Purpose of the annual report:
This 2020 Annual Report has been prepared by the Centre for Excellence in Rural Sexual Health (CERSH) to inform our supporters, partners, collaborators, and other interested parties of the activities undertaken in 2020.

This report is also a requirement as stipulated in the service agreement between the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and The University of Melbourne.
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CO-ORDINATED THE ‘SUSTAINABILITY OF THE PROVISION OF ABORTION AND CONTRACEPTION IN THE PUBLIC HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IN VICTORIA THROUGHOUT COVID-19 PANDEMIC’ - WORKING PARTY

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CERSH VISION AND PRIORITIES

Vision
The vision of the Centre for Excellence in Rural Sexual Health (CERSH) is that all rural Victorians have access to quality sexual and reproductive health care, information and support that is tailored to their individual needs. CERSH continues to develop sustainable strategies by building collaborations and partnerships between agencies, services and individuals to achieve our vision.

Purpose and Priorities
The purpose of the Centre is to design, implement and evaluate programs that provide practical solutions for the improvement of sexual and reproductive health in both the Hume and Loddon Mallee Department of Health and Human Services regions in rural Victoria. In achieving this, the Centre’s priority areas are focused on:

RURAL WORKFORCE
Support workforce (health, education, youth, local council, pharmacy) capacity to promote ‘respectful, safe sexual relationships and reproductive choices.

Support clinical workforce and interagency capacity to focus on and deliver STI/BBV prevention, testing, management and care to priority populations.

Build knowledge dissemination strategies using information and communications technology to ensure rural workers access to resources.

AFFORDABLE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH
Continue partnership work with a range of organisations and practitioners, (both local and statewide), to improve:

- access to contraception and early medical abortion (EMA) services,
- quality of support (empathy, privacy, discretion) for women in Hume and Loddon Mallee regions

Collaborate with statewide services and Primary Health Networks (PHNs) to provide locally based training for health practitioners, health and community workers.

Provide practical follow up support and advocacy to establish local EMA service models.

Support the rural workforce to promote community awareness of EMA availability.

LEADERSHIP, RESEARCH, EVALUATION AND KNOWLEDGE SHARING
Provide rural and regional sexual health leadership through participation in state-wide, National and International collaborations.

Provide consultation and support to other rural regions wanting to replicate successful CERSH initiatives.

Research to understand the systems, stakeholders and contexts that play a role in contributing to the sexual health of rural Victorians, with particular focus on priority groups.

Evaluate / review sexual health promotion strategies in rural Victoria.

Provide systems that promote efforts to collect and share data, knowledge and resources to maximise collective impact.
It is my pleasure to present this 2020 Annual Report of CERSH, which was a truly extraordinary year. We started the year full of enthusiasm and with lots of plans for continued activity and innovation. However, as you all know, in March, with the declaration of the pandemic by the World Health Organisation and Australia starting to see cases of COVID-19, everything was abruptly stopped. Victoria went into lock down, on and off for almost the rest of the year and the entire CERSH team worked from home.

Throughout the year I think that the CERSH team demonstrated enormous resilience and tenacity as we moved almost all our work into the virtual world and had very long periods of time where we were socially isolated. For six months of 2020, Nyssa Watson from our team was seconded into the Department of Health and Human Services to contribute her expertise to the pandemic response.

This Annual Report contains an overview of the work we achieved with our partners and collaborators. You will see that our team, like others in our sector, was responsive to the needs of our communities and colleagues and we were able to make a meaningful contribution to the delivery of services, the development of policy, teaching of students and health professionals and contemporary research in sexual and reproductive health. I would like to congratulate the CERSH team for their combined efforts throughout 2020 and offer my thanks for their continued determination and dedication to our work.

Our work takes us across many sectors and focuses on health promotion, STI and BBV prevention, research, clinical teaching and strengthening the rural workforce and health systems. In 2020 our team continued to maintain our existing partnerships, both with rural and statewide organisations and individuals. I’d like to take this opportunity to thank most sincerely all of our partners and collaborators, without whom none of our work would be possible. Their contribution is also highlighted in this report and the successes reported here are attributable to a large number of people and organisations throughout regional Victoria and Melbourne.

