

Home and Community Care (HACC) Program

Loddon Mallee Region HACC Planning and Funds Allocation 2005-06

Addendum to the Loddon Mallee Regional Plan, 2003-06

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Glossary of terms

Annual Plan	Victorian Home and Community Care Program Annual Plan 2005-06
CALD	Culturally and Linguistically Diverse
DHS	Department of Human Services
HACC	Home and Community Care Program
MDS	Minimum Data Set
RREF	Relative Resource Equity Formula
WREN	Within Region Estimate of Need

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Section 1 Addendum to the Regional Plan 2003-06

1.1 Purpose of the Addendum

The Regional Plan 2003-06 set goals for service expansion over the three-year period 2003-04 to 2005-06. The plan was based on an analysis of service provision and demographic data, research and evaluation reports of various stakeholders and information received during the consultation period held during the development phase of the Plan. The Plan proposed a number of measures to:

- Implement the Ministerial Priorities
- Redress funds inequity across local government areas (LGAs)
- Expand HACC services, paying attention to service mix
- Allocate growth funding to agencies.

The aim of the HACC Planning and Funds Allocation 2005-06 is to provide any rationale/basis for adjusting the Plan. This Addendum takes account of exact Commonwealth and Victorian government budget allocations for 2005-06, the most up-to-date data and unanticipated events. This addendum should therefore be read in conjunction with the Regional Plan 2003-06.

1.2 Consultation with the sector

During June 2005, each DHS region presented a Draft Addendum to the sector. The Draft Addendum documented the basis for any adjustment to the proposals outlined in the Regional Plan 2003-06. DHS sought critical appraisal from the sector for each of the changed proposals through the consultation sessions or in writing.

The 2005-06 consultations also included a discussion about the next triennium's priorities.

Loddon Mallee had six consultation sessions:

Table 1: Consultation details

Consultation	Date	Total number of attendees	Number of service providers	C'wealth representative in attendance
CSO Network	12 April 2005	10	8	0
Koori Network	18 May 05	9	6	0
Mildura LGA	15 June 2005	20	14	0
Swan Hill PCP	16 June 2005	19	12	0
Central Vic PCP	20 June 2005	19	13	0
Bendigo Loddon PCP	22 June 2005	16	9	0
Campaspe LGA	28 June 2005	24 + 4 consumers	13	0

1.2.1 Advisory and Consumer Feedback Mechanisms

Advisory mechanisms currently in place in the Region

The Region regularly consults with service providers and consumer groups, and has considered the views of these stakeholders in the development of the Addendum:

- The Consortium - comprises 10 Community Service Officers each representing one of the 10 local government areas, meets bi-monthly
- The Regional Aged Care Team liaises closely with the Aged and Disability Planning and Advisory Committee (ADPA) in each of the 10 local government areas
- Primary Care Partnerships (PCP) also provide an important forum for networking amongst local service providers and interested consumer groups. Information contained in the Community Health Plans is considered as part of the planning process
- The Loddon Mallee HACC Regional Training Advisory Committee
- The Loddon Mallee/Hume Koori Aged and Disability Network of Aboriginal organisations
- The Loddon Mallee District Nurses Network
- The Loddon Mallee Planned Activity Group Network
- The Loddon Mallee Allied Health Network.

Customer feedback mechanisms that are being used by services in this Region.

- Each HACC agency has a formal grievance process that enables consumers to resolve complaints and concerns regarding a particular HACC service
- HACC Access and Equity workers provide individual advocacy support for HACC consumers and enable consumer feedback to be provided directly to the Loddon Mallee Regional Office
- A number of consumer groups have particular advocacy organisations represented in the Region (for example, Alzheimer's Association of Victoria)
- Consumers are also formally surveyed annually. Informal feedback channels are always open and consumers are made aware of these through the client handbook, the welcome letter and at the time of assessment and review.

1.3 Data

Some changes were made to the data used to calculate the RREF and WREN populations in 2005-06, in line with DHS' commitment to make the figures as up-to-date as possible. New population projections for 2006 were sourced from the Department of Sustainability & Environment (DSE), and new disability rates for persons aged 0-69 years were drawn from the 2003 Survey of Disability, Ageing & Carers (SDAC) published by ABS. Forward projections of DVA-eligible clients were advanced by one year, and the numbers of persons aged under 65 years in residential care were also revised. Weights remained the same. The main effects of these changes were to increase the overall size of the HACC target population, and to show significant increases in the target population in certain (mainly outer-metropolitan) LGAs. Table 2 in Section 2.1 shows the revised RREF and WREN population figures.

