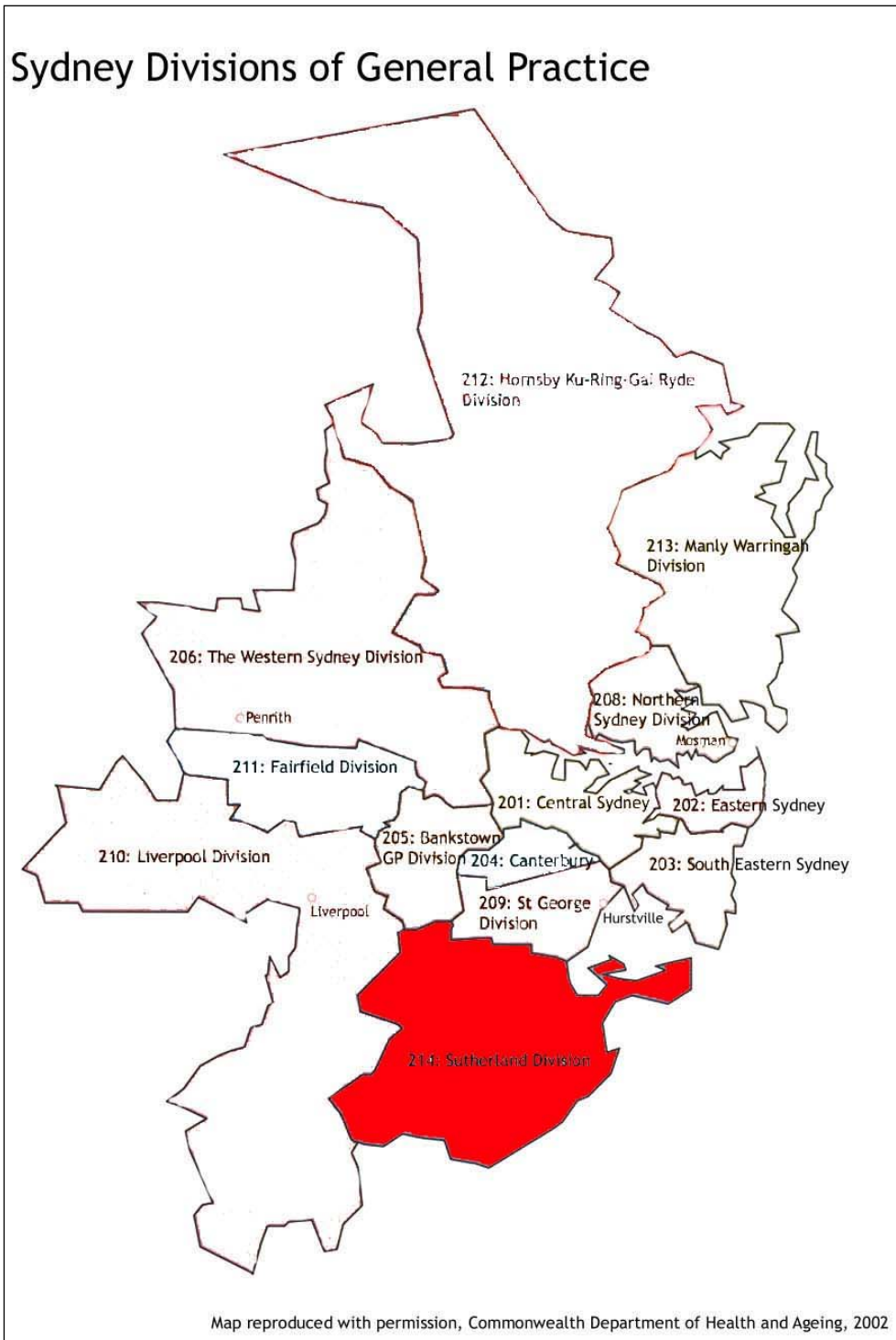


Sutherland

Division of General Practice



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Sutherland

Division of General Practice

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Division ID: 214

Population of the Division: 213,814 (2001 Census)

