



HealthWest Partnership Strategic Plan

2017 - 2019



Our Vision

All of our communities: healthy, vibrant and connected.

Our Mission

Bringing local communities, organisations and councils together to achieve real improvements in health and wellbeing for everyone in Melbourne's west.

About us

Established by the Victorian Government, HealthWest is one of 28 primary care partnerships (PCP) throughout Victoria. HealthWest brings together 50 health care providers, community organisations and local councils in a voluntary partnership. The partnership is committed to supporting an integrated approach to strengthening our local communities' health and wellbeing. To learn more about HealthWest visit our website: www.healthwest.org.au.

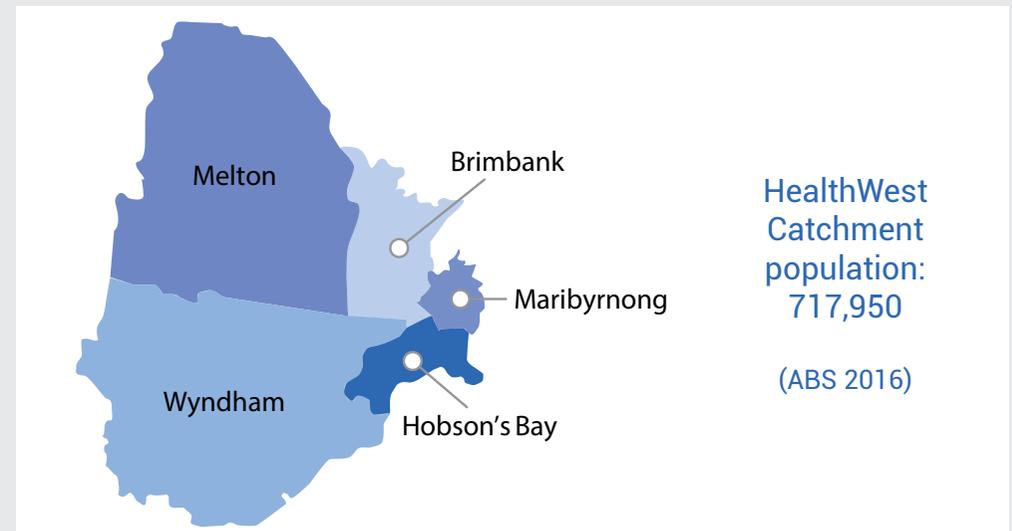
Context

The PCP platform provides an opportunity to implement government health and social policy at a local level. To learn more about the planning and policy context please visit our website: <http://healthwest.org.au/projects/policy-and-advocacy/policy-and-research/>.

Guiding principles

The following principles will guide the work and decision making of the partnership:

- **Equity** – The partnership will focus on the social determinants of health and structural inequities within the health and human service systems.
- **Action for impact** – The partnership will take action where the evidence suggests we can deliver the greatest public benefit and sustainability.
- **'We' not 'I'** – The partnership will work with community to improve public health systems and health and wellbeing outcomes.
- **Value add** – The partnership will focus on the gaps and opportunities where we can add value to the work of others and address inequities.
- **Continuous learning & improvement** – The partnership will apply improvement cycles to strengthen the system and inform future practice.



Our Plan

Key Result Areas	Access & Equity Outcomes	Prevention & Population Health Outcomes
Partnership and collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leadership platforms support the partnership to improve responsiveness of the service system to identified access and equity needs. Partnerships with community members inform and strengthen outcomes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Prevention Taskforce is a leadership platform for primary prevention that is aligning effort and resources. Partnerships for primary prevention are developed and/or strengthened. Increased support for community leadership.
Building evidence and sharing knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The partnership is better able to improve responsiveness to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> health literacy, workforce mutuality, and other identified priorities. Evidence-based resources and frameworks are sourced, developed, piloted and/or disseminated. Partners are connected and supported to implement improved practices and frameworks in their organisations. Evaluation supports HealthWest to build evidence in emerging areas of practice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The partnership is better able to support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> community leadership, prevention of family violence, place-based approaches, and other identified priorities. The primary prevention system is guided by a shared planning and practice framework. Partners are connected and supported in their ongoing professional development and have a strengthened peer support network to share learnings. Models of primary prevention practice contribute to the evidence base.
Advocacy and support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The partnership has a strengthened and aligned response to identified access and equity needs. The partnership responds to strategic advocacy opportunities and delivers coordinated responses to relevant policy consultations and inquiries. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The partnership has a shared understanding and increased capacity to deliver primary prevention. The partnership responds to strategic advocacy opportunities and delivers coordinated responses to relevant consultations and inquiries.