

An aerial photograph of a valley with rolling green hills and fields. In the distance, a town is visible, and beyond that, a range of mountains under a cloudy sky. Sunlight breaks through the clouds, creating rays of light over the valley.

Presentation to Eastern Health Board Members 20 Feb 2013

Save Healesville Hospital Community Group



History of Healesville Hospital

Sheryl Treen a nurse of at Healesville Hospital for over 30 years shares a little about the history of Healesville Hospital and why it is important to our community.

- ❖ Community Ownership and community engagement.
- ❖ Our community owns our hospital.
- ❖ The history is important.



What does our community want?

Our communities have overwhelmingly told us they want to Revive lost services such as Maternity, Maintain current services including Surgery and Expand services to meet the needs of Dialysis patients to name a few.

The Eastern Health 2022 Draft Strategic Clinical Services Plan does not meet the health needs of the Healesville and surrounding catchment because it ignores critical factors such as:

- The rural status for our catchment
- The age population profile
- The geography and tyranny of distance; and,
- The social determinants of health impacting this community – lack of public transport.



What does our community want?

The Clinical Services Plan does not achieve the vision set out by the Eastern Health strategic plan goals of:

- 1.4 Tailoring services around the needs of the diverse populations
- 2.3 Ensuring services are easy to access and navigate
- 2.4 Ensuring access to health services for the most disadvantaged of our community.
- 4.1 Delivering models of care...that deliver the right service in the right place.
- 5.3 Measuring the things that matter.



Current Community Campaign

Following the 10th December meeting at the Healesville Memorial Hall where over 300 people came to listen the community has been very vocal.

- Robust debate - no recognition of rurality.
- **Rationale for stopping birthing services and closing surgery disputed.**
- Unanimously said “NO” over 2.5 hours.
- Facebook page -Save Healesville Hospital
- Has 1255+ friends, almost all local.
- Has been discussed by up to 3,800 people.
- Our online survey was completed by over 270 people
- 700 Postcards have been sent to the Premier with great comments
- Healesville has a history of speaking out and stopping services being reduced.



Current Community Campaign Postcard Comments to Premier

A Selection of comments sent to Premier Ted Baillieu on Postcards

- We built this hospital in the 50's when money was tight, so what's the problem now?
- Please retain what our parents worked for and paid for.
- This is OUR hospital and its services must stay
- I was born at the Healesville Hospital and had my children there, this is a very important part of our community. My father died in palliative care at this hospital, close to his family
- Rural communities are seriously under resourced as it is, to take away much needed and valued health resources is wrong
- Better facilities in Healesville will attract better professionals and a healthier population both medically and economically.
- It is essential we use the Healesville Hospital for the purpose it was intended. For people without their own transport there is no where close. Many seniors and sick residents will be disadvantaged by this.
- I have had quite a lot of operations at the Healesville Hospital. Also my youngest was born there. We need this hospital for our community with maternity too.
- Taking away health services, what a great legacy!



Survey Results

current health issues

Main Health issues diagnoses by GP in the survey population of 269 were

44% had arthritis (83/185)

38% had high blood pressure (73/190)

44% had a weight problem (76/166)

27% had heart problems (48/172)

36 % had diabetes related problem (62/176)

23% had breathing difficulties (39/168)

34% had high blood pressure (61/177)

29% had digestive issues (937/164)

26% had mental health issues (44/167)



Survey Results

Locals wanting local access

Do you have a need for any of the following types of surgery, or are waiting for an appointment to have an operation?

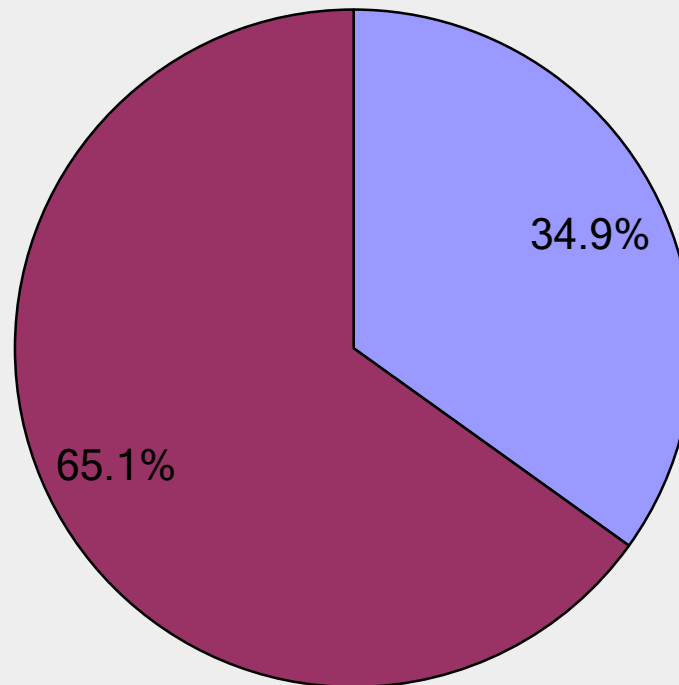
	Yes	No	Rating Count
Gynacology	15.7% (30)	84.3% (161)	191
Orthopaedics	7.1% (13)	92.9% (169)	182
Urology	2.3% (4)	97.7% (173)	177
General Surgery	25.1% (50)	74.9% (149)	199
answered question			211
skipped question			67



