

Mental Well-being and Recovery in Rural Communities

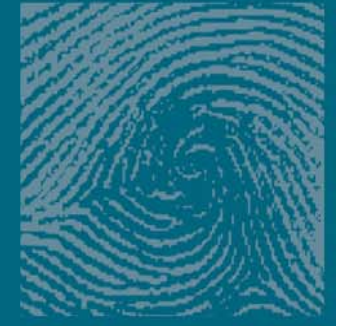


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Broad Health links



Heart Foundation statement 2003

Victorian Population Health Survey 2001

- ☑ Community Building

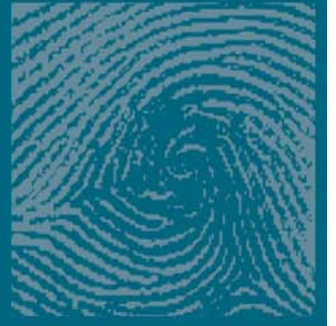
Burden of Disease Study 2001

- ☑ Primary Care Partnerships

- ☑ Neighborhood renewal

Partnerships and community building

New 5 year plan for Victoria's Mental Health Services

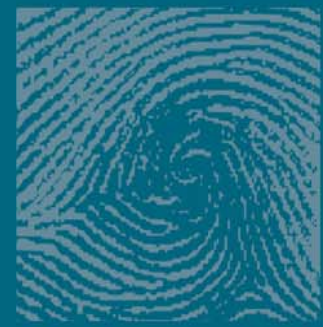


Six key directions:

1. Expanding service capacity
2. Creating new service options
3. Prevention and early intervention
4. Building a skilled workforce
5. Strengthening consumer participation
6. Carer participation and support

Commitment to the establishment of a Rural Mental Health strategy

Conclusion



Victorian government is committed to:

- Improving mental health services through implementing the Victorian Mental Health Plan
- Recognising the importance of communities and consumer and carer participation
- Partnerships and encouraging services to work together.