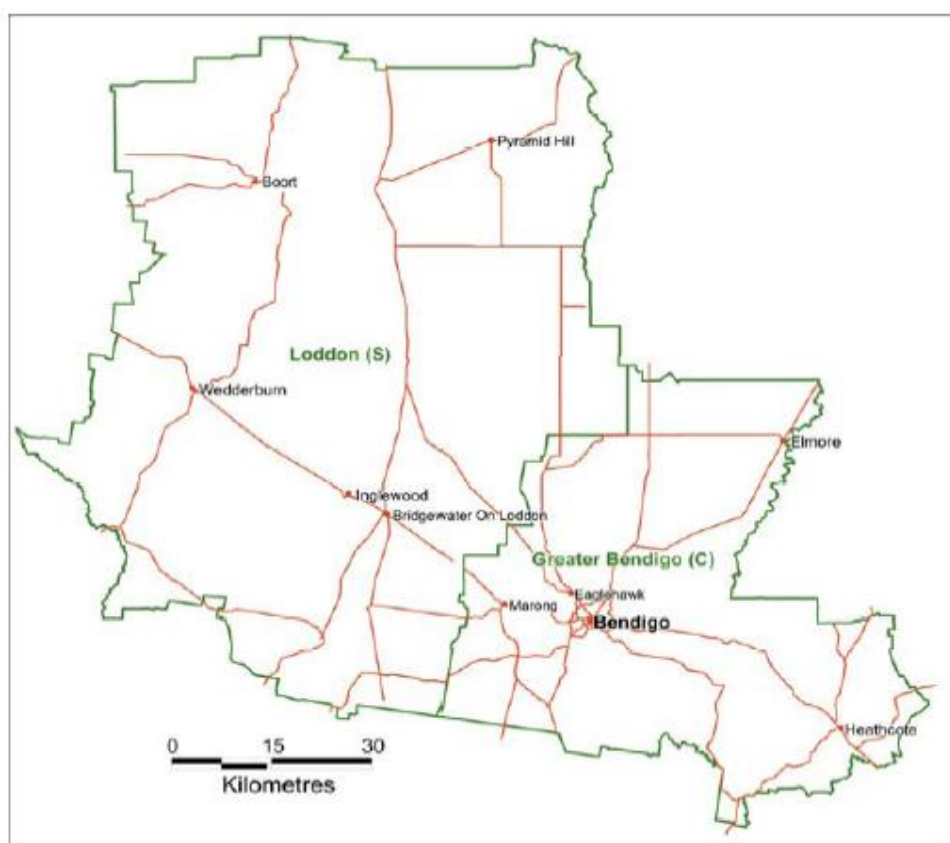


SECTION ONE: THE BASIS OF OUR PARTNERSHIP WORK

What is Our Partnership?

The Bendigo Loddon Primary Care Partnership (PCP) is a system of autonomous health and community service organisations and local governments in the City of Greater Bendigo and the Loddon Shire. This partnership of organisations came together in 2000 to improve the health and wellbeing of people in the area by working with one another, supported with funding and a Policy Framework of the (then) Department of Human Services (DHS) (now the Victorian Department of Health DH).

Our PCP covers a broad landscape, encompassing the two Local Government areas of Greater Bendigo and Loddon and 9,700 square kilometres of rural and regional Victoria. Our system provides services to over 108,000 people within our catchment with the distance from Heathcote to Boort being 155kms.



Driving distances covered include:

Boort to Bendigo	105 kms
Pyramid Hill to Bendigo	94 kms
Wedderburn to Bendigo	82 kms
Inglewood to Bendigo	50 kms
Elmore to Bendigo	50 kms
Heathcote to Bendigo	50 kms
Dingee to Bendigo	47 kms

Our Partnership exists only through the commitment and involvement of our autonomous member organisations. The following are the current members who have chosen to participate in the Partnership and the implementation of the Strategic Plan:

Level 1 Members (these members are parties to the Consortium Service Agreement with the Department of Health and each has a representative on our Board). They are all signatories to our Partnership Agreement:

- Bendigo and District Aboriginal Co-operative
- Bendigo Community Health Services
- Bendigo Health Care Group
- Boort District Health
- Central Victoria General Practice Network Inc
- City of Greater Bendigo
- Heathcote Health
- Inglewood and Districts Health Service
- Loddon Shire Council
- Murray-Plains Division of General Practice
- Women's Health Loddon Mallee

