

Greater access to health services

The Opportunity: Provide access to much needed health services to our community.

Federal Electorate: Calwell, Hawke, Maribyrnong

State Electorate: Broadmeadows, Kalkallo, Greenvale, Sunbury

By 2041, the population of Hume City is forecasted to rise to 395,000 people. This exponential growth highlights the critical demand for affordable bulk-billed local primary care services with extended hours, including after-hours availability, to reduce the ongoing pressures on emergency departments and to ensure services are equipped to respond to our rapid growth.

As seen across the state, there have been significant decreases in bulk-billed medical services available in Hume City, with many local medical centres switching to private and mixed billing, reducing free out-of-hours healthcare for Hume City residents.

Project outcome: Hume community is supported with much needed health services close to home.

Ask: Funding for future facilities and services to support our existing and growing communities including culturally specific aged services.

Lead organisation: Victorian Government

Health services that our community requires for increased access include:

- Culturally appropriate medical and allied health services,
- Mental health services for early intervention and complex disorders,
- Age specific services including supporting healthy development in children and allowing ageing in place for Seniors, and
- Domestic and family violence support services.

