



## **Virtual Health – Myth or Reality**

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In 2008/9 Loddon Mallee Rural Health Alliance was funded by the Federal Government Department of Broadband, Communications and Digital Economy to pilot new technology innovations for trauma and critical models of care. By using a combination of high-speed broadband, high definition video conferencing and CERNER's virtual i-NET product suite, a virtual specialist care environment was created. Can it work? Common sense says yes, international, national and regional e-health initiatives prove that health service delivery can be significantly enhanced by using new e-health technologies. This presentation will uncover the realities of delivering virtual care and offer solutions to who has to take the next step to make virtual health a reality.