

## South West Melbourne

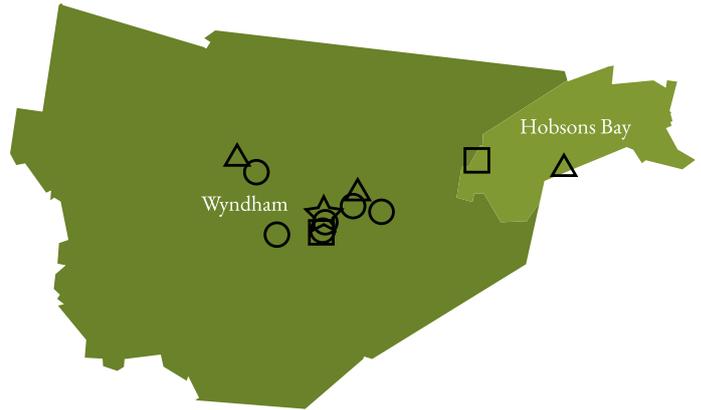
(Wyndham & Hobsons Bay)

### Catchment

The South West catchment a fast growing population located on the periphery of Greater Melbourne. Transport options are good for those who commute in and out of the city, but journeys within the catchment are limited by the public transport network, this has significant implications for service provision and appropriate coverage. 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. These factors are associated with housing stress, high commute times, low self-reported health status, family violence incidents, post-natal depression, isolation and other interrelated conditions.

### Demographics

- Rapid population growth: this area constitutes Melbourne’s Western Growth Corridor, with projected population growth of 27.10% over the next decade.
- Cultural diversity: high rates of people speaking languages other than English at home, with India representing the largest cultural group from a non-English speaking country.
- Significant gaming machine losses
- AOD risk taking behaviours in young people: indicators show high rates of smoking, alcohol, marijuana and illicit drug use
- High rate of registered AOD clients (per 1000 population)
- Contrasts: A significant challenge for the catchment is managing and responding to the differences in the two local council areas.
  - > Hobsons Bay is relatively advantaged, close to the State average in many key socio-economic indicators, well serviced by public transport and health service provision.
  - > However, there are higher levels of disadvantage in Wyndham, including higher than average rates of unemployment, mortgage/rental stress, food insecurity, family incidents, alcohol related family violence and lower rates of service provision (including fewer pharmacies) and transport challenges. It is also the second fastest growing municipality in Victoria and the proportion of young people is greater than the State average.



### South West catchment & AOD

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

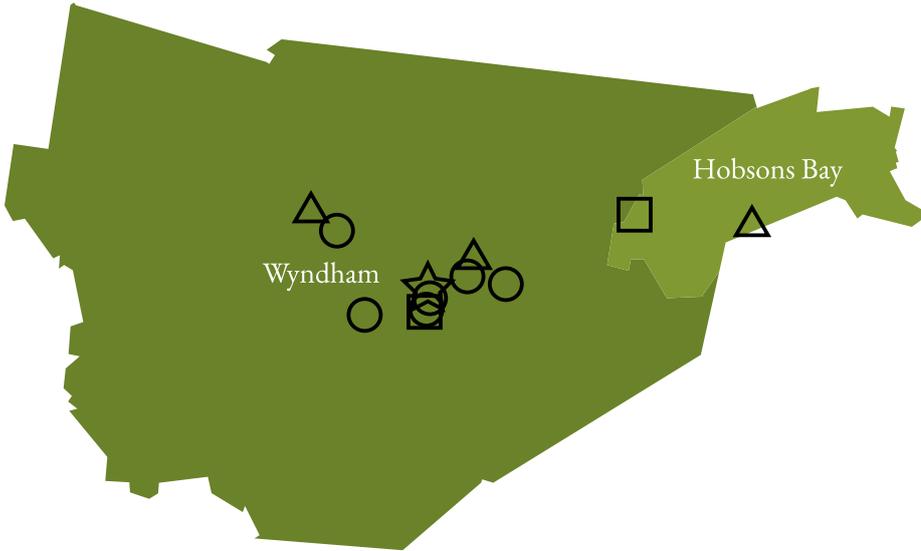
Substance	% of clients	Trend	2015/16
Alcohol	32.9%	↓	36.2%
Methamphetamine	31.0%	↓	39.4%
Cannabis & cannabinoids	16.0%	↑	13.7%
Heroin	8.9%	↑	6.6%
Opioid analgesic (includes morphine, codeine)	1.4%	↑	0.7%

In the south west Melbourne catchment the most significant change has been in the proportion of clients seeking help for methamphetamine use, which has fallen from 39.4% of the catchment’s clients to 31.0%; in client numbers this is a drop from 392 clients to 270. Alcohol has also fallen, from 36.2% of clients to 32.9%. Cannabis and heroine have both increased

### Priorities

- **Youth specific services:** Collaborating for appropriate responses to the needs of young people. Different models of engagement are required, particularly around youth justice.
- **Family specific services:** A holistic approach to appropriately servicing families. Flexible hours to service working families, greater alignment with child, family and early years services, better responses to clients with different needs (such as family violence and post-natal depression)
- **Consumer involvement in the system:** Improve and increase opportunities for meaningful consumer involvement in the service system – design, development and evaluation.

## South West Melbourne catchment



Has **15%** of the region's population

Provided **2,301** episodes of treatment (↑ from 2,006)

That's **14%** of the region's total treatment episodes

### Key

- ☆ Hub
- PHN
- State
- △ PHN & State

### Hub

**Odyssey House (co-located with Anglicare)**  
2 Market Road, Werribee 3030

### NWMAODSP service sites

**Stepping Up / Matchworks / OHV (co-location)**  
40 Synnot Street, Werribee 3030

**Laverton Community Hub**  
95-105 Railway Avenue, Laverton 3028

**Williamstown Community and Education Centre**  
14 Thompson Street, Williamstown 3016

**Gathering Place**  
7 Wedge Street, Werribee 3030

### Other state funded AOD services

**WIDAN (Western Integrated Drug & Alcohol Network)**  
comprising (Western Health, Djerriwarrah Health, IPC, Western Region Health, Macedon Ranges and North Western Melbourne Medicare Local)

**IPC**

- 130 Queen Street, Altona 3018
- 117-129 Warringa Crescent, Hoppers Crossing 3029
- 51 Ballan Road, Wyndham Vale 3024

**Cohealth Health Works**  
4-12 Buckley Street, Footscray VIC 3011