

About the Primary Care Partnerships in Victoria



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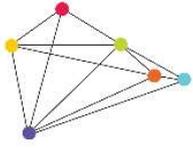
partner organisations can achieve much more than can be achieved working on their own.

- PCPs across Victoria are undertaking work that delivers on over 20 state government policies and are actively embedding state government policy and reform in local communities across Victoria.
- With more than 850 members from a range of sectors including health, education, employment PCPs are working with their local communities, partner organisations and other key stakeholders to deliver improved health and wellbeing outcomes.
- Taking a place-based approach, PCPs work across a range of settings including schools and other education settings, health services, workplaces, sporting clubs, correctional centres and rural community settings.
- Through their well-established and trusted connections, PCPs are working towards ensuring their local communities achieve the same outcomes as those identified for all Victorians, that is, being healthy and well, being safe and secure, being connected to culture, having the capabilities to participate and a community that is liveable.
- To achieve these outcomes, PCPs are focusing their efforts on a range of complex health and social issues including preventing family violence and violence against women, reducing alcohol and drug related harm, preventing harm from gambling, improvement in mental health and wellbeing, increased healthy eating and active living, oral health, social and cultural connectedness, community resilience, housing and homelessness, education and employment, healthy ageing, climate change, health literacy, mobilising community will, reducing chronic disease and disability.
- PCPs are also identifying shared measures to track outcomes and to ensure they are making a difference locally and collectively across Victoria.

- Primary Care Partnerships were established in Victoria in 2000 and there are now 28 across the state, strengthening relationships with local primary care, health and community sectors to support prevention, early intervention and equitable access to services.

- Primary Care Partnerships are based on the philosophy that together





- While PCPs strive for positive outcomes for the whole of community much of their effort focuses on the most vulnerable members of a community. To address these inequalities PCPs are working alongside a range of population groups including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse communities, LGBTQI communities, Refugees and Asylum Seekers, people with a disability, children and families, rural communities and farmers, older and younger populations.
- PCPs achieve results by drawing together the right people around a common agenda, and helping them align their efforts, by raising awareness, pooling current funding or mobilising new funding, by activating community will and aligning the agenda with government policy.
- PCPs build capacity both within their membership and the community. They provide resources, training, strategic guidance and advice; they act as a conduit for information, data, and evidence and guide and promote best practice. The impact of this is improved local and state-wide collaboration; reduce duplication and improved health and wellbeing for all Victorians.



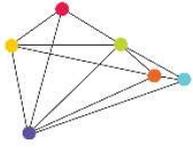
The Central Hume Primary Care Partnership

Overarching

- The Central Hume Primary Care Partnership (PCP) is made up of more than 17 health and community services organisations across the Alpine, Benalla, Mansfield and Wangaratta local government areas.
- The Central Hume PCP focuses on improving the health and wellbeing of the community in the Central Hume, underpinned by a strong commitment to prevention.
- The Central Hume PCP brings partners together, encouraging collaboration to deliver programs that respond to the multiple, complex challenges facing our community.
- All partners – including hospitals and local health providers – benefit from the advisory, research and project management expertise the Central Hume PCP provides.
- The Central Hume PCP helps partners work together better, making the most of available resources, avoiding duplication of efforts and achieving the outcomes our community needs and deserves.

Who we are

- The Central Hume PCP is made up of a dedicated team with the skills needed to help its partners work together and serve its community better.
- The Central Hume PCP responds to those most in need in our community, including: older people, families with young children, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, people living with chronic disease, and women and children facing violence.



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- Through the Central Hume PCP partners work together to respond to the needs of the community, share their skills and align their efforts, ensuring limited resources provide significant outcomes over the long term.
- The Central Hume PCP is committed to:
 - Respect and value the views of all partners.
 - Focus on social justice and equity, creating a strong voice for advocacy.
 - Listen to the views and experiences of consumers.
 - Apply catchment wide and place-based approaches.
 - Work collaboratively and collectively, and pool our resources for greatest impact.

What we do

- The Central Hume PCP turns theory into practice by using its expertise to create and lead effective partnerships that secure much-needed sustainable systemic changes, providing better outcomes for its community.
- The Central Hume PCP understands the prevention, early intervention and wellness challenges of its community and is uniquely placed to design and deliver processes and practices that respond to its specific needs.
- Like other Primary Care Partnerships across Victoria, the Central Hume PCP brings partners together to provide local solutions to local health and social issues.
- Those who interact with agencies across the health, community services, housing, education, justice and local government sectors benefit most from the Central Hume PCP's efforts.

Why we matter

- The Central Hume PCP has a proven track record of working with partner organisations to enhance access and equity for those most in need in our community.
- Without the Central Hume PCP's ability to broker partnerships and develop new projects, vital local responses to the catchment priority areas of Prevention of Chronic Disease – healthy eating and active living; Prevention of family violence – healthy relationships; Systems integration – addressing social determinants of health; and, Effective and sustainable partnership may not have been realised.
- The people who most benefit from Central Hume PCP's efforts are typically the most disadvantaged.