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Mental well-being and recovery in rural communities

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Australians Working Together: The importance of a supported employment program in psychosocial rehabilitation.

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Pathways Rehabilitation and Support is a community-based agency providing psychosocial rehabilitation programs for people with a mental illness in Victoria's Barwon region. Pathways provides a series of linked rehabilitation activities, from initial steps of recovery/social/community participation, through prevocational activities, and onto supported employment. This presentation will focus on supported employment, describing the importance of work as a rehabilitation goal. The role of Clearwater Business Services (a Pathways program providing employment opportunities for mentally ill people) will be described. The presentation will also detail the Australians Working Together (AWT) program, highlighting the planned research and data mining goals.