

Northern Victoria: Rural Health Workforce Snapshot FY 24/25

Electorates covered or partially covered in Northern Victoria: Benambra, Bendigo East, Bendigo West, Eildon, Euroa, Macedon, Mildura, Murray Plains, Ovens Valley, Ripon, Shepparton

What is needed for better rural health?

- Support place-based multi-disciplinary solutions in rural communities that are co-designed and tailored to meet the local health needs of the community and health workforce profile within the region.
- Increase funding to support rural health professional upskilling, recruitment/placement support and Outreach service delivery to communities based on local health workforce needs.
- Better access to available housing and childcare.

Most needed professions identified in the 2024 RWAV Rural Health Workforce Census and Health Workforce Needs Assessment

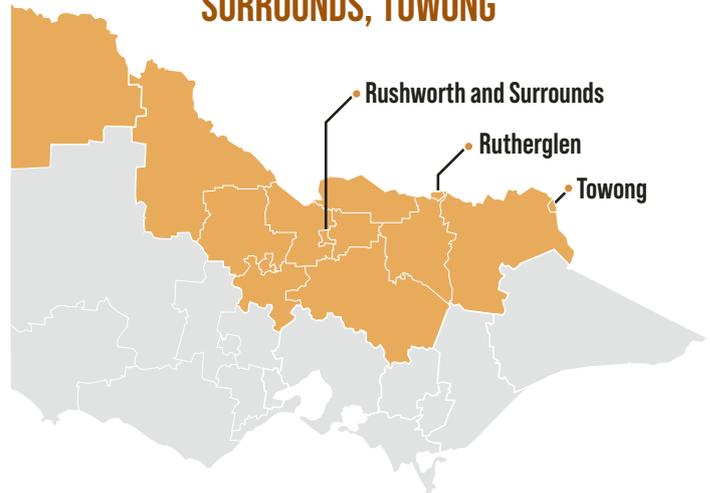
- Nurse
- General Practitioner
- Rural Generalist
- Psychologist
- Occupational Therapist
- Physiotherapist
- Speech Pathologist
- Psychiatrist
- Paediatrician
- Social Worker

RWAV prioritised these Outreach services based on service demand

- Cardiology
- Optometry
- Nephrology
- Diabetes Education
- Psychiatry
- Paediatrics

RWAV identified Priority Locations with priority health workforce needs

RUTHERGLEN, RUSHWORTH AND SURROUNDS, TOWONG



RWAV support across Northern Victoria

No. of GP Trainees RWAV has supported to provide GP services on the Pre-Fellowship Program **44**

No. of roles RWAV is actively providing recruitment support to build capacity across the region **49**

No. of roles RWAV has supported recruitment of health professionals in locum or ongoing capacity **32**

No. of General Practices at risk of closure **1**
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In Northern Victoria RWAV has provided:

\$7,000 of funding to support **relocation and retention GP coverage** across Northern Victoria

\$172,200 in Medical Professional Development grants, funded by the Victorian Government, to **129 medical practitioners**

\$418,000 Health Workforce Scholarship Program funding (Commonwealth funded) to medical, nursing and allied health professionals

\$19,000 for three Allied Health New Service Grants to expand a Speech Pathology service and a Psychology service to support vulnerable groups, and to establish a new Orthoptist clinic

\$33,730 of funding to support **locum GP coverage** across Northern Victoria

Other grants that support the region include Student Clinical Placement Grants and the Business training grant to support practice viability.

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