Survey Results

Ability to access services

In the past 12 months, have you had problems accessing health care?



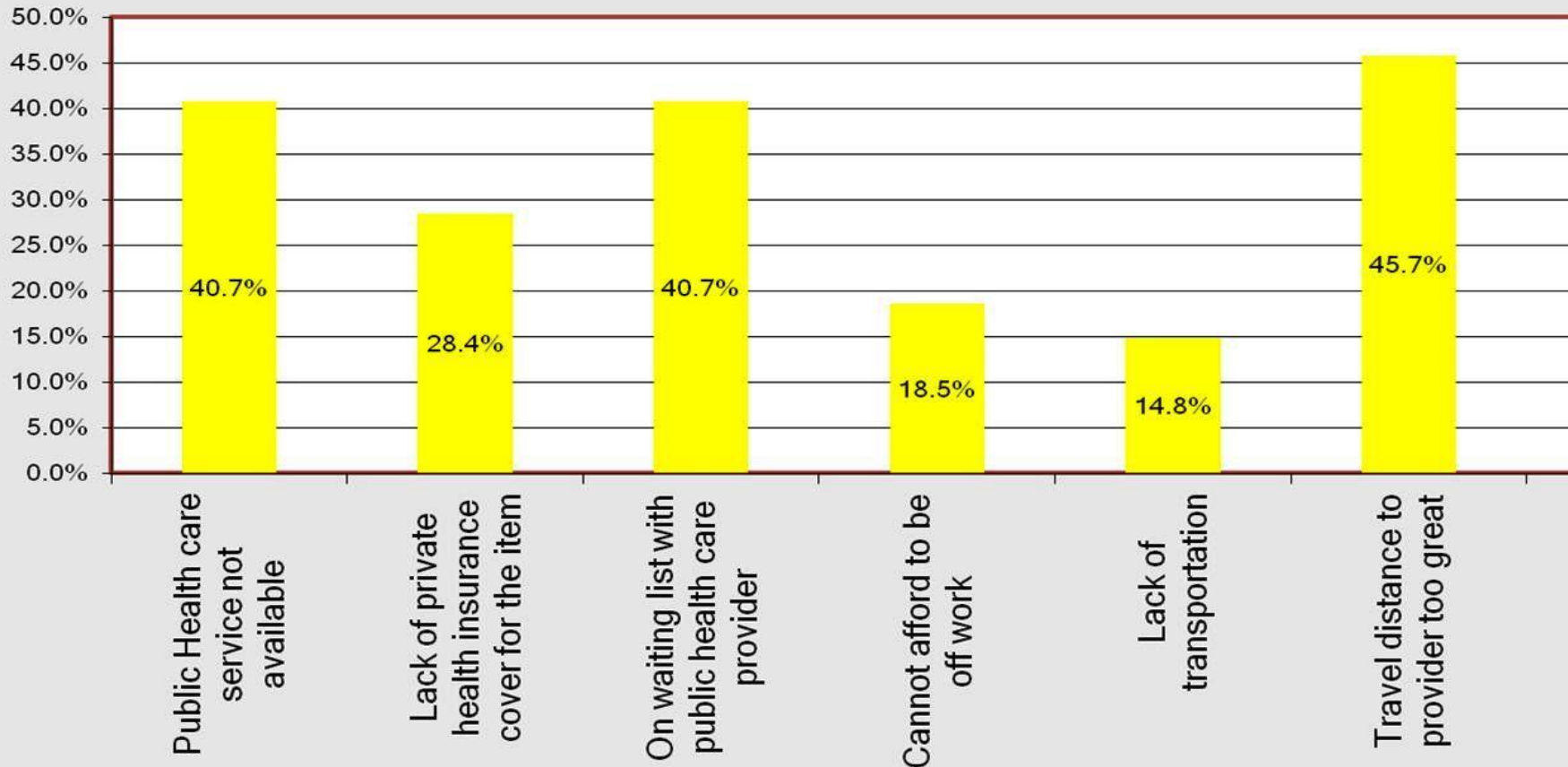
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Survey Results

Ability to access services

If Yes please provide the reason(s) for difficulty in accessing health care.