1.4 HACC budget

1.4.1 Service expansion – recurrent funding

The Victorian HACC budget for 2005-06 is \$377,734,091 million (full year effect), inclusive of indexation and growth. The HACC budget is comprised of Commonwealth and State funds allocated according to an agreed ratio and an additional Victorian contribution.

A new Regional HACC Planning and Funds Allocation will be prepared in 2006 for the 2006-09 triennium based on indicative growth allocations.

1.4.2 Joint Commonwealth/State commitment

Allocations on the basis of the RREF, for each region are listed below:

Table 2: Allocation to regions

Region	Growth 2003-04	Growth 2004-05	Growth 2005-06
Barwon-South Western	\$835,047	\$854,649	\$1,077,489
Grampians	\$509,922	\$524,690	\$652,135
Loddon Mallee	\$734,879	\$753,604	\$956,366
Hume	\$583,815	\$598,390	\$779,782
Gippsland	\$658,137	\$685,652	\$840,168
Western	\$1,295,727	\$1,353,730	\$2,001,392
Northern	\$1,720,255	\$1,756,788	\$2,734,380
Eastern	\$1,937,771	\$2,014,279	\$2,186,399
Southern	\$2,476,750	\$2,569,283	\$4,136,033
Statewide	\$435,751	\$600,000	\$1,033,999
TOTAL	\$11,188,055	\$11,711,065	\$16,398,143

Note: Growth allocations include those for the HACC Response Service

Section 2 Unanticipated events/Latest Developments

2.1 Intra-regional equity

Table 3 shows the HACC needs weighted population (WREN) for each LGA and their relative share of WREN for 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06.

Table 3: Comparison of WREN and WREN population

Local Government Area	WREN			WREN pop'n
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2005-06
Buloke	3.41	2.99	3.06	1599
Campaspe	14.45	13.71	12.89	6724
Central Goldfields	5.10	5.31	5.87	3062
Gannawarra	4.47	4.49	4.25	2220
Greater Bendigo	28.99	29.85	30.27	15794
Loddon	3.94	3.51	3.60	1879
Macedon Ranges	9.18	9.79	10.38	5414
Mildura	17.54	16.85	16.67	8696
Mount Alexander	7.07	7.02	6.77	3530
Swan Hill	5.85	6.49	6.24	3254
Total	100	100	100	
RREF	6.91	6.81	6.95	52,173

- In the Loddon Mallee Regional Plan, 2003-06 it was identified that four LGAs – Shires of Campaspe, Mt Alexander, City of Greater Bendigo and Mildura Rural City were under equity. In 2004-05, City of Greater Bendigo and the Shires of Campaspe, Mt Alexander, and Macedon Ranges were the four LGAs that were under equity according to the WREN. The HACC growth funding in 2004-05 enabled the Shire of Campaspe to reach equity, however the growth funding for Macedon Ranges was not sufficient to counter the population growth, hence demand, therefore the Council remains under equity.
- In 2005-06 the Shire of Campaspe reached equity, however Mt Alexander Shire remained slightly below equity, followed by Macedon Ranges Shire. The City of Greater Bendigo remains the most below equity LGA in the Loddon Mallee Region.
- The funding equity outcomes reflect demographic trends in the Region, namely the expansion of the growth corridor from Melbourne towards Bendigo and growth of the major regional centre of Bendigo.

IMPACT OF GROWTH ON EQUITY

- In 2004-05, 11.93% was top sliced from the growth funding, the increase from the proposed 10% in the Plan, being due to a slight increase in the Loddon Mallee Region HACC budget. The 11.93% was directed to the four LGAs that were under regional equity.
- On current calculations the City of Greater Bendigo and the Shires of Macedon Ranges and Mt Alexander will be under equity in 2005-06.
- The equity alteration from the proposed 10% to 20% derives from a Regional redistribution of \$50,000 from the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) priority, Campaspe Shire meeting equity and an increase in the Loddon Mallee Region HACC budget for 2005-06, adding extra funds to those Councils under equity.
- In the interests of accelerating equity in the Region the increased available funding has been applied proportionately to the LGAs that are under equity according to the WREN.

The HACC Loddon Mallee Regional Plan 2003-06 has achieved equity of HACC funding comparative to other LGAs in the Region, for the Rural City of Mildura and Shire of Campaspe.