Number of GP Members: 209

Number of practices: 68 (group 47; solo 21)

Estimated number of practicing GPs: 206

Number of female GPs: 88

Number of overseas trained GPs: 0

Number of FTE GPs: 145.78 (source DoHA 01-02 fin year)

Ratio of population to GPs: 1:1037 (Note: not FTE)

Number of public hospitals: 1 Sutherland Hospital & Community Health Centre (existing agreement with ED for after hours care)

Number of private hospitals: 2 Kareena Private Hospital and President Private Hospital

Number of public hospitals with a 24-hour ED: 1

Number of private hospitals with a 24-hour ED: 1

Is the Division involved in the provision of AHPMC? AHPMC operated by a co-operative of general practitioners from Kareena Private Hospital

Did the Division receive any funding from AHPMC grant rounds? No, would have been in direct competition with existing service.

Was supporting after hours service or service development part of your 2002-2003 business plan? No

Is supporting after hours service delivery or development part of your 2003-2004 business plan? No

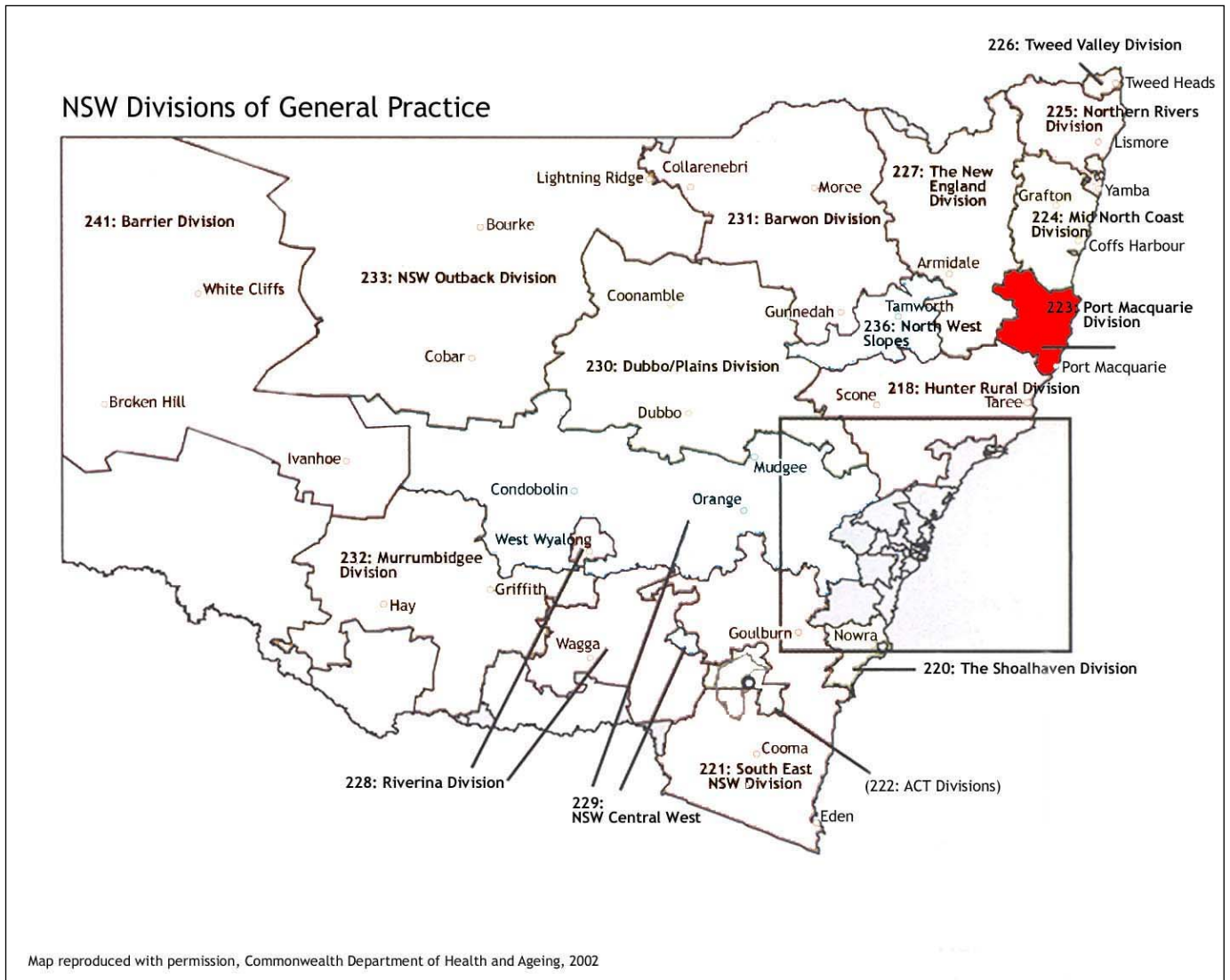
Useful demographic information

21.7% overseas born; 10.2% NESB; .5% ATSI,

Services	Details of services	Information and background
Kareena GP After Hours (Chair: Dr Rod Tyrell, Kareena Private Hospital, Caringbah)	No service after 10 pm No home visits	To ascertain if the current services are adequate, research would need to be conducted on the viability of a service after 10 pm and the issues relating to home visits (i.e. workforce, security) identified
Menai Metro, 5/62-96 Allison Crescent, Menai 2234	No service after 10 pm No home visits	To ascertain if the current services are adequate, research would need to be conducted on the viability of a service after 10 pm and the issues relating to home visits (i.e. workforce, security) identified

Hastings Macleay

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Division ID: 223

Population of the Division: 86,837 (Information source HMDGP 2003 Annual Report)

Number of GP Members: 109

Number of practices: 37 (group 24; solo 13)

Estimated number of practicing GPs: 118

Number of female GPs: 31

Number of overseas trained GPs: 3

Number of FTE GPs: 76.16

Ratio of population to GPs: 1:868

Number of public hospitals: 3

Number of private hospitals: 1

Number of public hospitals with a 24-hour ED: 3

Number of private hospitals with a 24-hour ED: Nil

Is the Division involved in the provision of AHPMC? The Division coordinates the Port Macquarie After Hours Roster of which 29 out of 59 GPs participate.

Did the Division receive any funding from AHPMC grant rounds? Yes, seeding funds to look at existing AHPMC arrangements. No further action taken to apply for further funding to establish an After Hours Service.

Was supporting after hours service or service development part of your 2002-2003 business plan? No

