The Greater Murray Clinical School was established within the Faculty of Medicine at Council’s 1 November 1999 meeting. It was to commence operations in January 2000 “in collaboration with the Greater Murray Area Health Service of NSW Health and the Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care, to provide a focus for teaching and research in rural health” (resolution CL99/68c). The first director of the school was Professor Mohamed Khadra.

On 23 July 2001 Council changed the name of the school to the School of Rural Health, effective from 24 July 2001 (resolution CL001/61c).

On 26 September 2005 Council approved the change of name of the school to the Rural Clinical School with effect from 1 January 2006 (resolution CL05/113).

In 2008 the Director of the Rural Clinical School was Professor Louis Pilotto.