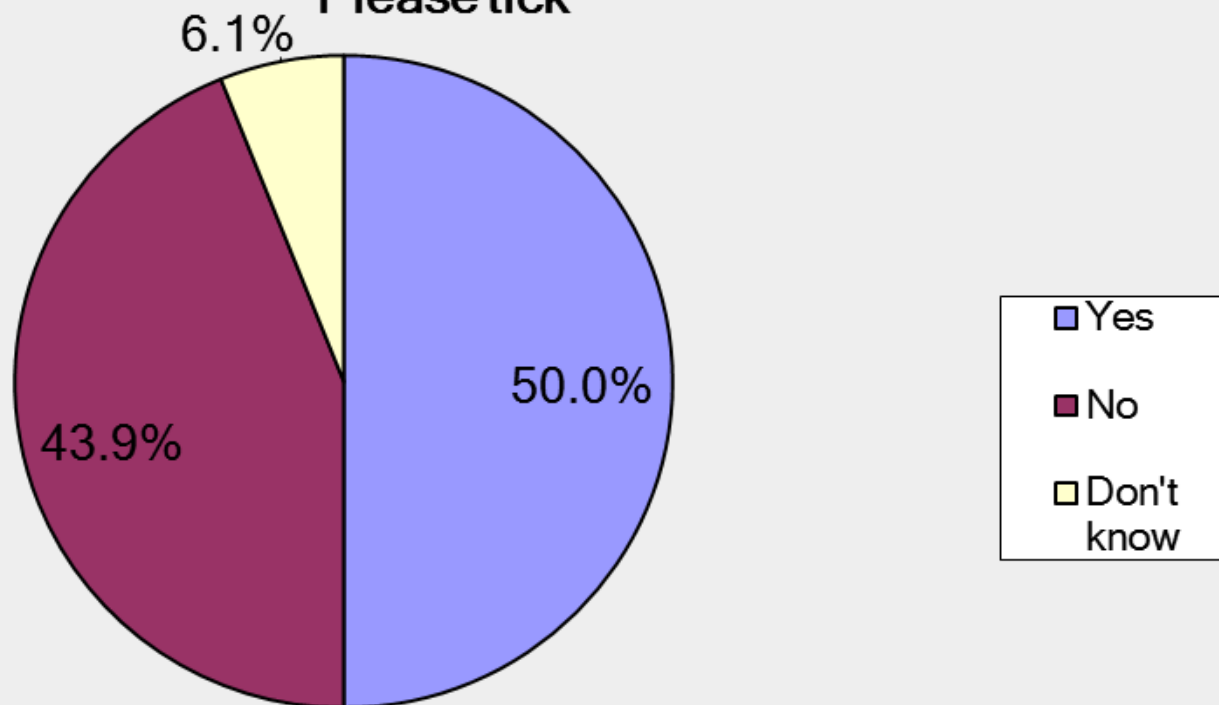




Survey Results

Demand for maternity

Were you offered a delivery at Healesville Hospital.
Please tick



91.7% said they would prefer to have their baby at Healesville Hospital



Our community – age profile

“Yarra Ranges can be characterised as a **‘young’ Shire**, with a higher than average proportion of the population aged between 5 and 17 years and more family households than typical across Melbourne.

- The median age of Yarra Ranges residents is 38 years. (ABS, Census, 2011)
- Over 50% of the population are females (73,030)
- There are 39,988 Families with an average of 1.9 children per family