2.2 Service development

The following table shows 2005-06 Regional Priorities for non-recurrent growth:

Table 4: Service Development Projects

Project Name	Outputs	Target Group	Indicative budget
HACC National Service Standards (NSSI) – Quality Improvement.	Five consultations held in nominated areas of need to strengthen the capacities of organisations to respond to the recommendations arising from their NSSI Action Plans. Improved integration of NSSI into whole of agency quality assurance processes Improved consumer feedback mechanisms to HACC agencies.	All HACC agencies who scored 'Basic' or 'Good' on their HACC NSSI Assessment.	\$30,000

2.3 Minor capital

Minor capital is allocated to agencies via a formula and in 2005-06 all agencies will receive a minimum of \$1,500. This is an additional \$500 minimum payment to offset the cost of the upgrade to HACC MDSv2.

In 2004-05 there were only a small number of agencies that applied to the discretionary pool. In the 2003-04 and 2004-05 years a discretionary pool was created using 20% of minor capital funds. Given the small number of applicants in 2004-05 it would appear that smaller HACC agencies have adjusted well to obtaining an annual minor capital sum via the formula. Therefore Loddon Mallee Region will allow all of the minor capital funds to be distributed via the formula for the first time, during the 2005-06 funding round.

Maximising Transport Project

\$1.5 million was made available in 2004-05 towards the change-over cost of replacing ageing HACC client transport vehicles operated by larger HACC funded agencies. The funds were allocated through a statewide invited submission process. The table below outlines the allocation of the non-recurrent funds to this region.

Table 5: Vehicle changeover allocations

Agency	Purpose	\$
Kyabram & Dist HS	Commuter Bus	\$53,800
Cobaw Community HS	Van	\$29,884
Sunraysia CHS	Mini Bus	\$16,915
Campaspe Shire	Bus	\$25,873
Mallee Track H&CS	Bus	\$24,033
Inglewood & Dist HS	Mini Bus	\$16,738
Swan Hill Dist Hospital	Bus	\$22,659
Buloke Shire	Sedan	\$10,000
Bendigo CHS	Bus	\$16,067
Mt Alexander Shire	Bus	\$21,149
Gannawarra Shire	Bus	\$30,942
TOTAL		\$268,060

Section 3 – Recommendations to implement Ministerial Priorities

3.1 Recurrent growth allocations, 2005-06

Table 6: Recommended growth allocations by priority and LGA, 2005-06

2005-06	Priority 1 (including Training and HACC Response Service)	Priority 2 CALD	Priority 3 ATSI
Buloke	\$19,577.88	-	-
Campaspe	\$82,356.43	-	\$26,200.44
Central Goldfields	\$44,631.96	-	-
Gannawarra	\$27,175.43	-	\$15,723.10
Greater Bendigo	\$317,100.63	-	\$20,720.00
Loddon	\$23,016.77	-	-
Macedon Ranges	\$103,322.40	-	-
Mildura	\$106,505.75	-	-
Mount Alexander	\$72,847.82	-	-
Swan Hill	\$32,747.95	\$10,000.00	\$15,643.60
Region Wide	\$28,373.00	-	\$10,422.76
Grand Total	\$857,656.04	\$10,000.00	\$88,709.90

3.2 Priority 1

3.2.1 Recommended expansion of activities

Table 7: Recommended expansion of Priority 1 activities, 2005-06

ACTIVITIES	Units	\$
Home Care	2,576	\$65,688.00
Personal Care	4,057	\$118,302.12
Property Maint	1,565	\$58,061.50
Allied Health	2,750	\$205,947.50
Nursing Blair	2,565	\$173,470.95
Nursing Non Blair	264	\$16,745.52
Delivered Meals	-	\$00.00
ACM	-	\$183,067.47
Flexible Service Response	-	\$8,000.00
Service System Resourcing	-	\$25,873.00
SSR Training	-	\$2,500.00

3.2.2 Adjustments to recommendations

Priority 1- Is to increase the supply and improve the responsiveness of 'HACC Basic' services and consolidate the 'HACC Basic' service system around the key Council and health sector providers.

Funding of \$50,000 has been transferred to this Priority, to be used to support 'HACC Basic' services within mainstream agencies in those LGAs that are below equity in HACC funding in the Region.

In the HACC Loddon Mallee Regional Plan 2003-06, it was proposed that Interchange within the Loddon Mallee Region be allocated additional Personal Care funding in 2005-06.