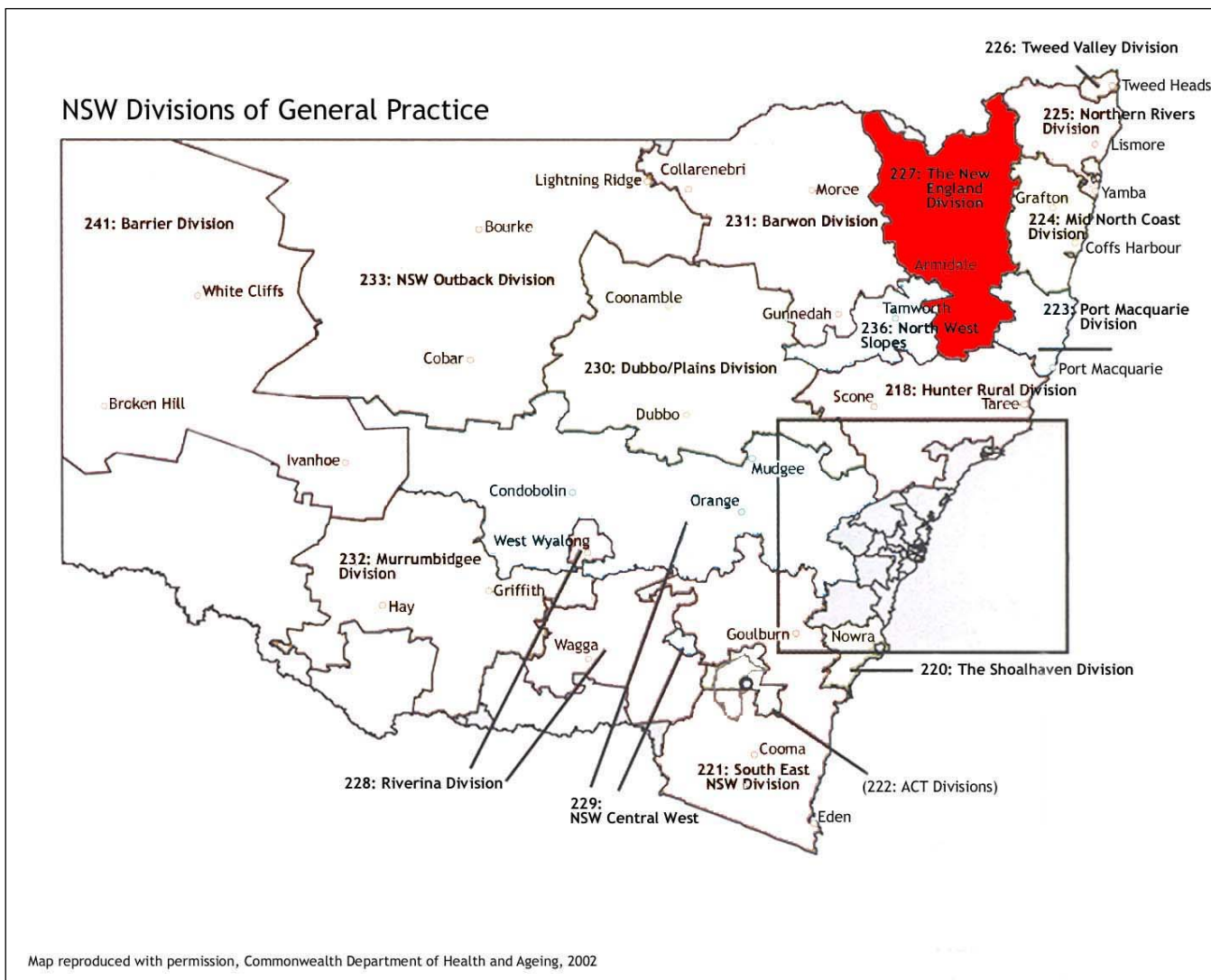
Is supporting after hours service delivery or development part of your 2003-2004 business plan? No

Useful demographic information

Large Indigenous population; large ageing population; lack of transport to facilities and health services.

Services	Details of services	Information and background
<p>PMQ After hours roster.</p> <p>GPs from outside PMQ were not interested in any sort of cooperative arrangement and not all GPs in PMQ participate</p>	<p>GPs on call one night in 28 and two weekends per year</p>	<p>GPs have a mobile phone bought and maintained by the GPs on the roster. Division staff coordinate the roster. Division has an After Hours Working party to oversee the program</p>

The New England Division of General Practice



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The New England Division of General Practice

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Division ID: 227

Population of the Division: 66,000

Number of GP Members: 64

Number of practices: 25 (group 17; solo 8)

Estimated number of practicing GPs: 57

Number of female GPs: 19

Number of overseas trained GPs: 5

Number of FTE GPs: 43.41 (source DoHA 01-02 fin year)

Ratio of population to GPs: 1:1158

Number of public hospitals: 5

Number of private hospitals: 1

Number of public hospitals with a 24-hour ED: 5

Number of private hospitals with a 24-hour ED: 0

Is the Division involved in the provision of AHPMC? No

Did the Division receive any funding from AHPMC grant rounds? No

Was supporting after hours service or service development part of your 2002-2003 business plan? Yes

