

TITLE **Gannawarra Health Needs Analysis**

Bendigo Loddon Primary Care Partnership (BLPCP)

BACKGROUND

Project Time Span - August 2016 - January 2017

Built on BLPCP Loddon Shire partners' participation within the Loddon Gannawarra Health Services Executive Network (LGHSEN) established in 2015. The Initiative was developed to respond to the Primary Health Networks commissioning environment around health priorities. Partner agencies keen to document and collate the place -based evidence base for local service collaboration. The target audience for the document are health system decision makers within the Loddon and Gannawarra Shires.

Project was commissioned by LGHSEN with funding from DHHS and undertaken by BLPCP staff

Project Objectives

- Develop a clear and succinct summary of agreed health priorities that impact people living in the Shires of Loddon and Gannawarra to guide collaborative action and resource allocation
- Strengthen stakeholder contribution, collaboration and participation in the Project
- Identification of service gaps and integration opportunities for each health priority area through Workshop format and facilitation
- Production of the Loddon Gannawarra Health Needs Analysis document

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PARTNERS

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| • Bendigo Loddon PCP | • Kerang District Health |
| • Boort District Health Service | • Loddon Shire Council |
| • Cohuna District Hospital | • Mallee District Aboriginal Services |
| • DHHS Regional Office | • Murray Primary Health Network |
| • Dingee Bush Nursing Centre | • Northern District Community Health Service |
| • Gannawarra Shire Council | • Southern Mallee PCP |
| • Inglewood District Health Service | |

METHOD

1. Data Collection and Analysis

Environmental Scan using STEP Analysis

Identification of Social factors, technological factors, economic factors, political factors

Data Selection and Equity - Data and indicators categories

To support the health service planning and a population health approach identify the characteristics of the area and population, socio-economic characteristics, Health and utilisation characteristics

Locally-generated data

- Provided insights into local health and wellbeing through stakeholder engagement not available from mainstream sources.
- Included data reporting on the uptake and use of services
- Derived from local needs assessments, satisfaction surveys, service mapping, case studies, and community consultations
- Broad community and across sector consultation and involvement informed decision-makers about the beliefs, opinions, and preferences of population(s) of interest.

2. Stakeholder Engagement

- Initial scope confirmation
- Contribution to data provision
- identification of existing service model and gap analysis through a workshop for each priority area identified with participation by partner organisations
- Confirm LGHSEN support for identified priority health needs and understanding of current gaps in service system to address priorities
- Review and agree on scope of Project recommendations

3. Service Collaboration Opportunities and Gaps

- Consideration of Loddon and Gannawarra existing service model for each agreed Health Priority including Target groups Referral pathways Organisational activities
- Highlight opportunities for shared Governance and management responsibility where indicated

OUTCOMES

The Loddon Gannawarra Health Needs Analysis (2017) documented the evidence for health service planning and prioritisation across the two Shires bringing new local data and existing evidence resources. The evidence provides the basis for ongoing targeted and collaborative action and health system development to have most significant impact on the health outcomes of the needs of the communities within the Shires. This work underpinned two successful bids to Murray PHN in the “Healthy Heart and Lungs” and “Mental Health” commissioning rounds.