Consultation indicated that this funding could not be utilised without additional infrastructure funding to deliver the additional service. This funding type is not a Ministerial priority therefore Interchange Personal Care funding has been distributed as follows across the Region:

City of Greater Bendigo	District Nursing
Campaspe Shire	Personal Care
Central Goldfields	Assessment & Care Management
Gannawarra Shire	Personal Care
Loddon Shire	Personal Care (remaining with Interchange)
Macedon Ranges	Personal Care
Mildura Rural City	Personal Care
Mt Alexander Shire	Personal Care
Swan Hill Rural City	Allied Health

City of Greater Bendigo There has been no evidence based need to fund the CALD initiatives identified in the Regional Plan for the 2005-06 year. These initiatives included an expansion of Assessment & Care Management, activities for the CALD communities, an Ethnic Meals project (City of Greater Bendigo) and an unspecified Ethnic Outreach project across the Region.

Additional funding to the Bendigo LGA has been made available from the increased growth funding, the Regional equity acceleration from 10% to 20% and the reduction in funding of Priority 2, CALD HACC Basic. This has been directed to the activities identified below.

The number of delivered meals has significantly decreased in last financial year, therefore the proposed growth funding for delivered meals has been redirected to Assessment & Care Management for services to the Heathcote district.

Funding proposed for Interchange Loddon Mallee Region for Personal Care has been redirected to expand the District Nursing service.

The increased growth funding has been allocated to Allied Health (Occupational Therapy) and Assessment & Care Management services within the City of Greater Bendigo.

Buloke Shire – Additional funding proposed for East Wimmera Health Service through the 1.5% allocation was not needed. Funding is now proposed for additional Personal Care services.

Campaspe Shire – In 2003-06 it was proposed that Campaspe Shire receive a proportion of the top sliced funding, due to the Shire being under the Regional equity. This is no longer the case, as previous growth funding has brought the Shire of Campaspe to within Regional equity.

Growth funding proposed for Assessment & Care Management and District Nursing has been reduced, and Delivered Meals and Property Maintenance are no longer considered a priority.

Central Goldfields Shire – Growth funding proposed for Delivered Meals, Home Care, Personal Care and Property Maintenance has been redirected to increase Assessment & Care Management and Allied Health (podiatry) services.

Property Maintenance hours have been reduced due to the impact of the drought. Fewer Delivered Meals are needed due to the Positive Living Program that included a focus on cooking for one and assistance in appropriate food shopping skills.

Gannawarra Shire – Funding proposed for Home Care and additional unallocated growth funding is to be directed to the Shire to increase Personal Care services across the LGA.

Loddon Shire – Loddon Shire is slightly over the Loddon Mallee Region Rural Average for Delivered Meals. However the HACC Quarterly data reports indicate a decrease of 1,222 meals, which is supported by the 2003-04 Annual Acquittal.

The Council is under the Regional Rural Average for Property Maintenance. The prediction was that demand would increase in core services by approximately 5%. However the three most recent HACC data reports indicate a decrease of 121 hours. The 2003-04 Annual Acquittal also indicated a decrease of 190 hours.

Due to the Council streamlining their services, an increase to Delivered Meals and Property Maintenance funding is not required. Assessment & Care Management was considered a higher priority.

Macedon Ranges Shire – It is recommended that Home Care was not a priority in 2005-06. Personal Care was considered the higher priority.

It is proposed the additional growth funding be used to increase Allied Health (Occupational Therapy) and District Nursing services across the LGA.

Mildura Rural City – Funding proposed for Delivered Meals and additional funds made available from an increase to the Regional allocation will be used to increase Allied Health (Speech Therapy) services to the LGA.

Mt Alexander Shire – Delivered Meals has not expanded by the expected 5% and this funding is proposed to be redirected toward additional Home Care services.

It is proposed that any unallocated funding be used to increase services to District Nursing and Assessment & Care Management.

Swan Hill Rural City – Funding proposed for Home Care, District Nursing and 175 hours of Personal Care to be directed to Allied Health (Occupational Therapy) services.

Personal Care funding has been decreased by 125 hours and funding is to be used to increase Assessment & Care Management services.

Delivered Meals funding will be redirected to increase Property Maintenance services.

These funding proposals have changed due to agency streamlining services to better meet the program guidelines.