Is supporting after hours service delivery or development part of your 2003-2004 business plan? Yes

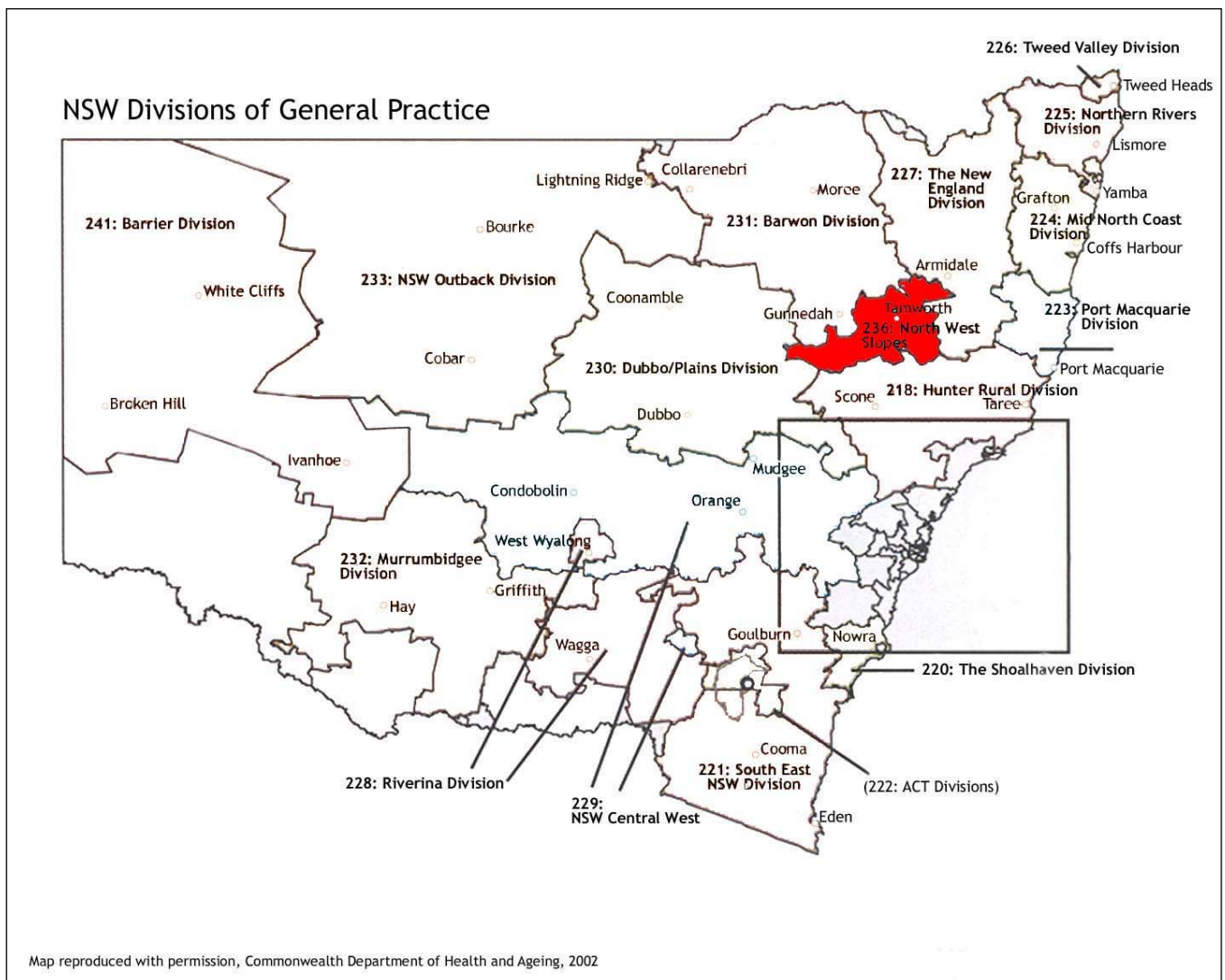
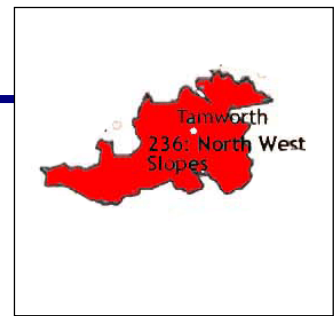
Useful demographic information

