

## **Research Biography**

Imogen Schwarz is a Research Fellow for the Water in Drylands Collaborative Research Program (WIDCORP), University of Ballarat. In 2006, she graduated with a PhD in social science from the University of Ballarat. Imogen's current research focus is examination of social impacts of (water infrastructure) change on rural dryland communities. Recent projects have investigated the socio-economic impacts of drought within the Wimmera-Mallee region; farmer typologies, attitudes and aspirations towards water reform; and resilience of small businesses within rural towns. Imogen works within a multidisciplinary team which places considerable emphasis on strengthening relationships between different disciplines and the importance of social dimensions of water planning and management. WIDCORP's location at the Horsham Campus is ideally suited for conducting research that delivers benefit to the region it serves.