

North West Melbourne

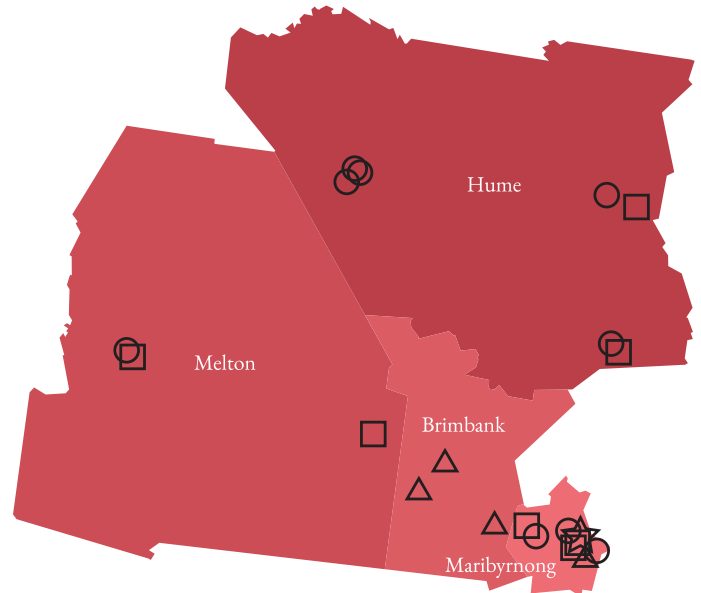
(Maribyrnong, Brimbank, Melton & Hume)

Catchment

The North West catchment a fast growing population located on the periphery of Greater Melbourne. Growth corridors tend to have a high concentration of families, children and young people. Population growth continues to accelerate faster than services adapt to meet population needs. The North West Melbourne catchment also encapsulates the majority of Victoria’s prisons and prison population, with another facility at Ravenhall currently under construction. This has implications for the catchment in terms of recently released persons, and associated service requirements. We also see a link in the volume of forensic AOD clients this catchment services, compared to other catchments; presenting a significant catchment-specific service challenge.

Demographics

- **Significant population growth:** This catchment encompasses the Sunbury / Diggers Rest growth corridor area with overall population growth at 26.80% in the next decade.
- **High overall level of disadvantage:** this area has some of the most stand out rates of low household incomes, unemployment, gaming machine losses, housing stress, family incidents and total offences.
- **Cultural diversity:**
 - > In Brimbank 50% born overseas, 46% population born in a non-English speaking country, 60% speak a language other than English at home, 13.4% low English proficiency.
 - > In Maribyrnong 43% born overseas, 38% born in a non-English speaking country, 46% language other than English at home, a very high number of new settler arrivals
 - > In Hume 30% of an already high number of new settler arrivals are humanitarian (asylum seekers or refugees)
 - > The highest rates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander populations in Melton and Hume at 0.8%
- **AOD use:** In Maribyrnong, the rates for emergency service attendance around pharmaceuticals and illicit drugs are some of the highest in the region. Brimbank and Hume have the two highest proportions of registered AOD clients across the four catchments in the North & West Metropolitan Region (12% and 10% respectively).
- **Forensics:** of the total number of Forensic clients seen across the 4 catchments, almost half are serviced in the North West. When we look at all clients serviced by this catchment 28.9% are Forensic. This is a much higher rate than other areas and has significant implications for client complexity and service provision.



North West catchment & AOD

The data below shows the 5 most commonly reported primary drugs of concern for clients accessing adult services in the North West catchment.