Professor Jane Tomnay
Director, Centre of Excellence in Rural Sexual Health (CERSH)
CERSH is funded by the Department of Health Victoria through a service agreement with the University of Melbourne. CERSH is situated at the Department of Rural Health, in the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences at Shepparton, Parkville and Wangaratta campuses. CERSH has also established a location of activity within the Loddon Mallee region based at the School of Rural Health, La Trobe University, Bendigo Campus.

CERSH continues to maintain strong day to day partnerships and collaborations with key agencies, networks and individuals within the Hume and Loddon Mallee regions and commits to meeting the reporting responsibilities and requirements set out by the Department of Health and Human Services Victoria and The University of Melbourne. Standard financial reporting processes of the University of Melbourne are adhered to and reports are provided to the Department of Health in line with the service agreement.
CERSH STAFF IN 2020

Director: Professor Jane Tomnay
Senior Health Promotion Manager: Kylie Stephens
Sexual Health Physician: Dr. Siobhan Bourke
Communications and Health Promotion Officer (Hume): Bree Attwood
Sexual Health and Wellbeing Project Officer (Loddon Mallee): Nyssa Watson
Sexual Health and Wellbeing Project Officer (Loddon Mallee): Nina Hakamies (till March 2020)

SPECIAL TEAM SHOUT OUT:
Nyssa Watson was seconded to work at the Department of Health and Human Services for six months during 2020, to provide valuable support to the COVID-19 Pandemic response team. The CERSH team would like to formally acknowledge and thank Nyssa for her hard work and commitment during such a challenging time. We are so grateful for her willingness to share her skills and knowledge to assist in the response to the Pandemic. Thank you, Nyssa!
PRE-PANDEMIC PLANS
CERSH started 2020 with a focus on growing the four existing sexual health networks across regional Victoria, with meetings due to be held in Mildura, Bendigo, Swan Hill and Benalla.

As in previous years, the aim of the sexual health networks is to facilitate opportunities to professional development, discussion and sharing of effective practices in each local context. The networks also intend to generate collaboration and service integration in rural areas.

But, once the COVID-19 Pandemic hit, CERSH was forced to cancel all plans to hold face to face events and instead, to determine other ways to connect with the sexual health workforce across rural Victoria.

SEXUAL HEALTH NETWORKS FOR THE RURAL WORKFORCE
In 2020 CERSH continued to develop the three sexual health networks established in the Goulburn Valley and Northeast, Central Victoria and Mallee regions. In response to an identified need the team also held a network event for the Mildura region.

Due to COVID-19, the meetings moved to virtual in 2020. This format helped facilitate connection across our expansive country.

June 2020 - Sexual Health in the Time of COVID
The meeting gave the opportunity for rural workers across Victoria to connect and share their experiences of working during the COVID-19 pandemic. There were many great projects and interesting resources shared amongst the 50 attendees. A list of presentations, resource links and contact details were sent to attendees and can also be accessed go.unimelb.edu.au/m6hi

November 2020 - Sexual Health Network Meeting - Sexual Health Promotion and Practice Beyond our Borders
CERSH hosted the second successful virtual Sexual Health Network Meeting in 2020 on 11 November to 100 attendees. We invited practitioners from each state to contribute to the theme: “Sexual Health Promotion & Practice Beyond Our Borders”. The presentations highlighted a wide range of quality programs and initiatives happening throughout Australia.

FACETS OF RURAL SEXUAL HEALTH CARE - ONLINE LEARNING MODULES
Following the usability review of the CERSH online modules in 2019, it was decided to move them to the University of Melbourne LMS (Learning Management System), CANVAS in 2020. This was not only in line with the recommendations of the 2019 review but also with the movement of the CERSH website onto the University platform. The content of the modules was reviewed before uploading to CANVAS. Once the modules were uploaded, they were assessed by several external (external to CERSH) participants for a quick evaluation of the usability of modules on their new site. It has been shown to be a favourable move.

The STI treatment and management module (3) required a larger overhaul. The ‘old’ module was uploaded with the others while the updating was being attended to. The Epidemiology presentation that runs through several modules was also due for another update. These were all prepared by late 2020 and due for upload in early 2021.

All the CERSH online modules have all been accredited by the RACGP and ACRRM.