Our Community Health Profile

Fiona McAllister to talk on the
Health Profile of our communities



Our community – health profile

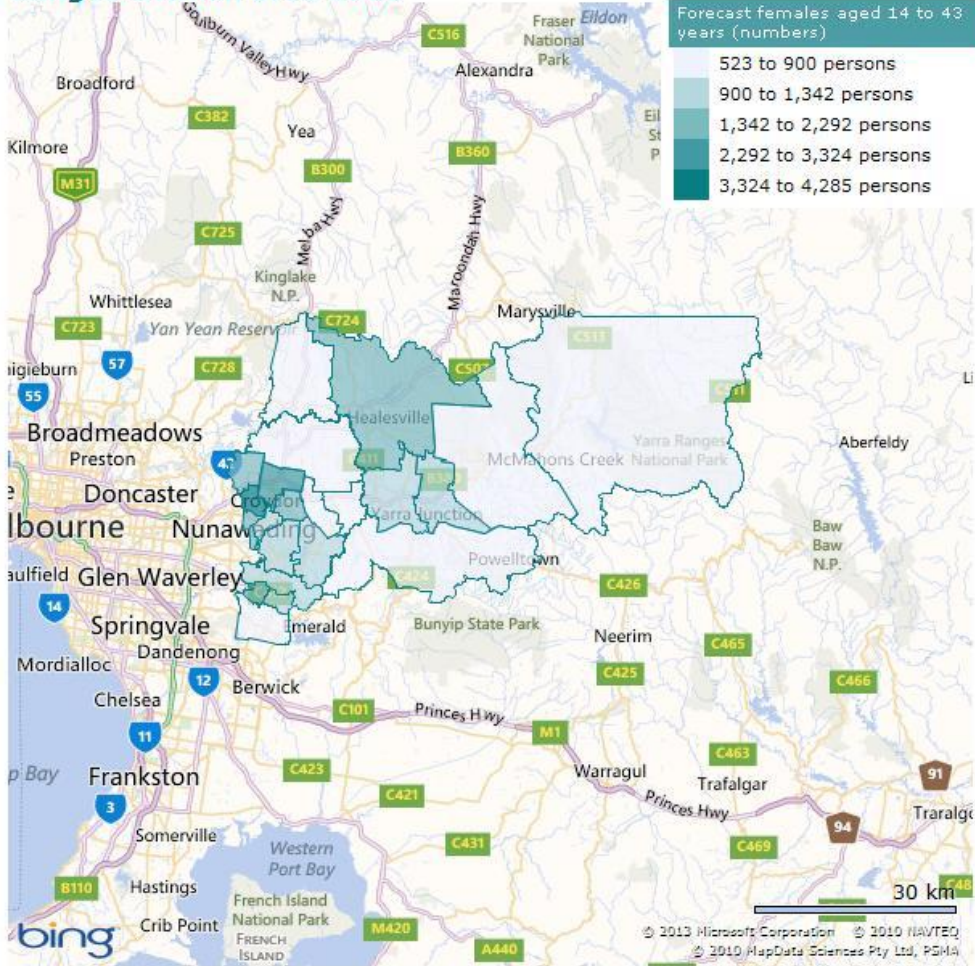
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	Yarra Ranges	EMR
Population near to public transport	58.1%	81.3%
Reporting high or very high psychological distress	11.7%	9.8%
GPs per 1,000 population	0.88	1.11
Infants fully breastfed at 3 months	38.1%	54.9%
Mental health clients	9.2%	7.7%
ATSI	0.64%	0.28%
ACSC acute per 1,000 population	14.67%	13.07%



Our community Birthing profile

Forecast females aged 14 to 43 years (numbers), Yarra Ranges Council area 2006



Legend

Fertile females in 2006 to 2031
B/n 14-43

	N =	%
Healesville	1740 - 1621	30%
Launch	1302 -1192	38%
Millgrove	901 -1030	31%



Maternity Services

Angela McSweeney's story about the importance of Maternity Services for Healesville Hospital





Views of the Medical Practitioners from the Yarra Valley

Dr. Peter Carruthers to give an
overview of the views of the
Medical Practitioners of the
Yarra Valley Region



Renal Dialysis needs for the Yarra Valley

Bev Schmolling will give a personal look at the impacts of patients requiring Renal Dialysis



Mental Health Services

Gayle Slater will give a personal insight in to the impacts of Mental Health on families and the importance of maintaining these vital services in rural communities



Rural Hospital recognition for Healesville Hospital

Kersten Gentle to discuss
options for Healesville Hospital
being fully recongised as a Rural
Hospital



An Alternate Solution Rurality

- The Yarra Valley is rural and should be a rural hospital service like Kooweerup, Mansfield, Seymour and Alexandra.
- It's a long way to other services
 - > Lilydale (50km return)
 - > Ringwood (80km return)
 - > Box Hill (100km return)
- Public transport is poor
- 33.5% of survey recipients reported having trouble accessing health care in 2012





*We thank you for your time and look forward to
working with you to Revive, Maintain & Expand
Healesville Hospital Services for our rural
communities.*

***WE NEED A MORATORIUM
ON ALL CHANGES TO
SERVICES***

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