

# STRATEGIC PLAN 2023-25 SUMMARY

# **Our vision**

HEALTHY RURAL AND REGIONAL COMMUNITIES WITH TIMELY ACCESS TO THE PRIMARY CARE THEY NEED

Our vision is our ultimate aspiration. It articulates what all our efforts are working towards. For us, this is about all people in our catchment being healthy and well and having access to high-quality primary health care which meets their needs and prevents disease.

# Our purpose

WE STRENGTHEN
PRIMARY HEALTH CARE
TO KEEP PEOPLE WELL
AND OUT OF HOSPITAL

Our purpose communicates, at a high level, where we will focus our efforts to achieve our vision. We strengthen primary health care through integration, coordination and capacity building. Working in partnership is at the heart of our purpose; we cannot and do not want to work in isolation – it simply won't be effective or impactful. By increasing access to high-quality, culturally responsive and sustainable primary health care services, we support our communities to manage and improve their health and wellbeing so that fewer people need to seek acute health care and more care can be provided closer to home.

# **Our values**



#### **LEADERSHIP:**

We commit to lead effective change in primary health care and the broader health system



#### **COLLABORATION:**

We build enduring relationships that lead to better health outcomes



#### **RESPECT:**

We value the voices and participation of every individual and respect the knowledge and wisdom our communities hold about their health needs



#### **ACCOUNTABILITY:**

We are accountable to our communities, partners, funders and co-workers



#### **INNOVATION:**

We foster new and better ways to improve health outcomes



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# Our story of change

Our story of change diagram describes the impact we seek to create with and for our communities. It shows how we seek to make change happen in the context of broader health care sector trends and disruptions, from the prevention of disease or illness, through to better health outcomes in our communities.

## **OUR CONTEXT**



Our unique community and catchment has incredible strengths and proven resilience...

...but the demand for primary health care and wellbeing services is outstripping supply in our region.

The primary health care **funding landscape** comes with constraints and complexities...

...and the government and political landscape is also complex and fast-moving.

These and other factors contribute to a fragmented health care system...

...responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and a myriad of other health and wellbeing needs...

...in the context of major **digital and data** developments and disruptions.

## **OUR ROLES**



#### **CONNECTOR**

We collaborate through partnerships, and coordinate and integrate stakeholders and systems.

#### CAPACITY BUILDER

We build primary health capacity and equitable access, scaling up innovation.

## **CO-DESIGNER**

We co-design evidence-informed models of care that meet community needs.

#### **ADVISOR**

We identify and advocate for change that benefits our communities.

## **FUNDER**

We build and manage funding relationships for the greatest impact.

#### **FORECASTER**

We respond today, and plan and provide for tomorrow to prevent and control disease.

#### THE CHANGE WE SEEK

HEALTH SYSTEM BENEFITS

#### **EQUITABLE ACCESS**

Communities can access primary health care and wellbeing services as and when they are needed. Health care services are aligned with relative need and delivered with cultural humility.

#### **HIGH QUALITY**

Primary health care and wellbeing services are high-quality, culturally responsive, person-centred and integrated around relative needs to deliver holistic health care experiences.

#### GREATER SUSTAINABILITY

The health care system is designed to meet community needs, with sustainable funding arrangements and a stable workforce to support scalable rural models of care for long-term impact.

## **SYSTEM EFFICIENCIES**

Primary health care and wellbeing services create efficiencies in the broader health care system by reducing avoidable hospitalisations and acute health care costs.

# COMMUNITY BENEFITS

A strengthened primary health care system that supports rural and regional communities.

Relevant, effective and integrated health care and wellbeing services and information systems underpinned by an anti-racist approach are available to people across our catchment. This means people are supported to promote wellbeing and good health, prevent illness, disease and injury, and recover when sickness, accidents or adversity strike.

Healthy and well communities with timely access to the primary and preventive health care they need.

Improved health and wellbeing for all members of our community, including underserviced population groups.



# **Our roles**



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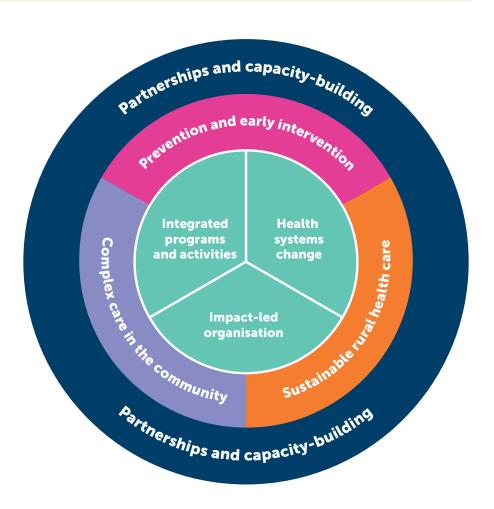


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# Our inside-out change model

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#### **PRIORITY AREA 1: INTEGRATED PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES**

A critical focus for us is ensuring primary health care and wellbeing services in our region are integrated and effective. We will focus on supporting co-design and development of needs-driven, evidence-informed programs and activities. The sub-priorities in this section can collectively be described as our approach to "relational commissioning". This strengths-based approach is underpinned by principles of mutual respect, anti-racism, trust and co-design. Building capacity and scaling innovation are equally important if we are to achieve quality, sustainability and value in rural and regional primary health care.

- Maintain an informed position on the needs and gaps in rural and regional primary health care and wellbeing service provision in our catchment.
- 1.2 Undertake regular, comprehensive reviews of current investment priority areas to ensure activities remain strategic, integrated, evidence-informed and outcomes-based.
- Develop a trust-based partnerships and co-design model that supports long-term capacity building, equity, quality, value and sustainability in models of care delivery.

## **PRIORITY AREA 2: HEALTH SYSTEMS CHANGE**

Murray PHN does not operate in isolation. We must engage and influence a diverse range of stakeholders within and beyond our immediate catchment to increase sustainability of funding arrangements, improve collaboration and coordination of service providers, and leverage innovation that benefits our communities and the broader health system. This represents an overall meaningful change that will directly benefit our communities in the Murray PHN catchment and beyond.

- 2.1 Advocate for the needs of our communities and general practice at regional, state and federal levels.
- 2.2 Collaborate with partners to drive integrated and sustainable co-investment.
- 2.3 Advance anti-racist, culturally responsive policy and practice within the primary health system.

## **PRIORITY AREA 3: IMPACT-LED ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Our people make us unique. To enable our team to do their best work, we are committed to building a resilient, agile organisation with a collective focus on outcomes and impact. This means making sure our infrastructure, technology and processes are fit-for-purpose. Most of all, it means making sure each and every one of us feel safe, respected and valued as part of a diverse, inclusive and innovative culture.

- 3.1 Develop a capable and engaged workforce.
- 3.2 Advance anti-racism, diversity and inclusion across our team.
- 3.3 Adopt a strategic, purposeful design and outcomes-orientated focus across the organisation.
- 3.4 Enhance our systems technology and processes to support strategy implementation.
- 3.5 Increase our financial sustainability and resilience.