

Broadband for Health

Update to Divisions
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First things first - housekeeping

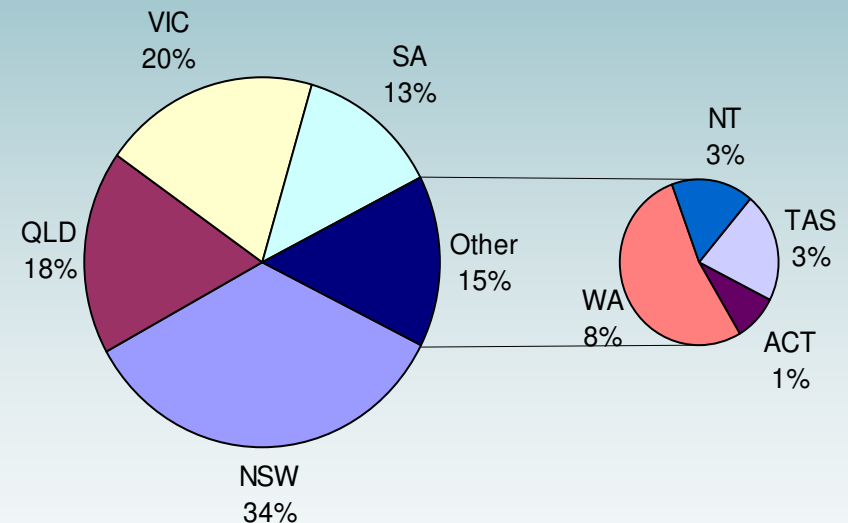
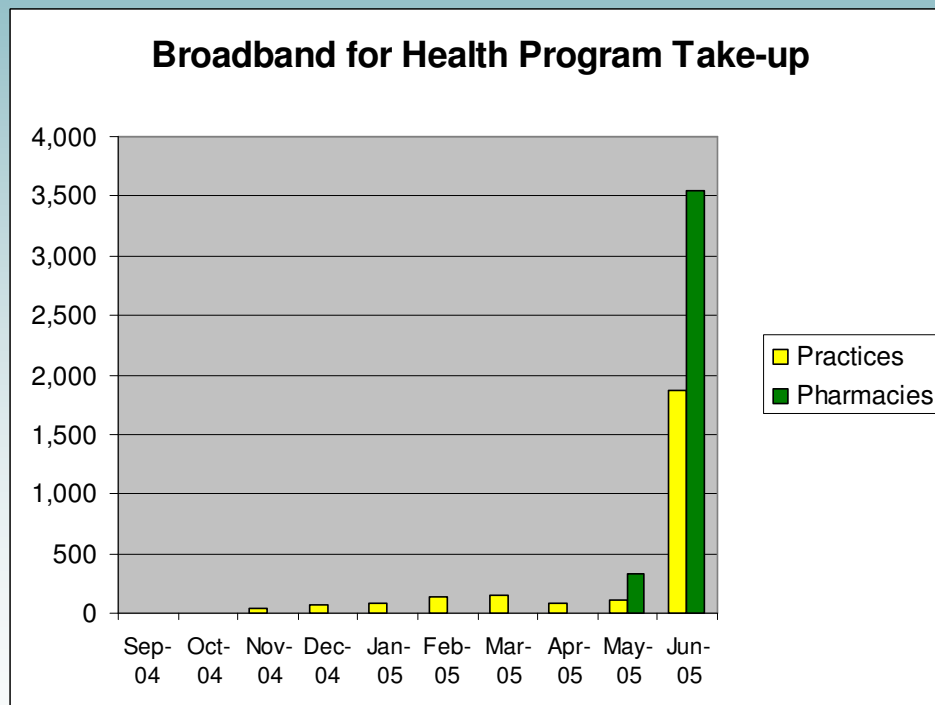
- Practices already on BFH *must* re-apply for 2nd year incentive
- Part B - Bank account details *must* be included
- Part C – Practices *must* contact their QSP to get details. QSP will issue *Statement of Supply* for practice records
- Security Awareness & Conformance Report *must* be sent with Incentive Claim Form for smooth processing

Other useful information

- Medicare Australia processing operations are relocating to Tasmania this month
- Taskforce Telemarketing campaign begins Monday 28 November – please notify your practices they may be called if they're not already on BFH
- Incomplete Subsidy Claim Forms from 04/05 – if any looked like this [form](#) they have not been processed by Medicare Australia
 - Fault lies with either ISP or practice.
 - With increased incentive \$\$ in '05/'06 may be able to negotiate with QSP for extended service.

