

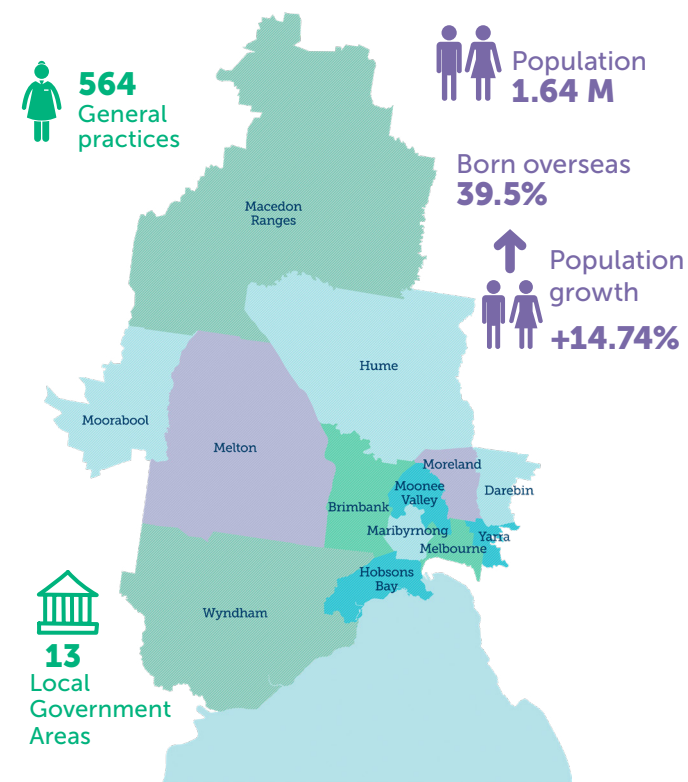
Better care every day, in every way

What are Primary Health Networks (PHNs)?

PHNs are organisations funded by the Australian Government. There are 31 PHNs in Australia and 6 of these are in Victoria. Their role is to improve the health of people who live in their region. Each PHN might do this differently as the needs and health of the community in each region varies.

Who we are

North Western Melbourne Primary Health Network (NWMPHN) is the biggest PHN in Victoria with a population of about 1.64 million people. Our region includes Melbourne's CBD and inner city and the fast-growing suburbs in the north and west.



What we do

We aim to provide better care every day, in every way. Everything we do is aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of our community.

Every year, we look at what the health needs of our community are. We find out what health problems people are living with and what services there are to support them. We do this by looking at health data and talking with the community and other organisations. These include general practice, hospitals, government and nongovernment organisations.

If people need support or services that don't exist we fund health services to fill the gap. Other work that we do includes:

- Helping the different health services, such as hospitals and community health centres, to connect with one another to improve the care that people receive.
- Working with GPs, nurses, allied health professionals, community and health groups, councils, researchers and other key partners to help make health care better.

Our priority areas

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health
- Alcohol and other drugs
- Children and families
- Chronic (long-term) conditions
- Mental health
- Older adults
- Suicide prevention

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