Gain access to the modules here:
https://medicine.unimelb.edu.au/cersh#online-learning-modules

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1. **Introduction to Rural Sexual Health Care**
   Explore the models of health care delivery in rural and remote areas.

2. **Cornerstones of Rural Sexual Health**
   Cover sexual history taking and increasing access to clients for sexual health in primary health care.

3. **STI: Treatment & Management**
   Cover basic clinical aspects around treatment and management guidelines (produced in partnership with STIPU of NSW Health).

4. **Youth and Trust**
   Explore ideas for engaging younger clients and the legalities that may need to be addressed.

5. **Privacy and Confidentiality**
   Explore ideas on how to maintain privacy and confidentiality in a small rural community.

6. **Avoiding Assumptions in Sexual Health Care**
   Providing good sexual health care for all people.

7. **Partner notification in a small community**
   Providing basic concepts to help when complicated situations arise in small communities.

8. **Pharmaceutical Access for Sexual Health Care**
   Explore how to create better pharmacy access for patients with sexual health care needs.

9. **National Cervical Screening Program: addressing the needs of rural under screened patients**
   A focus on how to engage under-screened rural clients.

10. **Service Delivery of Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTOP) in a rural context**
    Establishing and managing a rural MTOP service system and effective clinical pathways.

11. **Long Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC)**
    Identify patients suited to LARC, explain the different methods to patients and learn the benefits of offering LARC to rural patients.

12. **Syphilis**
    Explore the history of Syphilis as a background to understand the epidemiology of this disease and determine screening and treatment best practices.
COORDINATING COMMUNICATION FOR THE RURAL WORKFORCE

Monthly Newsletter
In 2020, the CERSH monthly newsletter proved to be our most important communication tool. With limited events and networking opportunities, the newsletter was one-way CERSH could continue to connect with workers in the sexual health sector.

There are over 1,100 subscribers on the newsletter mailing list. During the Victorian lockdown, the newsletter focused on sharing resources, events, and training opportunities that workers could access online while in lockdown.

CERSH Website – Transition Project
During the second half of 2020, the team worked to transition the CERSH website onto The University of Melbourne’s website platform and in February 2021 the new site went live.

Check out our new website here: https://medicine.unimelb.edu.au/cersh

SEXUAL HEALTH OUT AND ABOUT (SHOUT) PROJECT
Despite the challenges of 2020, the SHOUT Project and partnerships continued to thrive and collaborate between the youth, community local government and health sectors for integrated sexual health promotion messages for young people living in rural Victoria.

The SHOUT Project provides Condom Vending Machines to local governments in regional Victoria to increase access to condoms for young people, in areas that are easily accessible and provide a level of confidentiality. Over 200 condom dispensers have been provided to community organisations to increase access to condoms in places where rural young people gather. The condom dispensers are installed on a wall and filled with a sleeve of condoms that can be taken free of cost. Examples of locations include libraries, schools, Doctors in Schools clinics, youth centres.

The SHOUT posters promoting condom use and STI testing, were designed to accompany vending machines and dispensers.

SHOUT WORKING PARTY
In 2020 the CERSH and Youth Affairs Council of Victoria (YACvic) partnership SHOUT Working Party continued to meet. The focus of the Working Party is to bring the rural youth, community and health sectors together to increase the coordination of effort and sharing of strategies across rural and regional Victoria and to produce resources for the youth sector. The Working Party with members from across regional Victoria, continued to support, create and share resources across sectors to promote sexual and reproductive health for young people living in rural Victoria.

Resource Development
In 2020 CERSH partnered with the positive sexuality education consultant Jenny Walsh and Professor Kerry Arabena to develop ‘The Busy Workers Guide to Talking Sexual Health’. We are anticipating launching this fantastic resource for the sector in 2021.

BE PROUD OF YOUR CHOICES CAMPAIGN
During the COVID-19 pandemic, CERSH developed a sexual health promotion campaign, targeted at young people living in rural/regional Victoria. The Be Proud of Your Choices campaign delivered a positive message to young people about taking the time to talk about their contraception and sexual health care needs, before ‘getting social again’.

Commencing at the start of July, to coincide with school holidays, poster advertising was displayed in rural/regional shopping centres across Victoria. A social media campaign also commenced, using animated images and short video clips to deliver important information about sexual health checkups.