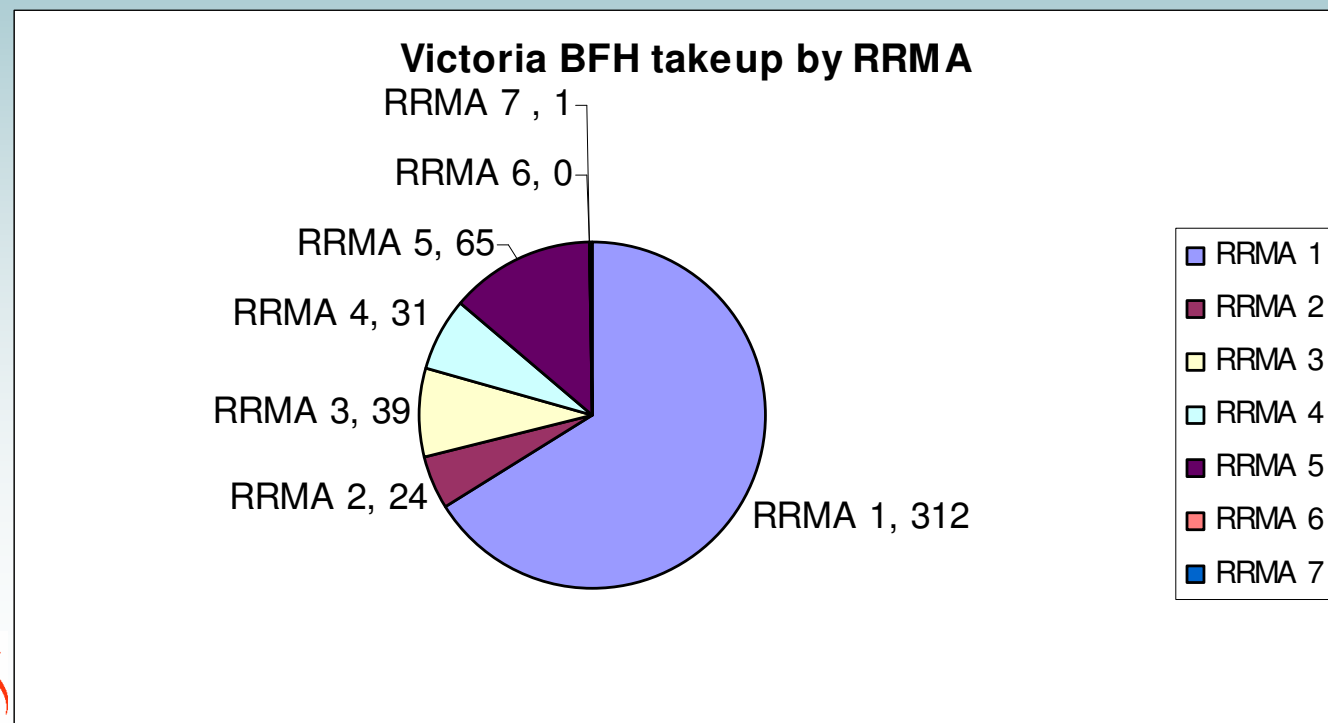
Takeup - Nationally at 30 June 2005

- Nationally - 35% of all general practice have claimed
- 76% of claims = new connections (i.e. dial up to broadband)



