

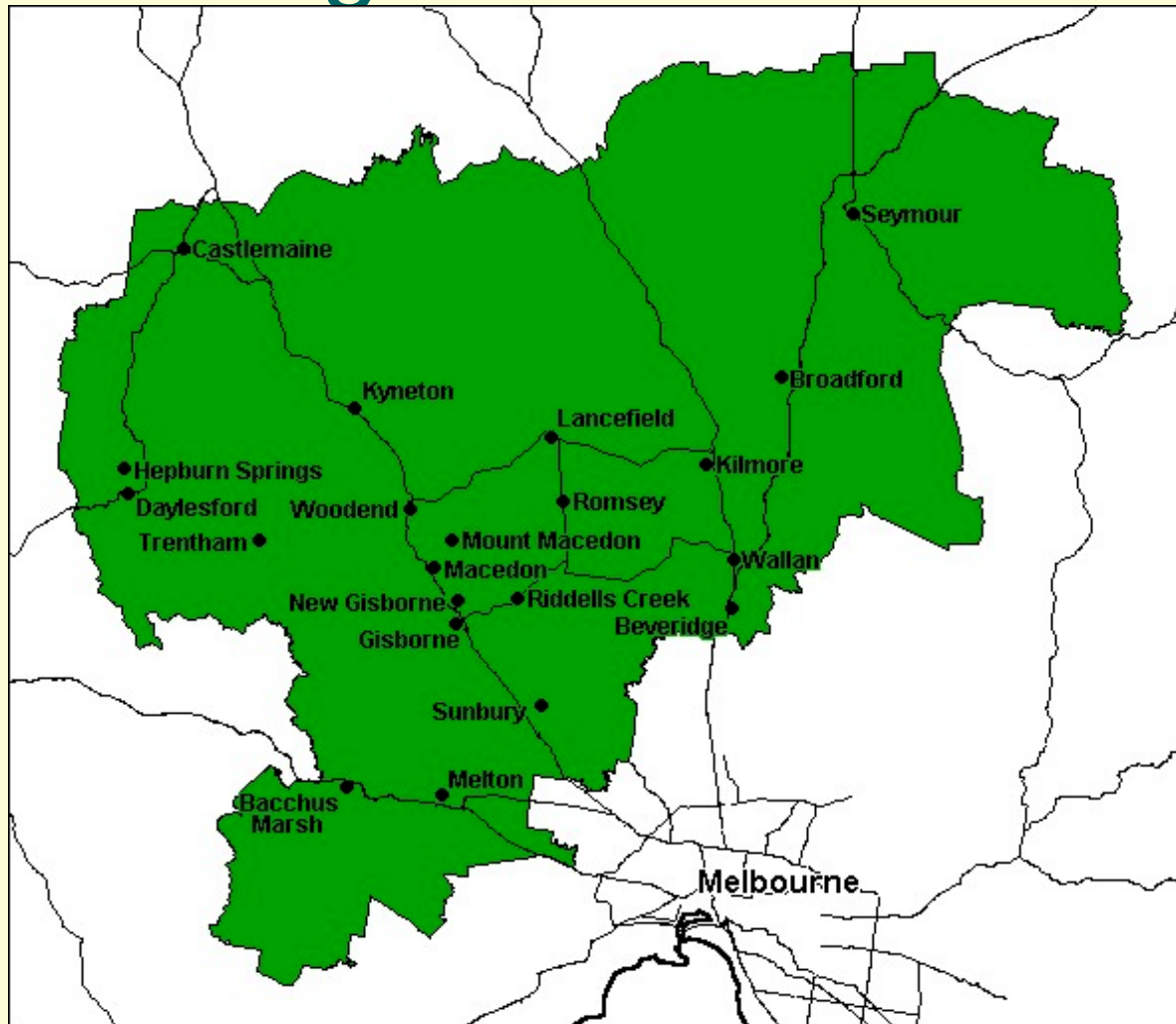
**Central
Highlands**
Division
of General Practice Ltd



Collaborative Opportunities Forum

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Shires & GPs

- Macedon Ranges Shire (All towns; 44 GPs)
- Mitchell Shire (All towns; 31 GPs)
- Melton Shire (Part; 29 GPs)
- City of Hume (Part; 35 GPs)
- Moorabool Shire (Part; 20 GPs)
- Mt Alexander Shire (Part; 16 GPs)
- Hepburn Shire (Part; 10 GPs)



Other Key Players

- 7 Community Health Services
- 6 Hospitals (plus 4 outside boundaries)
- 5 PCPs
- 5 PMHEI Services



Division-identified Barriers to Effective Collaboration

- Staffing/time/travel/resource constraints
- Commonwealth/State funding divide
- Diverse priorities amongst key players
- (Perceived?) misunderstanding of Division role/capacity
- Change of CEO



Aims of Forum

- To demonstrate willingness to work collaboratively to improve service coordination & shared care
- To be proactive, rather than reactive
- To explain the Division role, structure, business plan priorities, and capacity
- To identify key areas for collaborative work, both short & long-term



Planning & Preparation

- Involved GPDV consultant in program design
- Invited senior reps from all hospitals, shires, CHSs, PCPs, and ACCHS
- Provided background reading to reps (business plan etc)
- Held in good venue, central to Division



Key Segments of Forum Program

Presentations:

- Divisions Program (background)
- Division assessment of area health needs
- Business planning processes and assessment of priority health issues



Key Segments continued

Workshops/Discussions:

- Existing levels of collaboration (using Partnerships Analysis Tool)
- Priority health issues of other organisations
- Opportunities for establishing or building on partnerships



What was Achieved?

- 18 attendees, plus Division & GPDV
- Enhanced understanding amongst stakeholders of value of collaboration with Division because of our GP “reach” across the region
- Constructive feedback about what is needed to increase collaboration



What was Achieved? continued

- Identification of short & long term common purposes:
 - Joint health promotion planning
 - Joint, consistent health promotion messages
 - Shared professional development
- Stakeholder interest in SNAP framework, with primary focus on joint work to increase physical activity



Post-Forum Follow Up

- Copies of presentations and forum notes sent to all invited non-attendees
- Forum notes sent to all attendees
- Individual meetings held with all CHSs, hospitals and shires



Post-Forum Outcomes

- Increased mutual understanding of roles and priorities, and Division capacity
- Increased engagement with Division eg now extensively involved in Municipal Public Health Planning in 3 Shires
- Increased 'ad hoc' dialogue & discussion
- Increase in joint activities and joint funding submissions



VicHealth Partnerships Analysis Tool

A continuum of partnerships in health promotion

Networking- exchange of info for mutual benefit



Coordinating- exchanging info & altering activities for common purpose



Cooperating- exchanging info, altering activities & sharing resources



Collaborating- Plus enhancing the capacity of partners for mutual benefit & common purpose

Adapted from VicHealth "The Partnerships Analysis Tool" p.3

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