Table 8: Summary of proposals

Activity	Recommended in regional Plan 2003-06	Proposed changes	Comments
Home Care	3298	2576 hours	Decrease in Central Goldfields, Gannawarra and Macedon Ranges Shires and Swan Hill RCC due to streamlining of services and working towards active models of services.
Personal Care	3766	4056 hours	Increase in Buloke, Campaspe, Gannawarra and Macedon Ranges Shires due to an increase in waiting lists and service expansion to meet demand.
Property Maintenance	1566	1565 Hours	No change to the 2003-06 plan
Allied Health	1228	2750 hours	Increase – Central Goldfields Shire identified a service provision gap in Allied Health (Podiatry) services. City of Greater Bendigo, Macedon Ranges Shire and Swan Hill RCC identified a service provision gap in Allied Health (OT). Mildura RCC identified a service provision gap in Allied Health (Speech).
District Nursing	2942	2829	Decrease – Buloke Shire and Swan Hill RCC. East Wimmera Health Service (Buloke Shire) is currently conducting a Service Plan review and identified Personal Care as a higher priority. Swan Hill Rural City identified Allied Health services as a higher priority within the LGA.
Delivered Meals	13,500	0 meals	Decrease – Campaspe, Central Goldfields, Loddon and Mt Alexander Shires, City of Greater Bendigo and Mildura Rural City are all experiencing a decline in the use of Delivered Meals and this is reflected in the Quarterly Output Data Reports. The streamlining of services and using Active Service Models has impacted on service delivery. Other core services have been identified as a higher priority.
Assessment & Care Management	\$79,200	\$177,835 .10	Increase – Eight of the ten LGAs have had increases to their A&CM funding. Loddon Mallee Region is one of the lowest funded Regions per HACC capita in the State. The City of Greater Bendigo received a substantial increase to their proposed amount due to increasing waiting lists and to improve access to services.
Flexible Service Response	\$8,000		No change to the 2003-06 plan
Service System Resourcing - Training	\$2,500		No change to the 2003-06 plan

3.3 Priority 2

Priority 2 is to increase the quantity and quality of 'HACC Basic' services for people from CALD backgrounds and develop new collaborative direct service delivery arrangements between mainstream, multi-cultural and ethno-specific organisations. Initiatives addressing Priority 2 were presented in the Regional Plan, 2003-06. Any adjustments to the original project recommendations are outlined below.

There has been no evidence based need to fund an expansion of Assessment & Care Management or an Ethnic Meals project (City of Greater Bendigo) or an Ethnic Outreach project across the region, as were proposed in the Regional Plan 2003-06.

A reduction of \$50,000 to this Priority has been proposed due to lack of demand. It is also considered that the capacity to absorb further funding in the area of services specifically targeted to people with a CALD background in the Region is limited at this stage. This situation may change in the future with the employment of a HACC Access & Equity worker with the Bendigo Ethnic Communities Council.

As previously noted \$50,000 has been transferred to Priority 1 to assist in addressing Regional equity for the LGAs of City Of Greater Bendigo, Macedon Ranges Shire and Shire of Mt Alexander.

3.3.1 Adjustments to project recommendations

Table 9: Summary of CALD proposals

Activity	Recommended in regional Plan 2003-06	Proposed changes	Comments
Flexible Service Response City of Greater Bendigo – A&CM	\$20,000		Refer to 3.3
Flexible Service Response – City of Greater Bendigo - Ethnic Meals Project	\$15,000		Refer to 3.3
Service System Resourcing – Sunraysia ECC – Outreach Program	\$10,000	\$10,000	Maintenance of effort to extend service to the Swan Hill region
Ethnic Outreach Project	\$15,000		Refer to 3.3

3.4 Priority 3

Priority 3 is to increase the quantity and quality of HACC services for Indigenous communities. Initiatives addressing Priority 3 were presented in the Regional Plan, 2003-06. Any adjustments to the original project recommendations are outlined below.

3.4.1 Adjustments to project recommendations

- The HACC Regional Plan 2003-06 proposed an increased in Planned Activity Group funding for Njernda Aboriginal Corporation, Gannawarra Shire, Bendigo & District Aboriginal Co-operative and Murray Valley Aboriginal Co-operative to enable funding for this activity to reach a regional benchmark of fortnightly activities for 5 hours for 14 HACC clients.
- Home Care funding of \$3,209.13 was allocated to Gannawarra Shire.
- Flexible Service Response funding of \$20,688.29 for the Bendigo & District Aboriginal Co-operative (BDAC) has been redistributed. Funding of \$10,360 has been transferred

to further increase funding to the Planned Activity Group service to provide client centred program funding for identified clients from the AMICUS service. This enables BDAC to reach the regional average of Planned Activity Group funding for Indigenous HACC clients and will address the particular needs of the identified client group.