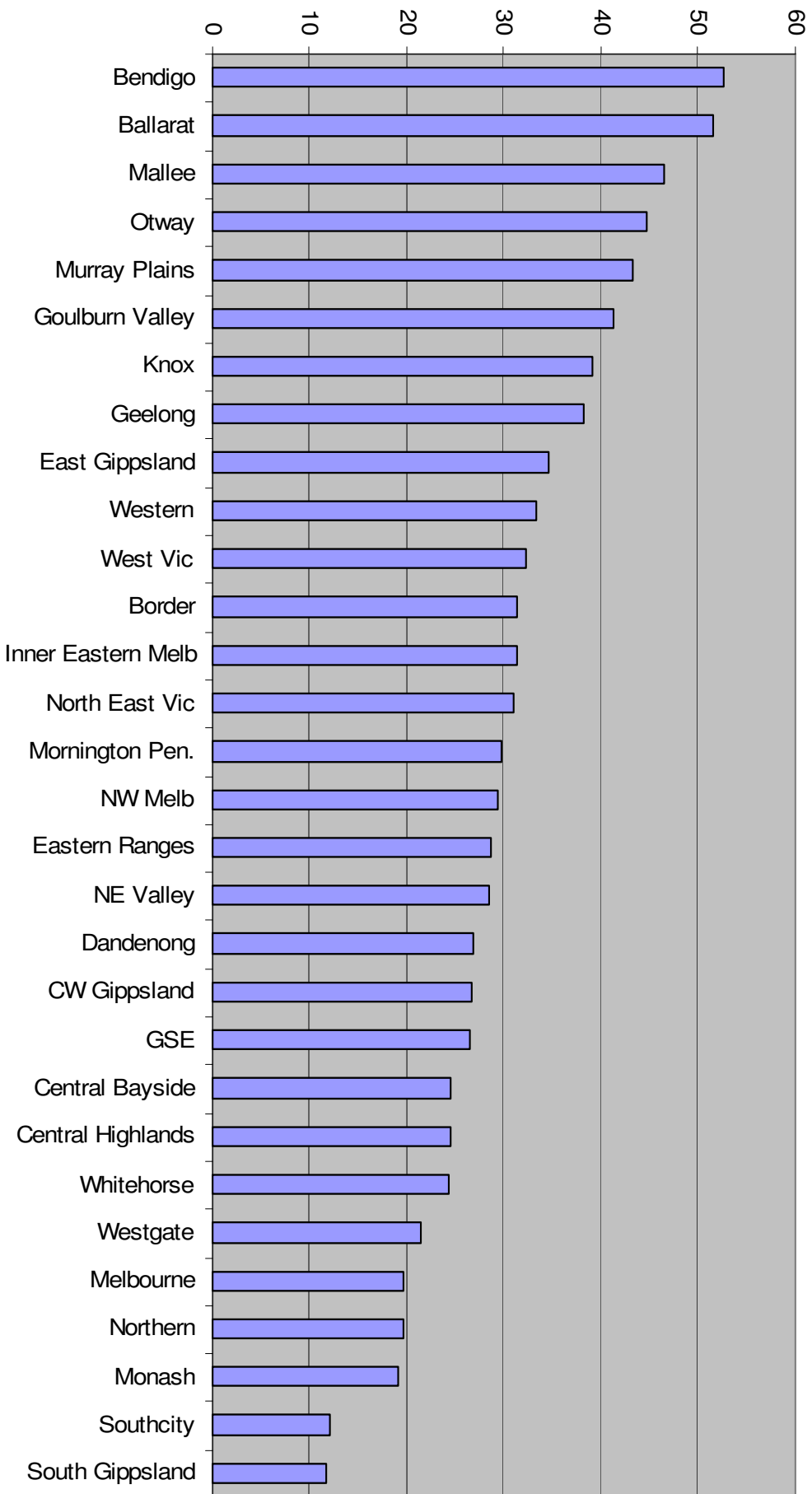
Takeup - Victoria

- Nearly 1/3 of all Victoria practices have claimed
- Three Victorian health alliances qualified (DHS funded ICT networks). HumeNet & GHA in process
- 27 claims lodged in August (out of 45 nationally) – Go Victoria!



Takeup by division

% practice uptake per division



Benefits to practices

Recent surveys of Victorian practices showed ($n=276$) :

- 90% had internet connected to their practice
- 65% ADSL connection; 14% dial-up
- Uses –
 - 77% researching clinical information
 - 75% pathology/radiology result downloads
 - 57% Online Claiming (formerly HIC Online)
 - 36% e-referral
- Saving time and patient lives