

# Mallee Electorate

## Rural Health Workforce Snapshot FY23/24

### What is needed for better rural health?

- Get rural healthcare issues and solutions onto national agendas.
- Support place-based solutions in rural communities that are co-designed and tailored to local health needs of the community and health workforce profile within the region.
- Increase funding to support rural health professional upskilling, recruitment/placement support and Outreach service delivery to communities based on local health workforce needs.

### RWAV identified 'hotspot' areas with priority health workforce needs

#### Horsham/Wimmera region

### Most needed professions identified by RWAV Rural Health Workforce Census

- Dental Practitioner
- Exercise Physiologist
- General Practitioner
- Nurse
- Occupational Therapist
- Physiotherapist
- Podiatrist
- Psychologist
- Social Worker
- Speech Pathologist

### RWAV prioritised these Outreach services based on service demand

#### Diabetes    Psychiatry    Urology

RWAV has provided service providers with **\$16,508** of funding to support **locum GP coverage** across the electorate

RWAV has provided health professionals with **\$50,000** of funding to support relocation and **retention GP coverage** across the electorate

### RWAV support across electorate

# 12

Total No. of doctors placed on the More Doctors for Rural Australia Program (MDRAP) and/or Pre-Fellowship Program (PFP)

across Horsham, Inglewood, Irymple, Kerang and Maryborough

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Total No. of roles RWAV is actively providing recruitment support to build capacity across region

Halls Gap	2	Ouyen	1
Horsham	3	Robinvale	1
Irymple	1	Sea Lake	1
Mildura	13	Warracknabeal	2

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Total No. of roles RWAV has supported recruitment of health professionals in locum or on-going capacity

Dimboola	1	Sea Lake	6
Halls Gap	7	St Arnaud	1
Irymple	1	Stawell	10
Kerang	2	Swan Hill	3
Mildura	7	Warracknabeal	4
Robinvale	3		

### No. of practices at risk of closure

Wimmera Region remains at risk due to very thin GP service coverage.



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