CERSH engaged the School Nursing Program to deliver ‘campaign packs’ to Secondary School Nurses in early Term 3. Packs included A3 printed posters and a supply of condom/lube packs. Similar packs were also available for other rural workers, free of charge.

The online aspect of the campaign reached over 200,000 viewers.

Priority Area: Rural Workforce Capacity and Development

The content for this campaign was developed in consultation with groups of rural young people, facilitated by young people. This project was a collaboration with Women’s Health Victoria, 1800 My Options and the SHOUT Working Party.
STI TESTING WEEK 2020

Since 2018, CERSH has been a key partner on the Department of Health and Human Services STI Testing Week campaign. In 2020, the campaign was held in November (not the usual September date due to COVID-19 Pandemic communication priorities) and CERSH was responsible for targeting young people across Victoria (aged 15-29).

The CERSH campaign ran from 16 November until 12 of December reaching over 586,000 people across the two platforms and drove over 20,000 clicks through to the website.

The objective of this campaign was to drive as many Victorians aged 15 to 29 to the Better Health Channel website to check where they could get an STI test while supporting the creative from the “Be Proud of your Choices” campaign.
VICTORIAN RURAL CLINICAL NETWORK FOR UNINTENDED PREGNANCY AND ABORTION

Established in 2017, this network brings together over 150 practitioners across rural Victoria to discuss clinical care and pathways for people experiencing unintended pregnancy and abortion. Areas of focus include early medical abortion, uptake of effective contraception post abortion, service system development, and support for rural practitioners.

The network meets quarterly using video-conferencing software and at sites in Bendigo and Wodonga. However, during 2020 all meetings were held virtually. The content is guided by a clinical advisory committee, and the clinical lead is Dr Paddy Moore, Head of Unit Abortion and Contraception Service, The Royal Women’s Hospital. RACGP points are allocated for each meeting attended.

In 2020, four meetings were held with 140 participants registering in total. The format included clinical case study discussions, guest presentations, sharing of information about the current provision of EMA in each locality, professional development opportunities, rural perspectives, and emerging issues. There was also a focus on how the COVID-19 pandemic was affecting service provision across the State.

The network is RACGP accredited and soon to be ACCRM accredited in 2021.

Find out more about the network here: medicine.unimelb.edu.au/cersh/engage/clinical-network

HEALTH PRACTITIONER RESOURCE HUB FOR UNINTENDED PREGNANCY AND ABORTION

CERSH continued to utilise their online Resource Hub to support health practitioners working in the domain of unintended pregnancy and abortion. In 2020, the online Resource Hub had over 3000 page views. There are over 100 free-of-cost resources, tools and materials available, including:

• Establishing medical abortion in your clinic
• Protocol and referral templates
• Information to provide to patients
• Clinical practice resources and case studies
• Policy papers and published research

Access the online Resource Hub here: https://medicine.unimelb.edu.au/cersh/learn/health-practitioner-resource-hub

Thank you to the Advisory Committee Members for their Work in 2020:

Dr Paddy Moore (The Royal Women’s Hospital)
Cath Hannon (The Royal Women’s Hospital)
Dr Catherine Orr (Gateway Health)
Lauren Coelli (Gateway Health)
Andrea Davidson (Gateway Health)
Louise Holland (Bendigo Community Health Services)
Mary-Anne Richardson (Bendigo Community Health Services)
Dr Poornima Amaranarayana (Bendigo Community Health Services)
Dr Mark Farrugia (GP General Practice & Family Planning)
Anna-Leena Percival (Bendigo Health)
Simone O’Brien (Bendigo Health)
Dr Ian Pettigrew (Monash Medical School Mildura)
Kylie Stephens (Centre for Excellence in Rural Sexual Health)
Nina Hakamies (Centre for Excellence in Rural Sexual Health)
Nyssa Watson (Centre for Excellence in Rural Sexual Health)

Advisory Committee for the Victorian Rural Clinical Network for Unintended Pregnancy and Abortion

