

Western Victoria: Rural Health Workforce Snapshot FY 24/25

Electorates covered or partially covered in Western Victoria: Bellarine, Eureka, Geelong, Lara, Lowan, Mildura, Polwarth, Ripon, South West Coast, South Barwon

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

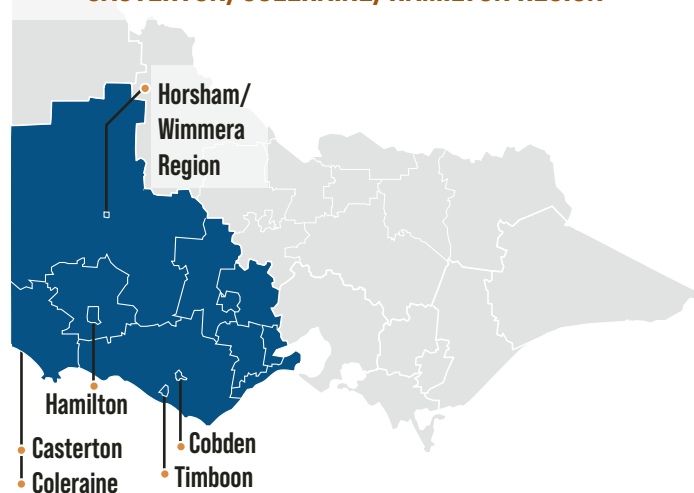
- General Practitioner
- Speech Pathologist
- Psychologist
- Psychiatrist
- Rural Generalist
- Physiotherapist
- Nurse
- Podiatrist
- Occupational Therapist
- Paediatrician

RWAV prioritised these Outreach services based on service demand

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

RWAV identified Priority Locations with priority health workforce needs

TIMBOON AND COBDEN, HORSHAM/WIMMERA REGION, CASTERTON/COLERAINE/HAMILTON REGION



RWAV support across Western Victoria

No. of GP Trainees RWAV has supported to provide GP services on the Pre-Fellowship Program **22**

No. of roles RWAV is actively providing recruitment support to build capacity across the region **27**

No. of roles RWAV has supported recruitment of health professionals in locum or ongoing capacity **44**

No. of General Practices at risk of closure 3
HAMILTON, HEYWOOD, ST ARNAUD

In Western Victoria RWAV has provided:

\$97,000 of funding to support **relocation and retention GP coverage** across Western Victoria

\$58,933 in Medical Professional Development grants, funded by the Victorian Government, to **47 medical practitioners**

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

\$16,000 in funding for three Allied Health New Service Grants to expand a Chiropractic clinic and a Physiotherapy clinic, and for the establishment of a new Chiropractic clinic

\$28,400 of funding to support **locum GP coverage** across Western 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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