The New England Division of General Practice covers an area of over 33,000 sq kms from Tenterfield in the north to Uralla in the south and west to Inverell and Bundarra. It includes the towns of Ashford, Emmaville, Glen Innes, Tingha, Guyra and Armidale. The population within the Division boundaries is approximately 66,000, with 58 General Practitioners currently working in the area.

Services	Details of services	Information and background
No formal after hours service available within the Division.	Some small practices 'share' after hour's service. In Armidale, a significant number of after hours patients are seen through A&E at Armidale Hospital	

North West Slopes (NSW)

Division of General Practice Ltd



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Division ID: 236

Population of the Division: 57,541

Number of GP Members: 45

Number of practices: 22 (group 9; solo 13)

Number of practicing GPs: 41

Number of female GPs: 14

Number of overseas trained GPs: not known

Number of FTE GPs: 28.67 (source DoHA 01-02 fin year)

Ratio of population to GPs: 1:1307

Number of public hospitals: 3

Number of private hospitals: 1

Number of public hospitals with a 24-hour ED: 1

Number of private hospitals with a 24-hour ED:

Is the Division involved in the provision of AHPMC? No

Did the Division receive any funding from AHPMC grant rounds? No

Was supporting after hours service or service development part of your 2002-2003 business plan? No

Is supporting after hours service delivery or development part of your 2003-2004 business plan? Yes

Useful demographic information

The Division's population (ABS, Census 1996) is estimated at 57541 with an Aboriginal and Torres-Strait Islander (ATSI) population of approximately 4.7% (2,704 people). The 5 LGAs range from low to moderate in terms of socioeconomic disadvantage for household income and people in unskilled occupations. Like all NSW rural areas the level of socioeconomic disadvantage is greater than for non-rural areas.