A Clinical Advisory Committee was established in 2018 to ensure the Rural Clinical Network for Unintended Pregnancy and Abortion is guided by rural practitioners currently providing unplanned pregnancy and abortion services. Four meetings were held in 2020, each of which was attended by a minimum of 75% of the members. The Committee determines the content and agendas for the Rural Clinical Network to ensure relevancy for rural clinicians and to respond to emerging issues and developments in clinical practice. It also provided content guidance for the development of an online Resource Hub (launched in April 2019) related to unintended pregnancy and abortion in rural settings.
SUSTAINABILITY OF THE PROVISION OF ABORTION AND CONTRACEPTION IN THE PUBLIC HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IN VICTORIA THROUGHOUT COVID-19 PANDEMIC

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the public healthcare system in Victoria this working party was established to distribute and share timely information about the impact of the pandemic on contraception and abortion service provision throughout Victoria. Meetings were held on a fortnightly basis, commencing in March 2020, and were attended on average by approximately 35 professionals, representing 31 separate organisations. CERSH provided the co-ordination and secretariat functions of the group.

In August of 2020 the “Victorian Public Abortion and Contraception Tracker (VPACT) Research Project” commenced. This project aimed to ask workers in publicly funded Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Services (SRHR) in Victoria to identify the impact the COVID-19 pandemic had on their personal and professional lives. This research specifically explored changes in demand for services, changes in access to services, and the particular circumstances for specific population groups. The project also aimed to identify challenges and opportunities related to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and health professional’s interactions within the public sexual and reproductive health system. Data was collected over time so that changes could be tracked to assist the sector to identify and respond to emerging issues. Results of this study will be available in 2021. The VPACT Research team presented to the Australasian Society for HIV, Viral Hepatitis and Sexual Health Medicine conference in September 2020.
PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES - ‘ONLINE PORN WITH YOUR TEENAGERS’
• February 11 - CERSH Public Lecture ‘online porn with your teenagers’ (Shepparton)
• February 18 - CERSH Public Lecture ‘online porn with your teenagers’ (Bendigo)
• February 25 - CERSH Public Lecture ‘online porn with your teenagers’ (Ballarat)

CERSH worked with Relationships and Sexuality Education expert, Jenny Walsh, to host three public lectures in Shepparton, Bendigo and Ballarat. During the lecture she spoke to the impact of modern pornography on young people and provided information on how to best approach the issues many parents and carers face.

Over the three sessions a total of 155 participants attended.

TEACHING AND SUPERVISION COMMITMENTS
Much was altered by the COVID 19 pandemic in terms of teaching and supervision commitments.

Professor Jane Tomnay provided the following academic supervision during 2020:
• Co-Supervision of Anna Noonan, PhD Candidate.

Dr Siobhan Bourke presented the following education session in 2020:
• University of Melbourne MD 3rd year students in Women’s Health Rotation: 360 students. Usually receive an hour lecture during their rotation. This lecture was delivered in an online format of tailored modules. The students were asked to complete videos, PowerPoints and case studies that had been specifically designed by CERSH for this purpose. This was developed on request from the University of Melbourne, Department of Medical Education and will be used again into the future.

Both Professor Jane Tomnay and Dr. Siobhan Bourke provided assessment of students applying to the Melbourne Medical School for entry into the post graduate Medical Degree course during 2020.
COMMITTEES AND ADVISORY GROUPS

CERSH staff provided rural sexual health representation throughout 2020 on the following committees/advisory groups:

- World Health Organisation HIV Testing Services Guideline group during COVID-19
- The Department of Health and Human Services Victoria STI/BBV Advisory Committee
- Chair of the Department of Health and Human Services Victoria STI Subcommittee
- Goulburn Valley Health Primary Care and Population Health Advisory Committee
- Chlamydia case management in general practice Advisory group (MoCCA trial)
- Sexual Health Society of Victoria Executive Committee
- Loddon Mallee Region STI/BBV Program Integrated Reference Group
- Refugee Health & Wellbeing Working Group Bendigo
- The University of Melbourne, Department of Rural Health, Executive Committee
- The University of Melbourne, Department of Rural Health, Human Ethics Advisory Committee
- The University of Melbourne, Department of Rural Health, Student Life committee
- The University of Melbourne, Department of Rural Health Values Working Group.
Active contribution to research projects and steering committees has ensured that CERSH represents the sexual and reproductive health needs of rural communities on large national projects, as well as contributing to building an evidence base in rural sexual and reproductive health.

