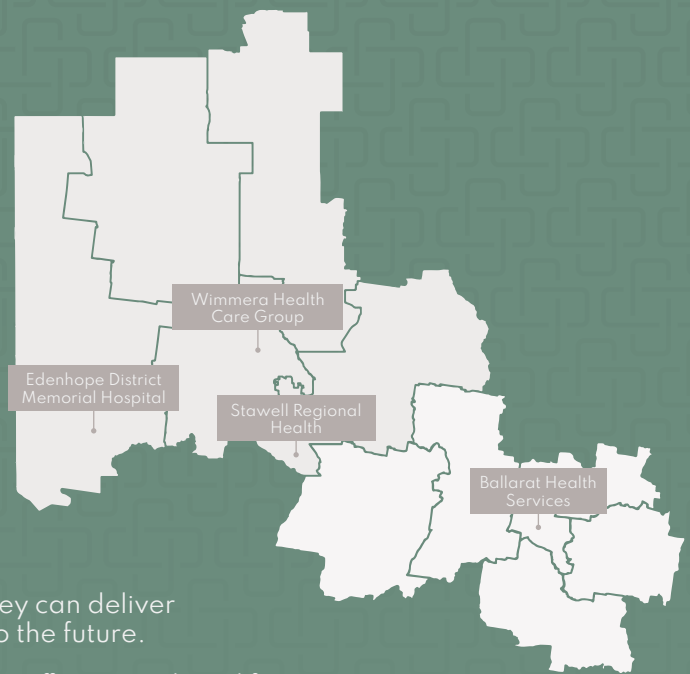


Care For Our Region

Healthier, stronger, together



Edenhope and District Memorial Hospital, Stawell Regional Health, Wimmera Health Care Group and Ballarat Health Services, are working together so they can deliver better health outcomes for our communities now and into the future.

Our health services are distinct – different in scale, service offering and workforce. Yet, we have urgent and pressing challenges, that need to be addressed.

We can deliver what our communities deserve - safer, sustainable, healthcare tailored to changing workforce and community needs, for the long term.

Edenhope and District Memorial Hospital, Stawell Regional Health, Wimmera Health Care Group and Ballarat Health Services currently service the healthcare needs of greater than 250,000 Victorians. Between them, they employ more than 6,304 people across 21 campuses and sites.

With changing needs, the region will need closer collaboration to deliver better healthcare and enhanced services closer to home.

2020 Snapshot	Population	Patients	Staff
Stawell Accounts for 39% of the public hospital care for North Grampians residents	11,403	3500 Admissions 4000 urgent care	300 Third largest employer in the community
Edenhope Accounts for 16% of the public hospital care for West Wimmera residents	1,841	151 (957 bed days)	125 Largest employer in the community
Wimmera Accounts for almost two-thirds of the public hospital care for Wimmera residents	54,000	11,500	1000 Third largest employer in the community
Ballarat Accounts for two-thirds of public hospital care for Central Highlands residents and almost half for Grampians residents	145,926	46,239	4879 Largest employer in the community

Service Challenges

Wimmera Region

28%

of population will be aged 65 years and above by 2031

77%

of the public hospital care for Wimmera residents was provided within the region

2250

people travel outside of the region for admissions every year

Northern Grampians Region

32.3%

of population will be aged 65 years and above by 2031

57%

of the public hospital care for residents was provided outside the region

600+

people travel or are transferred to Ballarat for acute/emergency healthcare every year

Ballarat Region

18.4%

of the population are aged 65 years and above

2018-19
300+

patients admitted in Ballarat Health Services from the Wimmera region and 5 per cent more patients from Northern Grampians, than five years before

5.8%
p.a.

Growth in service levels over the last five years

Wimmera Health Care Group

\$9.4m

spend on temporary staff, money that could be spent on permanent staff in Horsham

53

acute beds with an average bed occupancy of 81 per cent

66%

aged care occupancy level

Edenhope District & Memorial Hospital

25%

decrease in hospital admissions over the past five years

2 of 20

acute beds used each day

55%

aged care occupancy level

Stawell Regional Health

6%

less people are accessing healthcare at Stawell, than five years before

11 of 18

acute beds used each day

71%

aged care occupancy level

Ballarat Health Services

12%

increase in surgical waitlist

248

beds with an effective occupancy of more than 95%

95%

aged care occupancy level, with demand continuing to rise

What's driving healthcare demand

Wimmera Region

Certain Cancers



50%

higher than the rest of rural Victoria

Diabetes



32%

higher than the Victorian state average

Heart Disease



25%

higher than the Victorian state average

Circulatory disease-related premature deaths



32%

higher than the Victorian state average

Respiratory disease-related premature deaths



30%

higher than the Victorian state average

Admissions for potentially preventable conditions



21%

higher than the Victorian state average

The Northern Grampians Shire

Diabetes



40%

higher than the rest of rural Victoria

Heart Disease



19%

higher than the Victorian state average

Obesity



29%

higher than the Victorian state average

Cancer-related premature deaths



47%

higher than the rest of rural Victoria

Respiratory disease-related premature deaths



80%

higher than the Victorian state average

Potential life years lost



25%

higher than the Victorian state average

Workforce

Wimmera Health Care Group

- An ageing workforce
- Difficulty retaining staff including midwives, critical care trained ICU nurses and emergency physicians, general surgeons, and anaesthetists

Edenhope and District Memorial Hospital

- An ageing workforce
- Difficulty retaining staff due to limited scope of practice and opportunities for professional development

Ballarat Health Services

- Limited opportunities for collaboration to improve regional outcomes
- Challenges in attracting niche specialties where a fulltime load is not available

Stawell Regional Health

- Limited pathways for workforce to gain knowledge and develop a specialisation
- Increasing use of temporary staff and locums to fill workforce gaps