. On CD: Rural and Remote Health Papers 1991-2003, National Rural Health Alliance Inc. Available at:
<http://www.ruralhealth.org.au/nrhpublic/Index.cfm?Category=ConferencePast>

Schwarz, I. (2003) Crafting strategies of change: The experience of women key activists in rural general practice in *Institute for Regional and Rural Research Forum*, 17 April 2003 Research and Graduate Studies Training Room, Ground floor, F Building, Mt Helen Campus, University of Ballarat.

Schwarz, I. (2003) A fragile balance: women doctors in rural general practice – lifestyle, career and family in *University of Ballarat Annual Research Conference; 'Our Research – Regional & National Significance'*, 5th November 2003, Geoffrey Blainey Auditorium, C Building, Mt Helen Campus, University of Ballarat.

Schwarz, I. (2002) "Women in the front of the outback: Inside out change needed for rural medicine in *University of Ballarat Annual Research Conference: 'Breaking New Ground: Regional Research Partnerships'*, 6th November 2002, Geoffrey Blainey Auditorium, Mt Helen Campus.

Reports

Schwarz, I. and McRae-Williams, P. (forthcoming). *Farmer behaviour and enterprise change as a result of the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline – One year on*. A report prepared for the Department of Primary Industries, Horsham. January 2009. WIDCORP report 2/08.

Schwarz, I. and McRae-Williams, P. (2009). *Identifying farmer typologies, attitudes and aspirations of the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline - Supply System 6*. A report prepared for the Department of Primary Industries, Horsham. December 2008. WIDCORP report 3/08.

Schwarz, I. (2008). *Water, regional development & resilience: Exploring the linkages between water reform and the resilience of small business people in drought-affected rural Australia*. July 2008. WIDCORP Report 1/08.

Schwarz, I. and McRae-Williams, P. (2007). *Adapting to and maximising opportunities from water pipeline projects in dryland regions. A review of literature*. WIDCORP Report 1/07

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Schwarz, I. and McRae-Williams, P. (2006). *Desk-based review: 20 November 2006*. Prepared for The Wimmera-Southern Mallee Drought Report 2007. WIDCORP Report 4/06.

Deutscher, M., **Schwarz, I.** and McRae-Williams, P. (2006). *The Northern Mallee Pipeline: Exploring community perceptions of its impacts*. Full report and summary report, WIDCORP Report 3/06.

Schwarz, I. (2006). *WIDCORP Knowledge Base: Background paper*. WIDCORP Report 1/06.

Schwarz, I. (2005). *(Re)creating spaces within rural general practice: Women as agents of change at the organisational and practitioner levels* [PhD dissertation]. School of Behavioural, Social Science and Humanities. University of Ballarat.

Other papers

Schwarz, I. McDonald, J., Hynes, C. 2003, *Regional Research Frameworks Project: Position Paper No. 2 Critical Issues Facing Rural Regions*, Institute for Regional and Rural Research, University of Ballarat

Other presentations

Schwarz, I. (2003) "Breaking the drought on rural GPs" at *Beaufort & Skipton Health Service Annual General Meeting*, 28th October 2003, Beaufort & Skipton Health Service, Beaufort.