**CERSH staff were involved in the following research activity in 2020:**

The Centre of Research Excellence in Sexual and Reproductive Health for Women: Achieving Better Outcomes through Primary Care (SPHERE) Advisory Group. Monash University, NH&MRC funded. *(Professor Jane Tomnay, Associate Investigator).* Including membership on the following sub-committees:

- The Centre of Research Excellence in Sexual and Reproductive Health for Women: Achieving Better Outcomes through Primary Care (SPHERE) Abortion working group. Monash *(Professor Jane Tomnay, Associate Investigator).*
- The Centre of Research Excellence in Sexual and Reproductive Health for Women: Achieving Better Outcomes through Primary Care (SPHERE) contraception working group. Monash *(Professor Jane Tomnay, Associate Investigator).*
- The Centre of Research Excellence in Sexual and Reproductive Health for Women: Achieving Better Outcomes through Primary Care (SPHERE) pre-conception working group. Monash *(Professor Jane Tomnay, Associate Investigator).*

The Australian Contraception and Abortion Primary Care Practitioner Support (AusCAPPS) Network, NH&MRC funded; Monash. *(Professor Jane Tomnay, Associate Investigator).*

The ORIENT study: imprOving Rural and regional accEss to long acting reversible contraception and medical abortion through tasksharing and Telehealth. MRFF funded; Monash *(Chief Investigator, Professor Jane Tomnay).*

Management of Chlamydia Cases in Australia (MoCCA project) Advisory Group. NH&MRC funded; University of Melbourne. *(Professor Jane Tomnay, Associate Investigator).*

Sexual Health during COVID 19 Advisory Group. University of Melbourne. *(Associate Investigator, Professor Jane Tomnay).*

SPHERE Women’s SRH COVID-19 Coalition. Monash University. *(Members: Professor Jane Tomnay & Kylie Stephens).*

Department of General Practice – seconded to assist in the Literature review of an externally funded report on Adolescent Transgender treatments *(Dr Siobhan Bourke).*

Victorian Public Abortion and Contraception Tracker (VPACT) Research Project. *(Kylie Stephens & Nyssa Watson).*
CERSH staff were authors in the following publications in 2020:


CERSH Staff were authors in the following conference presentations in 2020:

Atwood B, Empowering Young People to Be Proud of Their Choices – A Sexual Health Promotion Campaign in Rural Victoria. 2020 Joint Australasian HIV&AIDS and Sexual Health Conferences: VIRTUAL.


Coombe J, Goller J, Bittleston H, Vaisey A, Sanci L, Groos A, Tomnay J, Temple-Smith M, Hocking JS. “I was very nervous because I didn’t know how he would take it…”: GP advice and patient experiences of sharing a chlamydia diagnosis with intimate partners. 2020 Joint Australasian HIV&AIDS and Sexual Health Conferences: VIRTUAL.


CERSH staff were collaborators in the following successful grant applications in 2020


CERSH PARTNERS AND COLLABORATORS

Partners 2020

Collaborators 2020

Anglicare Victoria
Benalla Rural City Council
Bendigo Community Health Services
Bendigo & District Aboriginal Co-operative (BDAC)
Bendigo Health
Bendigo Queer Film Festival
Bendigo Senior Secondary College
Doctors in Secondary Schools
FAB-CV
Family Planning Victoria
Gateway Health
Goulburn Valley Health
Greater City of Bendigo
Griggmedia
Headspace Bendigo
Hey Project
ILBIJERRI Theatre Company
Indigo Shire Council
La Trobe University Bendigo – Rural Health School
Living Positive Victoria
Mallee Children and Youth Area Partnership
Mallee District Aboriginal Services (MDAS)
Mansfield Shire Council
Melbourne School of Population and Global Health, University of Melbourne
Melbourne Sexual Health Centre
Murray City Country Coast GP Training
Murray PHN
Northern District Community Health
Positive Women
Shepparton Medical Centre
Sunraysia Community Health
Swan Hill District Health
Thorne Harbour Health
Thorne Harbour Country
Women’s Health Loddon Mallee
YO Bendigo
Youth Affairs Council of Victoria (YACVic)
Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO)
Victorian Police GLLOs