

# Wannon 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

**Timboon Cobden Casterton**  
**Coleraine Hamilton**

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

- Dental Practitioner
- Exercise Physiologist
- General Practitioners
- Nurses
- Occupational Therapist
- Paediatrician
- Physiotherapist
- Psychologist
- Speech Pathologist

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

**Ophthalmology Optometry Audiology**

RWAV has provided service providers with **\$19,996** of funding to support **locum GP coverage** across the electorate

RWAV has provided health professionals with **\$20,000** of funding to support **relocation and retention GP coverage** across the electorate

### RWAV support across electorate

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

across Aireys Inlet and Portland

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

Apollo Bay	1	Hamilton	2
Ararat	3	Heywood	2
Camperdown	1	Portland	1
Cobden	1	Warrnambool	5
Colac	1		

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

Apollo Bay	1	Cobden	2
Ararat	6	Heywood	2
Beaufort	1	Portland	2
Casterton	1	Timboon	11

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No. of practices at risk of closure



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