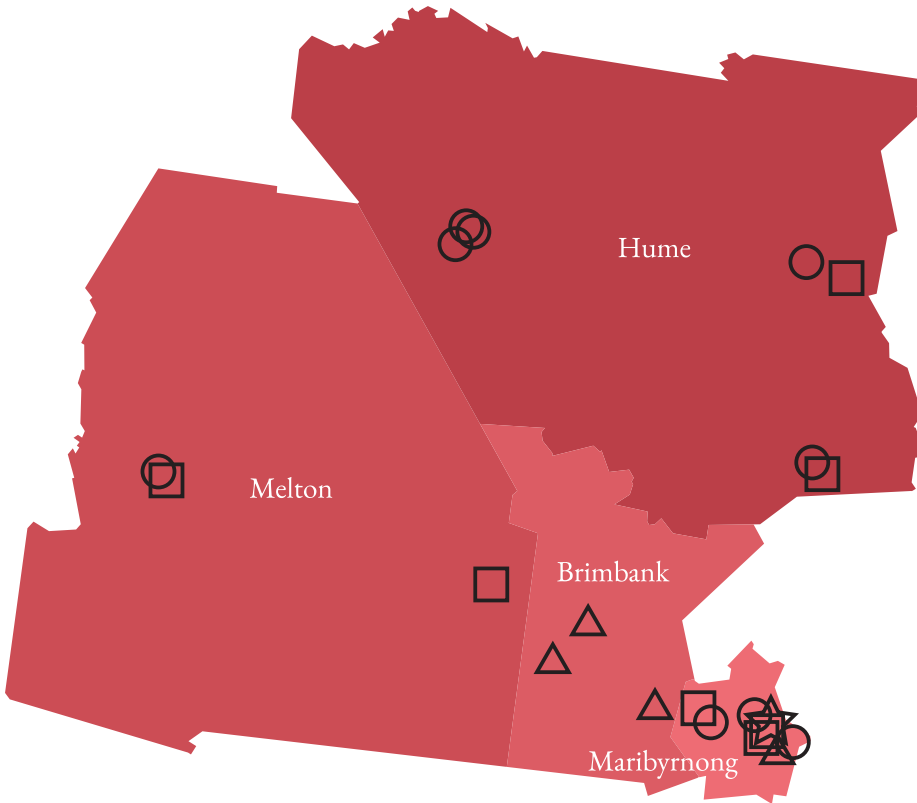
Substance	% of clients	Trend	2015/16
Methamphetamine	37.6%	↑	37.2%
Alcohol	24.0%	↓	30.2%
Cannabis & cannabinoids	11.1%	↓	14.5%
Heroin	9.8%	↓	13.5%
GHB	1.4%	↑	0.4%

There have been some significant fluctuations in the proportions of reported PDOC in the North West. Alcohol has fallen from 30.2% to 24.0%, in real numbers last year 695 clients in the North West reported Alcohol as their PDOC, this year that number was 440. Cannabis and heroin have also fallen. Methamphetamine has increased slightly in terms of the proportion of the client base, but it’s actually fewer clients, due to a drop in client numbers in this catchment.

Priorities

- **Forensics:** Better working with the complexity of forensic clients, improving prisons programs, outreach, rehabilitation and the continuum of care post-release.
- **CALD specific services:** Exploring and addressing the needs of clients from CALD backgrounds (including issues around stigma, shame, and language challenges), alternative service models and access points, increasing community awareness about services that are available and increased funding for interpreter services.
- **Youth specific services:** Collaborating for appropriate responses to the needs of young people. Different models of engagement are required, particularly around youth justice.

North West Melbourne catchment



Has **31.7%** of the region's population.

Provided **4,805** episodes of treatment (↑ from 4,656)

That's **31%** of the region's total treatment episodes

Key

- ☆ Hub
- PHN
- State
- △ PHN & State

Hub

Odyssey House Victoria

202 Nicholson Street Footscray 3011

NWMAODSP service sites

MacKillop Family Services / OHV

(co-location)

118 Commercial Road, Footscray 3011

Stepping Up (co-located at Matchworks)

535-555 High Street, Melton 3337

Uniting Care Lentara

413-419 Camp Road, Broadmeadows 3047

Connections@Craigieburn

59 Craigieburn Road, Craigieburn 3064

Sunbury Community Health

12-28 Macedon Street, Sunbury 3429

Other state funded AOD services

Western Health (cohealth)

- 4-12 Buckley Street, Footscray 3011
- 215 Nicholson Street, Footscray 3011
- 72-78 Paisley Street, Footscray 3011
- 107-139 Churchill Ave, Braybrook

Western Health (Drug Health Services Western Health)

3-7 Eleanor Street, Footscray 3011

Western Health (Djerriwarrah Health Service)

Level 1, 13-15 Lake Street, Caroline Springs

Western Health (IPC)

- 122 Harvester Road, Sunshine
- Andrea St, St Albans
- Station Road, Deer Park