

# The Victorian and Tasmanian PHN Alliance

*PHNs working together to create healthier communities*

The Victorian and Tasmanian PHN Alliance provides a platform for the Tasmanian and six Victorian PHNs. The Alliance enables the PHNs to collectively achieve the best possible outcomes for local communities and organisations through leadership, collaboration, coordination and synergy.



## Our Vision

To optimise the collective capabilities of the Alliance PHNs as a sector, proactively align efforts and advance primary care reform with a jurisdictional purview, that extends from Victoria and across the Strait to Tasmania.

## Our Purpose

### Maximise our capabilities:

Foster thought leadership, best practice, innovation, evaluation, scoped research and translational capabilities across the sector and with partners.

### Strategic engagement of stakeholders and partners:

Engage and partner with the full spectrum of funders, private investors, providers and other organisations with an interest in primary health, in order to enhance the outcomes of the PHN sector.

### Harness collective opportunities:

Agree investment strategies and new revenue opportunities to optimise the capacity of the PHN sector and enable best investment of all available funding.

### Collective infrastructure:

Provide a mechanism for the collective view and vision, fostering insight and taking a shared approach across the PHN sector.

## Our Priorities

Fostering collaboration, learning, and knowledge transfer across the PHN sector

Developing shared infrastructure and methodologies

Establishing key communication channels and engagement relationships

## Our Approach

Jurisdictional coordination

Joint working across the PHN sector

Communications and engagement

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The key objectives of PHNs are to:

- increase the efficiency and effectiveness of medical services for patients, particularly those at risk of poor health outcomes, and
- improve coordination of care to ensure patients receive the right care, in the right place, at the right time.

PHNs are expected to achieve these objectives by:

- working directly with general practitioners, other primary health care providers, secondary care providers and hospitals to ensure improved outcomes for patients
- understanding the health care needs of their communities
- responding to identified national and PHN specific priorities
- having a local purchasing or commission role, and
- being outcome focused and performing a critical function in networking health services.

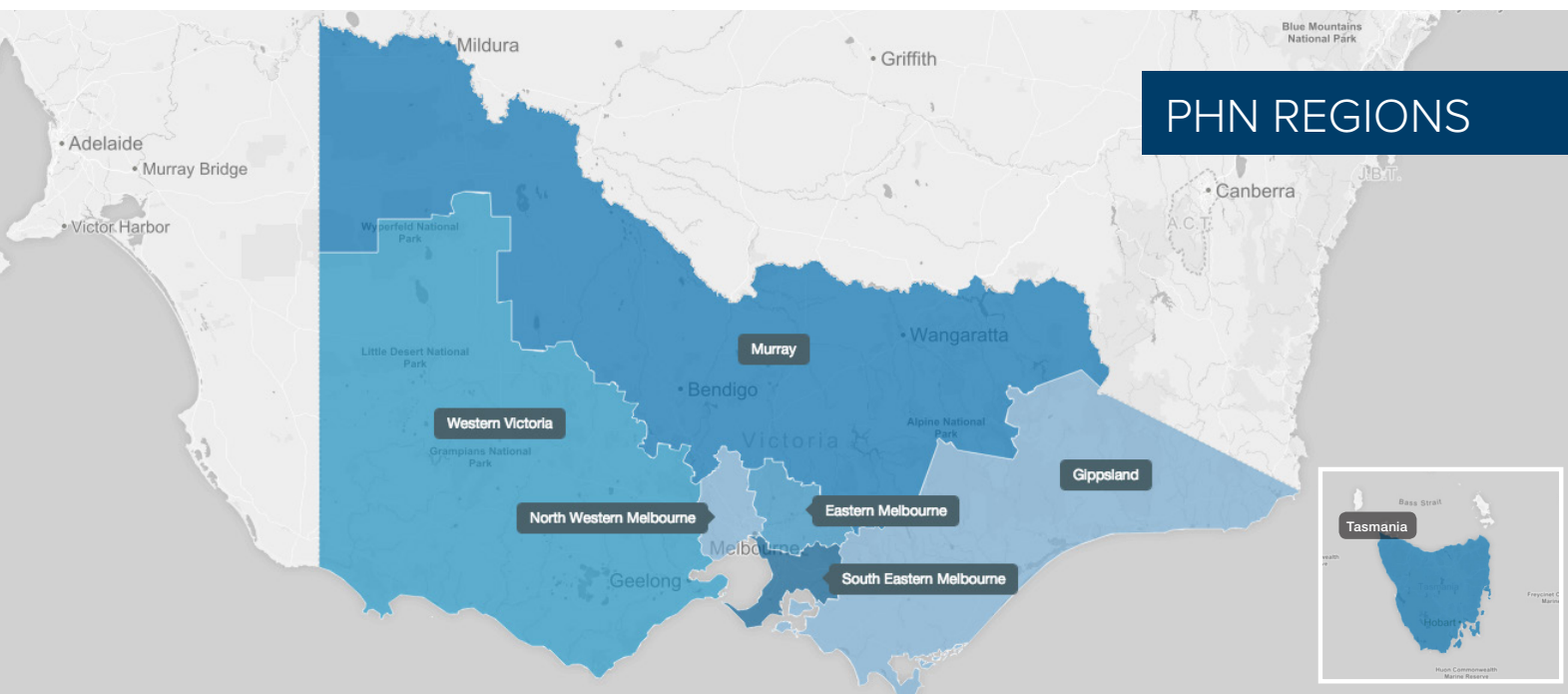
The activities of PHNs are also guided by a series of national priority areas:

- mental health
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health
- population health
- health workforce
- digital health,
- alcohol and other drugs and
- aged care

The PHN national headline indicators that reflect Government priorities include:

- potentially preventable hospitalisations
- childhood immunisation rates
- cancer screening rates (cervical, breast, bowel), and
- mental health treatment rates (including for children and adolescents).

Source: Australian Government Department of Health, 2016, Primary Health Networks Performance Framework Version 1.0, Australian Government



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