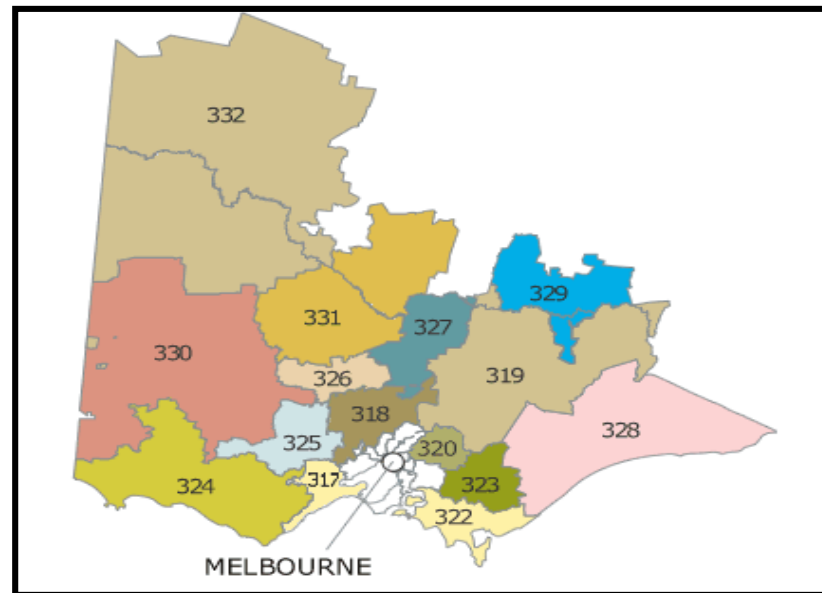


GP Practices Placements Mapping

Mapping Victorian GP Practices Educational Capacities A Combined Project of Deakin, Melbourne and Monash Universities



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Workforce Shortages

- The Australian Medical Workforce Advisory Committee Major shortfalls in the availability of general practitioners to 2013.
- RWAV predictions that rural Victoria will need a net increase of more than 300 doctors by 2012 or 120 rural practitioner recruits pa.
- In 2006 Victorian Government indicated that a total of 240 additional medical student places per year would required to address the shortfalls.

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Commonwealth Response

(Indicative figures to date)

- Initial injection of 220 additional medical student places across Monash, Melbourne, Deakin.
- Deakin 120, Monash Gippsland 40, Melbourne / Monash Northern Rural 60.
- Notre Dame commencing with 80 students from Sydney with coverage in Victoria.
- Plus other full fee and international enrollments.
- From 2008 onwards a dramatic increase in enrollments in the system.
- Also changing course structures with longer clinical rotations (eg rural for a year in a practice).

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GP Practices Educational Capacity Issues

- Much goodwill (which needs to be respected/ supported) plus workforce and professional advantages from hosting learners.

- Barriers include:
 - Accommodation.
 - Financial.
 - Practice staff
 - Practice size, scale, amalgamations.
 - Educational provider support.
 - Other factors

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The Project Objective - to Map Victorian Educational Practice Capacity

- An initial data framework re distribution of practices with educational commitment.
- Tighter projections by Unis about demand for clinical placements to 2018.
- The support requirements for encouraging practices to take medical students.
- Implications for GP registrar training.
- Recommendations to the Unis and Government.

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Project Steps

- Review central practice data bases indicative of educational commitment eg Medicare, GPDV, RWAV and Monash/Melb.
- Engagement with Divisions and RTPs.
- Local level sample surveying, focus groups and interviews with practices.
- Crystallise the practice capacity support needs.
- Final report and recommendations Jan 2008