- The remaining Flexible Service Response funding of \$10,403.36 has been allocated to the two Indigenous HACC support positions of Koori HACC Advocate and the Loddon Mallee/Hume Koori HACC Network development Officer position.

Table 10: Summary of proposals

Activity	Recommended in regional Plan 2003-06	Proposed changes	Comments
Home Care	125 hrs	NIL	No changes proposed
Planned Activity Group - core	6,211 hrs	NIL	No changes proposed
Flexible Service Response (FSR)	\$20,688.29	1,000 person hours of Planned Activity Group-core	To provide a client centred program from AMICUS.
		\$10,403.36 - FSR	To support Regional HACC Indigenous positions.

3.5 Growth allocation to agencies in 2005-06

Table 11: Growth allocations to agencies in 2005-06

Priority	Allocation Method	Catchment	Name of Agency	Home care (hours)	Personal care (hours)	Property maint (hours)	Allied health (hours)	Nursing Blair (hours)	Nursing Non Blair (hours)	PAG Core (hours)	ACM (\$)	FSR (\$)	SSR (\$)
1	Direct	Buloke	Buloke Shire Council		299								
1	Direct	Swan Hill/Buloke	Swan Hill District Hospital				305						
1	Direct	Campaspe	Campaspe Shire	500	700						12,028		
1	Direct	Campaspe	Goulburn Valley Health					150					
1	Direct	Campaspe	Lockington BNC						160				
1	Direct	Campaspe	Rochester & Elmore DHS					100					
3	Direct	Campaspe	Njernda Aboriginal Corporation							2,529			
1	Direct	Central Goldfields Shire	Central Goldfields Shire								12,016		
1	Direct	Central Goldfields Shire	Maryborough DHS					170					
1 & 3	Direct	Gannawarra	Gannawarra Shire Council	125	446	140				1,210			
1	Direct	Greater Bendigo	Greater Bendigo City	1,000	1,000	500					108,531		
1	Direct	Greater Bendigo	McIvor Health & CS					288					
1	Direct	Greater Bendigo	Bendigo CHS				416						
1	Direct	Greater Bendigo	Bendigo Health Care Group				937	677					25,873
2	Direct	Greater Bendigo	City of Greater Bendigo										
3	Direct	Greater Bendigo	Bendigo District Aboriginal Co-op							2,000			
1	Direct	Loddon	Loddon Shire Council								9,514		
1	Direct	Loddon	Boort District Hospital					17					
1	Direct	Loddon	Dingee Bush Nursing Centre					104					
1	Direct	Loddon	Inglewood Districts Health Service					42					
1	Direct	Macedon Ranges	Macedon Ranges Shire Council		637	200					6,108		
1	Direct	Macedon Ranges	Cobaw CHS				337						
1	Direct	Macedon Ranges	Gisborne & Dist CHS				353	50					
1	Direct	Macedon Ranges	Kyneton DHS					239					
1	Direct	Mt Alexander	Mt Alexander Shire Council	376	350	150					17,732		2,500
1	Direct	Maldon	Maldon Hospital					240					
1	Direct	Mt Alexander	Mt Alexander Hospital					200					
1	Direct	Mildura	Mildura Rural City Council	700	525	300							
1	Direct	Mildura	Mallee Track H & CS					99					
1	Direct	Mildura	Sunassist Volunteer Helpers									8,000	
1	Direct	Mildura	Sunraysia Community HS				331	201					
1	Direct	Mildura	Kerang Dist Health					61					
1	Direct	Mildura	Cohuna Dist Hospital					23					
1	Direct	Swan Hill	Swan Hill Rural City Council			275					8,000		
1	Direct	Swan Hill	Manangatang & Dist Hospital					8					
1	Direct	Swan Hill	Robinvale DHS				27						
2	Direct	Swan Hill Hill/Robinvale	Sunraysia Ethnic CC										10,000
3	Direct	Region	Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-operative							1,510			5,211
3	Direct	Region	Regional Information & Advocacy Council										5,211
1	Direct	Loddon	Interchange Loddon Mallee		100								
1	Direct	Gannawarra	Northern Districts CHS Service				44						
				2,701	4,057	1,565	2,750	2,669	160	7,249	\$ 173,929	\$8,000	\$ 48,795

