

Home and Community Care (HACC) Program

Loddon Mallee Region Annual Plan 2006-07



1. Introduction

The Loddon Mallee Region **Annual Plan for 2006-07** has been derived from a regional consultation document that set out how Loddon Mallee Region has allocated 2006-07 HACC growth funding as per the strategic directions identified in the **Regional Triennial Plan 2006-09**.

The Region has analysed funding per capita (\$pcf), service provision, demographic data, research/evaluation reports and drawn conclusions about how best to allocate HACC growth funds in alignment with the **Loddon Mallee Triennial Plan 2006-09**, the Ministerial Priorities 2006-09 and in order to move towards funds equity across local governments.

2. Consultation

The following consultation sessions were conducted:

Consultation	Date	Total number of attendees	Number of service providers	Commonwealth representative in attendance
CALD	6 July 2006	10	5	-
Aboriginal	10 July 2006	5	4	-
Bendigo City of Greater Bendigo, Reception Room, Lyttleton Terrace, Bendigo	11 July 2006	31	23	2

3. Budget

3.1 Allocations to Local Government areas

Consideration of equity has guided the regional recommendations that the focus for growth funds across the triennium will be to the City of Greater Bendigo, Shire of Macedon Ranges and Mount Alexander Shire in 2006-07. In the following two financial years, funding is recommended to Mildura Rural City and the Shire of Central Goldfields

Local Government Area	Indicative LGA Allocation
Buloke (S)	\$ -
Campaspe (S)	\$ 13,635
Central Goldfields (S)	\$ -
Gannawarra (S)	\$ -
Greater Bendigo (C)	\$ 519,009
Loddon (S)	\$ -
Macedon Ranges (S)	\$ 178,812
Mildura (RC)	\$ 36,305
Mount Alexander (S)	\$ 110,203
Swan Hill (RC)	\$ 9,050
LMR	\$ 10,000
Grand Total	\$ 877,014

to address equity. By the end of the triennium it is intended to have made substantial gains in redressing the relative under-funding in the under funded Councils.

Funding is expected to bring three of the five under funded Councils above the Rural Region's per capita level of \$600.

3.2 Allocation to Priority

The following details the allocations by priority and Council.

Local Government Area	Indicative Allocation to Priority 1	Indicative Allocation to Priority 2	Indicative Allocation to Priority 3
Buloke (S)			
Campaspe (S)			\$ 13,635
Central Goldfields (S)			
Gannawarra (S)			
Greater Bendigo (C)	\$ 511,721		\$ 7,288
Loddon (S)			
Macedon Ranges (S)	\$ 177,542	\$ 1,270	
Mildura (RC)		\$ 13,591	\$ 22,715
Mount Alexander (S)	\$ 108,934	\$ 1,270	
Swan Hill (RC)			\$ 9,050
LMR	\$ 10,000		
Grand Total	\$ 808,197	\$ 16,130	\$ 52,687

In the Regional Annual Plan 2006-07, the percentage of funding approved to Priority One HACC Basic was 92%, to Priority Two 2% and to Priority Three 6%. Priority one has been allocated on the basis of Council equity, relevant \$pcf by activity and usage of HACC services. This resulted in 92% allocated to HACC basic services.

Priority two funding has been approved to develop linkages between CALD population and HACC services in under funded areas and support the capacity of ethno specific organisations in the Region.

Priority three funding has been allocated on the basis of the Rural Region's funded average, which was employed for each HACC activity to inform decisions about service activity funding priorities across the Region.

The enhancement of service provider organisational capacity was also considered.

3.3 Regional Summary of allocations

The following allocations by priority, activity and LGA were approved.

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 \$
3	Personal Care	Campaspe (S)	458	\$13,635
1	Property Maintenance	Greater Bendigo (C)	478	\$18,107
1	Nursing - Public Sector	Greater Bendigo (C)	504	\$33,753
1	Personal Care	Greater Bendigo (C)	1,796	\$53,467
1	Planned Activity Group - High	Greater Bendigo (C)	1,866	\$27,822
1	Domestic Assistance	Greater Bendigo (C)	2,000	\$52,080
1	Assessment	Greater Bendigo (C)		\$103,657
1	Service System Resourcing	Greater Bendigo (C)		\$36,274
1	Allied Health	Greater Bendigo (C)	2,440	\$186,562
3	Flexible Service Response - ATSI	Greater Bendigo (C)		\$7,288
1	Service System Resourcing	Lodd		\$10,000
1	Allied Health	Macedon Ranges (S)	1,909	\$145,962
1	Assessment	Macedon Ranges (S)		\$31,580
2	Service System Resourcing	Macedon Ranges (S)		\$1,270
2	Service System Resourcing	Mildura (RC)		\$13,591
3	Personal Care	Mildura (RC)	763	\$22,715
1	Allied Health - Podiatry	Mount Alexander (S)	650	\$49,699
1	Personal Care	Mount Alexander (S)	750	\$22,328
1	Planned Activity Group - Core	Mount Alexander (S)	1,514	\$16,018
1	Assessment	Mount Alexander (S)		\$20,889
2	Service System Resourcing	Mount Alexander (S)		\$1,270
3	Personal Care	Swan Hill (RC)	304	\$9,050
	TOTAL			\$877,014

Planning sessions were held in each of the ten Councils to determine the local needs and service gaps both within HACC and across the broader Human Services sector. The discussions in all areas highlighted interest in the principles and implementation of the Active Service Model of HACC. Discussion identified the need to increase assessment funding, as this activity in the Loddon Mallee Region is funded at the lowest level in the State. Participants also identified the need to increase allied health funding to support the assessment process within an active HACC framework. The importance of social support, volunteer co-ordination and planned activity for the HACC client group was another theme, noting that this is an area that will be subject to further research in the triennial plan period.