Levels 2 Members (these members have signed our Partnership Agreement and participate actively in at least one of the priorities of the PCP):

- Annie North Inc
- Bapcare Ltd
- Bendigo Regional YMCA
- Breastscreen Victoria Bendigo
- Centacare Diocese of Sandhurst
- Centre Against Sexual Assault Loddon Campaspe Region Inc
- Country Awareness Network Victoria Inc
- Dingee Bush Nursing Centre
- EASE
- Golden City Support Services Inc
- Lifeline Central Victoria and Mallee
- Loddon Campaspe Multicultural Services Inc
- Mind Australia
- Northern District Community Health Services
- Sports Focus
- St Luke's Anglicare
- Strath-Haven Bendigo
- Vision Australia
- YWCA Victoria

Associates (these organisations are not required to sign the Partnership Agreement, however, they are interested in the work of the partnership and are welcome to attend any of the activities facilitated by the PCP):

- LaTrobe Rural Health School
- Monash University School of Rural Health
- The Otis Foundation

The Values of Our Partnership

The work of our Partnership rests on a foundation of shared values including:

- Relationships based on respect and trust
- Cooperation and collaboration
- Shared information and evidence-based practice
- Equity of all members of our Partnership
- Ethical conduct with the prime outcome of each decision being the effectiveness of the primary health care service system
- Participatory decision making
- Integrated planning for community and individual well-being
- Planned and coordinated service delivery
- Transparency and accountability to each other
- Privacy and confidentiality

The Vision of Our Partnership

To work in partnership to improve, enhance and maintain the health and wellbeing of our communities.

The Strategic Goal of Our Partnership

Our Partnership will foster the mental health and wellbeing of our community, promote positive lifestyles and ensure that principles of social inclusion are embedded in our work.

Priority Population Groups for Our Partnership

Our Partnership will focus on improving the health and wellbeing of:

- Children and young people (0-25 years)
- Aboriginal people
- Older people (aged 55+)

Health Promotion Priorities for Our Partnership

Our Partnership will focus on these four integrated health promotion issues of the Victorian Health Promotion priorities:

- Mental health and wellbeing (including family violence and alcohol issues)
- Physical activity and active communities
- Reducing tobacco related harm
- Sexual and reproductive health

Chronic Disease Priority for Our Partnership

- Diabetes

How We Developed Our Strategic Plan

The development of our Strategic Plan occurred under the guidance of the Board of our PCP. *Engage Consulting Australia* was contracted to assist with the consultation and development of the plan and was supported by the PCP Secretariat. A key feature of the development was the extensive consultation undertaken within our Partnership organisations to determine the priority issues and ensure that this Strategic Plan reflects the ambitions and commitments of our member organisations.

The development of the Strategic Plan occurred throughout 2009 and included:

- Development of a statistical picture of health and wellbeing in the Greater Bendigo and Loddon Local Government areas (LGAs) – A Community Profile (commenced 2008 and updated 6 monthly)
- Initial Partnership workshop with member organisations (February 2009)
- Individual consultation interviews with senior executives from each member organisation (June – July 2009)
- A 'Priority Setting' workshop where senior executives from each member organisation agreed on the priority issues and population groups upon which to focus our work for the next three years (July 2009)
- A workshop focused on 'Aboriginal health' where specific objectives and strategies to progress the health of Aboriginal people were canvassed for inclusion in this Plan (August 2009)
- A workshop focused specifically on the work of our Partnership in relation to 'Children and Young People' (August 2009)
- A workshop focused on continuing our work to improve the health and wellbeing of older people (55+) (August 2009)
- A workshop with key health promotion organisations to determine our shared priorities for health promotion (August 2009)
- A consultation process whereby member organisations commented on a draft of this Strategic Plan and nominated the strategies they wished to be involved in over the next three years (September – October 2009)
- Submission of Health Promotion Objectives and Strategies by each member organisation contributing to the Integrated Health Promotion work contained in this Plan
- The most recent review of this Strategic Plan was adopted in November 2011 and was undertaken by PCP staff with input from PCP partners



Section Two:

The Context of Our Partnership Work