3.6 Impact of growth on equity

The table and graph below provide a summary of the impact of the distribution of growth on equity

LGA	Recurrent \$ 1/7/2003	% of recurrent funding, 1/7/2003	WREN 2003-04	Recurrent \$ + growth, 1/7/2006	% of funding, 1/7/2006	WREN 2006
Buloke	\$ 1,110,530	3.98%	3.45%	\$ 1,576,931	4.81%	3.06%
Campaspe	\$ 3,865,039	13.86%	14.37%	\$ 4,298,288	13.11%	12.89%
Central Goldfields	\$ 1,740,439	6.24%	5.13%	\$ 1,913,787	5.84%	5.87%
Gannawarra	\$ 1,734,365	6.22%	4.52%	\$ 1,865,935	5.69%	4.25%
Greater Bendigo	\$ 6,995,690	25.09%	28.93%	\$ 8,239,615	25.12%	30.27%
Loddon	\$ 1,449,624	5.20%	3.99%	\$ 1,612,186	4.92%	3.60%
Macedon Ranges	\$ 2,316,306	8.31%	9.15%	\$ 2,615,504	7.97%	10.38%
Mildura	\$ 4,798,588	17.21%	17.46%	\$ 5,324,546	16.23%	16.67%
Mount Alexander	\$ 1,669,370	5.99%	7.10%	\$ 1,846,577	5.63%	6.77%
Swan Hill	\$ 2,205,059	7.91%	5.91%	\$ 2,503,525	7.63%	6.24%
Region wide				\$ 1,001,130	3.05%	
Total	\$ 27,885,008	100.0%	100.00%	\$ 32,798,021	100.0%	100.0%

Table 12: Recurrent funding 1 July 2003 and 1 July 2006, compared to equity

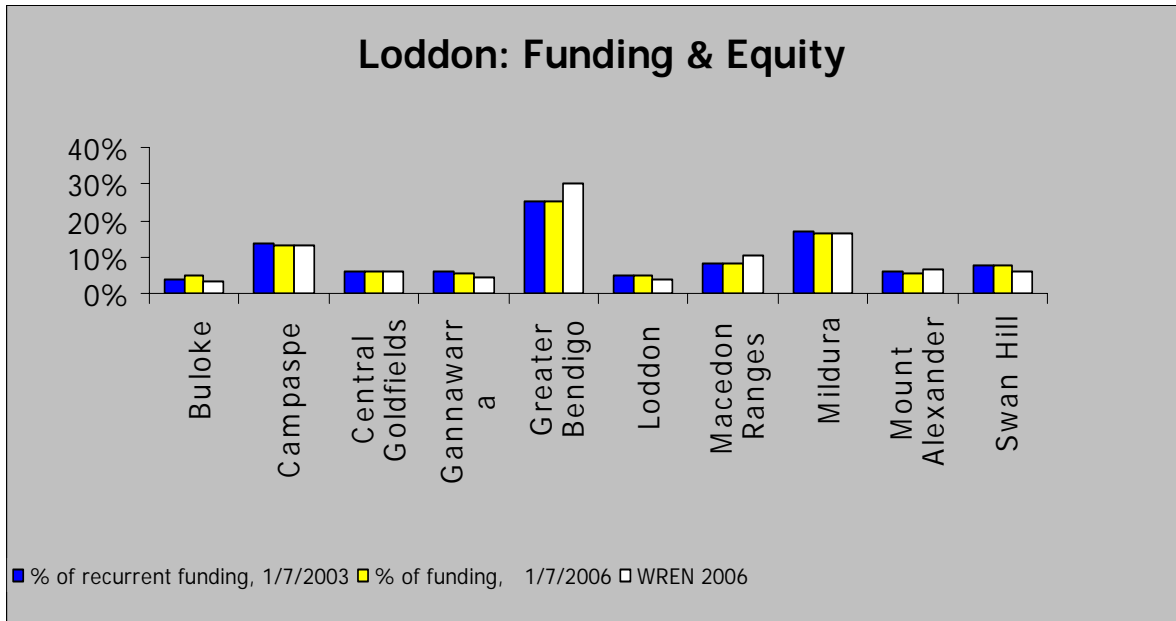


Figure 1: Recurrent funding 1 July 2003 and 1 July 2006, compared to equity