

Home and Community Care (HACC) Program

Hume Region Annual Plan 2006-07



1. Introduction

The Hume Region Annual Plan 2006-07, sets out how the 2006-07 HACC growth funds were allocated in line with the Victorian Aged Care Minister's HACC priorities 2006-09 (see 'Victorian HACC Program Expenditure Priorities Statement 2006-09').

The Region has analysed funding per capita (\$pc), service provision, demographic data and research/evaluation reports to achieve funds equity across local government areas and drawn conclusions about how best to respond to the Ministerial Priorities. In summary the HACC priorities for 2006-09 are:

- To accelerate progress towards inter-regional equity
- Priority 1 – to expand HACC Basic services and social support (planned activity groups) taking into account broader Victorian service development directions
- Priority 2 – to implement strategies to enhance access to HACC Basic services by people from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Backgrounds (CALD) and to expand social support (planned activity groups)
- Priority 3 – to enhance access to services by Aboriginal people.

2. Consultation

In order to manage and support the HACC sector effectively, the Department engages a number of strategies to develop and sustain partnerships and to enhance sharing of local knowledge. These strategies enable the Department and HACC organisations to understand the needs of the HACC sector and to work together to develop services and implement changes that will better meet the needs of HACC clients.

A regional consultation session was held on:

Consultation	Date	Total number of attendees	Number of service providers	C'wealth representative in attendance
Regional - Benalla	4 July 2006	40	28	2

3. Budget

3.1 Proposed Allocation to Local Government Areas

Local Government Area.	Allocation
Alpine	
Benalla	
Greater Shepparton	\$ 385,971
Indigo	
Mansfield	
Mitchell	\$ 119,578
Moira	
Murrindindi	
Strathbogie	
Towong	
Wangaratta	\$ 83,167
Wodonga	\$ 138,303
Hume Regional	\$ 20,000
Total	\$ 747,019

The Regional Office has gathered and analysed service and funding data to gain a picture of HACC services in the Region in terms of the relative per capita funding levels (\$pc), population demographics, service supply and demand. This picture has been used to anticipate where the demand in HACC services will be greatest between 2006-09.

In 2005/06, Regional HACC providers agreed to the use of an equity range to determine regional equity. Those municipalities with per capita funding within plus or minus five percent of the Regional average per capita amount are considered to be equitably funded.

Therefore in 2006-07 the focus for growth funds will be to Greater Shepparton, Mitchell, Wangaratta and Wodonga.

3.2 Proposed Allocation to Priority

Local Government Area.	Total Priority 1	Total Priority 2	Total Priority 3
Alpine			
Benalla			
Greater Shepparton	\$385,971		
Indigo			
Mansfield			
Mitchell	\$119,578		
Moira			
Murrindindi			
Strathbogie			
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Wangaratta	\$ 83,167		
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3.3 Regional Summary of Allocations

Priority 1

The Region has allocated all growth funding in 2006-07 to Priority 1 to address the significant level of under-funding in Shepparton, Mitchell, Wangaratta and Wodonga.

The allocation of all funds to Priority 1 will be reviewed in 2007-08 following the completion of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander HACC Funding Models Project and an evaluation of the recently established CALD liaison positions.

Priority 2

The Region will allow eighteen months, for the recently established CALD liaison workers, to have an impact on CALD communities' access to appropriate HACC services.

The 2007-08 Service Development Project will evaluate the effectiveness of the positions and make recommendations that will inform future funding to Priority 2 services.

Priority 3

Allocations under Priority 3 funding will be made after the conclusion of the Indigenous HACC Viability Funding Models Project in 2007.

Over the next two years, the Region will work closely with the emerging Aboriginal communities in Wodonga and Seymour to identify viable levels of funding to enable the Aboriginal organizations in these communities to provide some HACC services.

3.4 Summary of Allocations

Analysis of the per capita service funding across the Region, reveals that:

- Shepparton is funded below the regional average for domestic assistance, nursing, property maintenance, delivered meals and allied health but receives greater than the regional average for assessment and personal care.
- Mitchell is funded below the regional average for assessment, personal care, domestic assistance, property maintenance and delivered meals but receives greater than the regional average for nursing and allied health.
- Wangaratta is funded below the regional average for personal care and allied health but receives greater than the regional average for property maintenance.
- Wodonga is funded below the regional average for domestic assistance, nursing, property maintenance, delivered meals and allied health but receives greater than the regional average for personal care.

From the data analysis, the above considerations and local knowledge, the Region proposes the following strategies to implement the Victorian HACC priorities.

In the first year, the majority of the growth funds have been allocated to Greater Shepparton, Mitchell, Wangaratta and Wodonga. The data demonstrates that these municipalities are the most under funded and have the greatest need. A small amount of growth has been allocated to the Regional HACC training program.

In the second and third years, it is proposed that a proportion of the growth funding be 'top-sliced' and targeted to the four under funded municipalities and that the remainder be proportionally allocated across all local government areas except the three that are significantly over funded.

The region has allocated the following funds by priority, activity and LGA:

HACC Growth 2006-07				
Growth at Commonwealth Unit Price for Nursing				
Priority	Activity Name	LGA Name	Growth Units FYE 2006-07	Growth FYE 2006-07 \$
1	Allied Health - Occupational Therapy	Greater Shepparton (C)	2,554	\$ 195,279
1	Assessment	Greater Shepparton (C)		\$ 1,581
1	Delivered Meals	Greater Shepparton (C)	10,000	\$ 13,200
1	Domestic Assistance	Greater Shepparton (C)	1,800	\$ 46,872
1	Flexible Service Response - Community Kitchen	Greater Shepparton (C)		\$ 19,868
1	Nursing - Public Sector	Greater Shepparton (C)	620	\$ 41,521
1	Personal Care	Greater Shepparton (C)	1,000	\$ 29,770
1	Property Maintenance	Greater Shepparton (C)	1,000	\$ 37,880
1	Service System Resourcing - Regional Training Provision (\$)	Hume		\$ 20,000
1	Delivered Meals	Mitchell (S)	4,390	\$ 5,795
1	Domestic Assistance	Mitchell (S)	1,200	\$ 31,248
1	Personal Care	Mitchell (S)	1,500	\$ 44,655
1	Property Maintenance	Mitchell (S)	1,000	\$ 37,880
1	Allied Health - Occupational Therapy	Wangaratta (RC)	894	\$ 68,355
1	Delivered Meals	Wangaratta (RC)	1,700	\$ 2,244
1	Volunteer Co-ordination	Wangaratta (RC)	407	\$ 12,568
1	Allied Health - Occupational Therapy	Wodonga (RC)	1,277	\$ 97,639
1	Domestic Assistance	Wodonga (RC)	392	\$ 10,208
1	Property Maintenance	Wodonga (RC)	804	\$ 30,456
	TOTAL			\$ 747,019