Funding was approved to:

- implement the principles of the HACC Active Service model to support improved integration of allied health and nursing services in the assessment process and strengthen partnerships between organisations;
- support linkages between clients from a CALD background and ethno specific organisations to HACC services;
- support Aboriginal organisations with the capacity to provide HACC services.
- better resource the City of Greater Bendigo, Macedon Ranges Shire and Mount Alexander Shire;
- better resource Central Goldfields Shire, which is under or on the LMR average for meals, personal care and PAG high;

- better resource Mildura Rural City Council which is under or on the LMR average for allied health, domestic assistance, meals, PAG high, property maintenance, personal care and respite, with district nursing just over the average.

Below is a summary of the level of funding and actual service delivery for 2004-05, based on Minimum Data Set, in the targeted Local Government areas.

Campaspe Shire:

Personal Care:

- Funding is below the LMR average for this service type.
- Although Campaspe Shire is funded above the Rural Region's \$pcf, currently personal care funding does not exist for the Aboriginal Organisation within this area.

Central Goldfields Shire:

Personal Care:

- Currently service is being supplemented from domestic assistance funding to meet the increasing demand.
- Additional funding would enable to address this demand as well as expand the service in the 'Basic Foot Care' if this was acknowledged as a service gap.
- Actuals aligned with targets for 2004-05, however, year to date actuals are exceeding targets.

Allied Health:

- Currently, the only HACC allied health funding is for a 0.5 EFT Occupational Therapy position. Central Goldfields is the 2nd lowest funded Council for this activity in the LMR and significantly under both the rural and state averages. Funding would enable the Occupational Therapy position to grow to support an Active Service Model.
- HACC Physiotherapy and limited similar support does not exist in this Council. Currently, clients are being readmitted to hospital, due to the lack of Physiotherapy support needs to assist clients with their rehabilitation back into the community.

City of Greater Bendigo:

Allied Health:

- Funding is below the LMR average for this service type. Targets and actuals are even as reported in 2004-05.
- Additional funding is to support an Active Service Model of assessment and service provision.

Assessment:

- Funding is the lowest in the region and is below the LMR average, rural and Victorian average. LMR is one of the lowest funded per capita in the State. Additional funding would enable an Active Service Model to be implemented. More frequent assessments will be required to monitor the client.

Domestic Assistance:

- This service type receives the lowest level of funding per HACC capita in the LMR region. This is just below the rural and Victorian average. Actuals reported for 2004-05 are above the targets.

Nursing:

- An increase to district nursing would enable the service to assist in the provision of the 800 visits per month to administer insulin and blood glucose monitoring. The additional hours would also allow a stronger focus on diabetes education.

Personal Care:

- Although funded highest in the LMR and above the LMR, rural and Victorian averages, demand for this service continues to growth. This is possibly due to the continual increase of aged persons within the City of Greater Bendigo.

Planned Activity Group – High:

- This activity is the fourth lowest in this Region and is funded below the LMR, rural and Victorian averages. The actuals for 2004-05 are above their target.

Property Maintenance:

- Although funded on the LMR this activity has had minimal growth over the last 3 year funding cycle.

Service System Resourcing:

- This funding would assist with the significant issues with weekend workloads, these include medication management, 30% of the clients have dementia and need monitoring 7 days a week and the continual early discharge from acute services, particularly on Fridays. Penalty rates on weekends make it difficult to increase the EFT on Saturday and Sundays.

Macedon Ranges Shire:

Allied Health:

- This activity is funded below the LMR, rural and Victorian averages and third lowest across the LMR. Actuals for 2004-05 exceeded the targets.

Assessment:

- Although Assessment is funded on the LMR average, this activity, across the LMR is under funded according to the Victorian average.

Planned Activity Group – high:

- This activity is currently funded below the LMR, Rural and Victorian averages. Actuals for 2004-05 exceeded the targets.

Mount Alexander Shire:

Allied Health:

- Mount Alexander Shire is the lowest funded for HACC allied health service in the LMR. This falls substantially far below the LMR average, the rural regions average and the Victorian average. Targets and actuals scarcely register yet appear matched.

Assessment:

- Although assessment funding is on the LMR average, it is below the rural regions and Victorian average and is the fourth lowest funded of the ten Councils.

Personal Care:

- Currently funded below the LMR average and just above the rural and Victorian averages. In 2004-05 actuals are above the targets.

Planned Activity Group – core:

- Funded on the LMR average but below the rural regions average actuals well exceed their targets for 2004-05. Mount Alexander Shire is in a growth corridor and has pockets in the community that are rurally isolated. This funding will be delivered to two rural towns that currently do not receive any social support services.

Mildura Rural City Council:

Personal Care:

- This activity is below the LMR average and below the State average. Actuals exceed the targets for 2004-05 and year to date hours are currently significantly above their projected target for 2005-06.

Swan Hill Rural City:

- Although Swan Hill Rural City is funded above the Rural Region's \$pcf, currently there is minimal personal care funding directed to the Aboriginal organisation within the area.