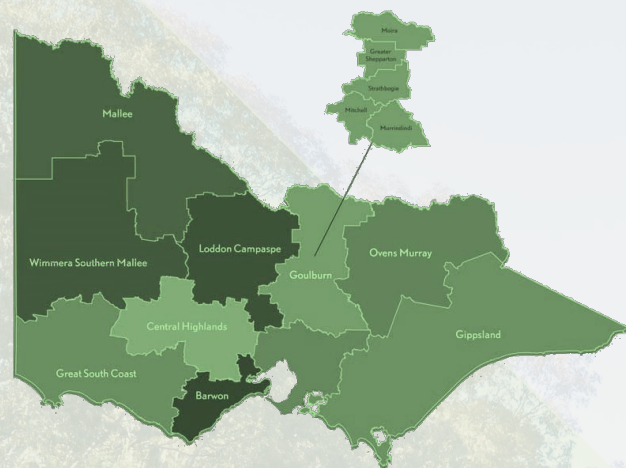


REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS GOULBURN



From Melbourne's northern growth corridor to the Murray River, the Goulburn Region is renowned for its fertile soils, mild climate, good water resources and growth opportunities for population and business.

The Goulburn Regional Partnership knows that despite its advantages, the region also faces challenges such as poor health and educational outcomes, critical workforce skills gaps, social isolation, intergenerational disadvantage and sub regional community connectivity.

The outcomes that the Partnership has identified for 2018-19 will:

- Keep our people healthy
- Better understand and then develop a leading regional mental health response
- Address critical workforce skills gaps in the rapidly growing health sector
- Support vulnerable young people
- Continue work on the economic projects already underway
- Address gaps in social infrastructure in the growth corridor

We proudly acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land and pay respects to their Elders past, present and future, for they hold the memories, the tradition and the culture of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The **outcomes** we are striving to achieve

While early economic, agricultural and infrastructure priorities still remain, or are being progressed, the most recent community feedback has placed an emphasis on the wellbeing and social health of the Goulburn region. In response, our Partnership is striving to achieve the following long-term outcomes. The roadmap outlines the challenges we face in achieving these outcomes, the actions we are taking and what success looks for our region.



Our Outcomes Roadmap



Population Wellbeing

People of the Goulburn region are fit, healthy and engaged across all ages and abilities, regardless of location.



Education and Employment

People of the Goulburn region have the skills to be lifelong learners and to engage in the local workforce at a level that suits them.



Reducing Disadvantage

People of the Goulburn region enjoy equal opportunity to lead healthy and prosperous lives.



Growth Corridor






Goulburn's urban environments are viable and thriving.



Economy

Goulburn is home to a diversified and thriving economy that provides opportunities for workers of all ages.



	<p><i>What success looks like for Goulburn</i></p>	<p><i>Some key challenges we are facing</i></p>	<p><i>How our partnership is responding</i></p>	
<p> Population Wellbeing People of the Goulburn region are fit, healthy and engaged across all ages and abilities, regardless of location.</p>	<p>Our health is protected through a state-of-the-art Patient Administration System (PAS) and we have a greater understanding of mental health issues in the region feeding in to a leading mental health response for citizens.</p>	<p>Goulburn exceeds the Victorian average for registered mental health clients, with many reporting ‘high’ or ‘very high’ psychological distress¹. We have gaps in mental health and alcohol and drug treatment services. Our Patient Administration System needs renewal, and we experience difficulty attracting medical professionals and qualified care staff.</p>	<p>We are keeping our people healthy by advocating for a modern medical records system, and development of a leading tele-health strategy. We are gaining a better understanding of the mental health issues facing the region and developing a leading regional mental health response for all citizens.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrading the Hume Patient Administration System (PAS). • Investigating mental health issues in the region and recommendations for innovative solutions. • Projects to stimulate the use of tele-health and education systems. • Improving transport solutions.
<p> Education and Employment People of the Goulburn region have the skills to be lifelong learners and to engage in the local workforce at a level that suits them.</p>	<p>Goulburn is an attractive place to live and work, where people are able to be life long learners with the security of employment in their chosen field. Young people are able to pursue the classes and courses relevant to their chosen field.</p>	<p>Goulburn has difficulty attracting medical professionals and may face nursing shortages in the coming years. In addition, there are high rates of school disengagements and refusal, as well as intergenerational problems perpetuating family cycles of lower engagement with education. There is a need for life skills training in schools and better use of technology.</p>	<p>We are addressing critical workforce skill gaps in the rapidly growing health sector, by supporting enhanced tertiary opportunities in the region, and developing improved careers experiences in schools; as well as generating wider regional benefit from the Shepparton Education Plan.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocating for the improvement and expansion of regional education facilities such as La Trobe University. • Projects to stimulate the use of tele-health and education systems. • Improving transport solutions. • Identifying lessons from the Greater Shepparton Lighthouse to support its development in other areas. • Identifying opportunities to improve the careers experiences in schools.
<p> Reducing Disadvantage People of the Goulburn region enjoy equal opportunity to lead healthy and prosperous lives.</p>	<p>All Goulburn citizens, and especially the most vulnerable, are engaged and supported to lead healthy and prosperous lives through the provision of appropriate and collective services.</p>	<p>We have 5.7% of people on unemployment benefits compared to the state average of 4.1%² and a need for social and affordable housing. Loneliness and social isolation are also significant issues, compounded by difficulties in travelling across the region.</p>	<p>We are supporting vulnerable young people, by leveraging learnings from the Shepparton Lighthouse Project to seed similar projects in areas of identified need and investigating avenues to support young people to access appropriate mental health services.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementing the learnings from the Greater Shepparton Lighthouse Project in other areas. • Increasing the sharing of information between departments, agencies and local government to improve data accuracy and better understand intergenerational disadvantage.
<p> Growth Corridor Goulburn’s urban environments are viable and thriving.</p>	<p>Goulburn’s growth corridor is prepared for the increasing population, with a thriving workforce and the infrastructure and social services required to meet this demand.</p>	<p>We have a rapidly increasing population in the south of the region³ with the need to activate jobs, and attract and retain an appropriate workforce, while providing timely infrastructure to support the development. There is also the need to recognise the role Seymour can play as a service centre and employment hub.</p>	<p>We are supporting the revitalisation of Seymour, with a focus on jobs, housing, transport and environment, and investigating where there are gaps in the infrastructure that supports social services.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of the Seymour Revitalisation plan. • Developing a pipeline of social infrastructure in the growth corridor for advocacy consideration.
<p> Economic Development Goulburn is home to a diversified and thriving economy that provides opportunities for workers of all ages.</p>	<p>Goulburn is experiencing strong economic growth and investment from outside the region to ensure that it remains an attractive place to live and work.</p>	<p>Over the last decade, Goulburn has experienced an economic growth rate significantly lower than the state average⁴. There is a need to focus on the region’s key strategic locations to enable economic development and coordinate effort; and for the region to be able to attract private investment and infrastructure funding.</p>	<p>We have played a pivotal role in challenging the status quo and developing economic development initiatives for our region. We will continue to develop and advocate for State and federal funding to support economic development.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of the Lake Eildon Blueprint. • A commitment to infrastructure, and one and off water projects to support the development of the houseboat and broader tourism industry in Lake Eildon. • Pursuing implementation of priority actions from other key economic strategies and plans.

References

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