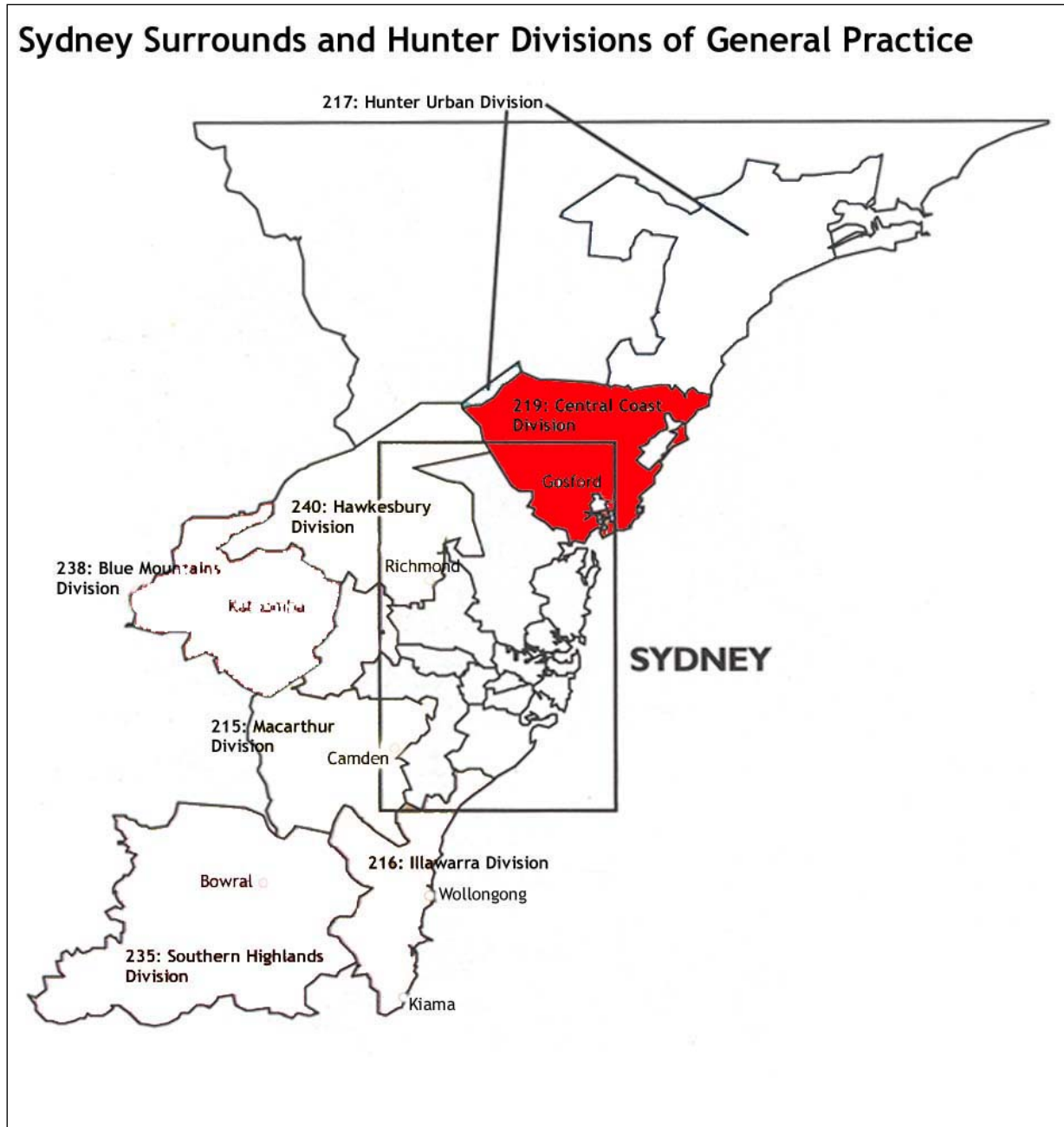
Services	Details of services	Information and background
GP Cooperative	Cooperative of 7 solo and group practices which provide after hours care to member practice populations.	This Cooperative has existed for many years and suits the needs of the GPs and their patients. It is not available to patients outside the Cooperative
Tamworth Base Hospital Crnr Dean and Johnston Streets Tamworth Phone: (02) 6768 3314	24 hour ED	Deals with a large number of GP type presentations because: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) there is an unmet need for increased AH GP services b) it is a free service
Quirindi Health Service Phone: (02) 6746 1466 Walcha Health Service South Street, Walcha Phone: (02) 6774 2366	Limited emergency service	
Individual Practices	GPs provide after hours care to their own patients either via on-call GP or referring patients to local ED for emergencies	

NSW Central Coast

Division of General Practice



Sydney Surrounds and Hunter Divisions of General Practice



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NSW Central Coast

Division of General Practice

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Division ID: 219

Population of the Division: 296,720 (2001 Census)

Number of GP Members: 256

Number of practices: 101 (group 64 – 45 have more than 2 GPs; solo 37)

Number of of practising GPs: 267

Number of female GPs: 83

Number of overseas trained GPs: 2

Number of FTE GPs: 210.95 (source DoHA 01-02 fin year)

Ratio of population to GPs: 1:912

Number of public hospitals: 3

Number of private hospitals: 3

Number of public hospitals with a 24-hour ED: 1

Number of private hospitals with a 24-hour ED: 0

Is the Division involved in the provision of AHPMC? Yes

Did the Division receive any funding from AHPMC grant rounds? Yes

Was supporting after hours service or service development part of your 2002-2003 business plan? Yes

Is supporting after hours service delivery or development part of your 2003-2004 business plan? Yes

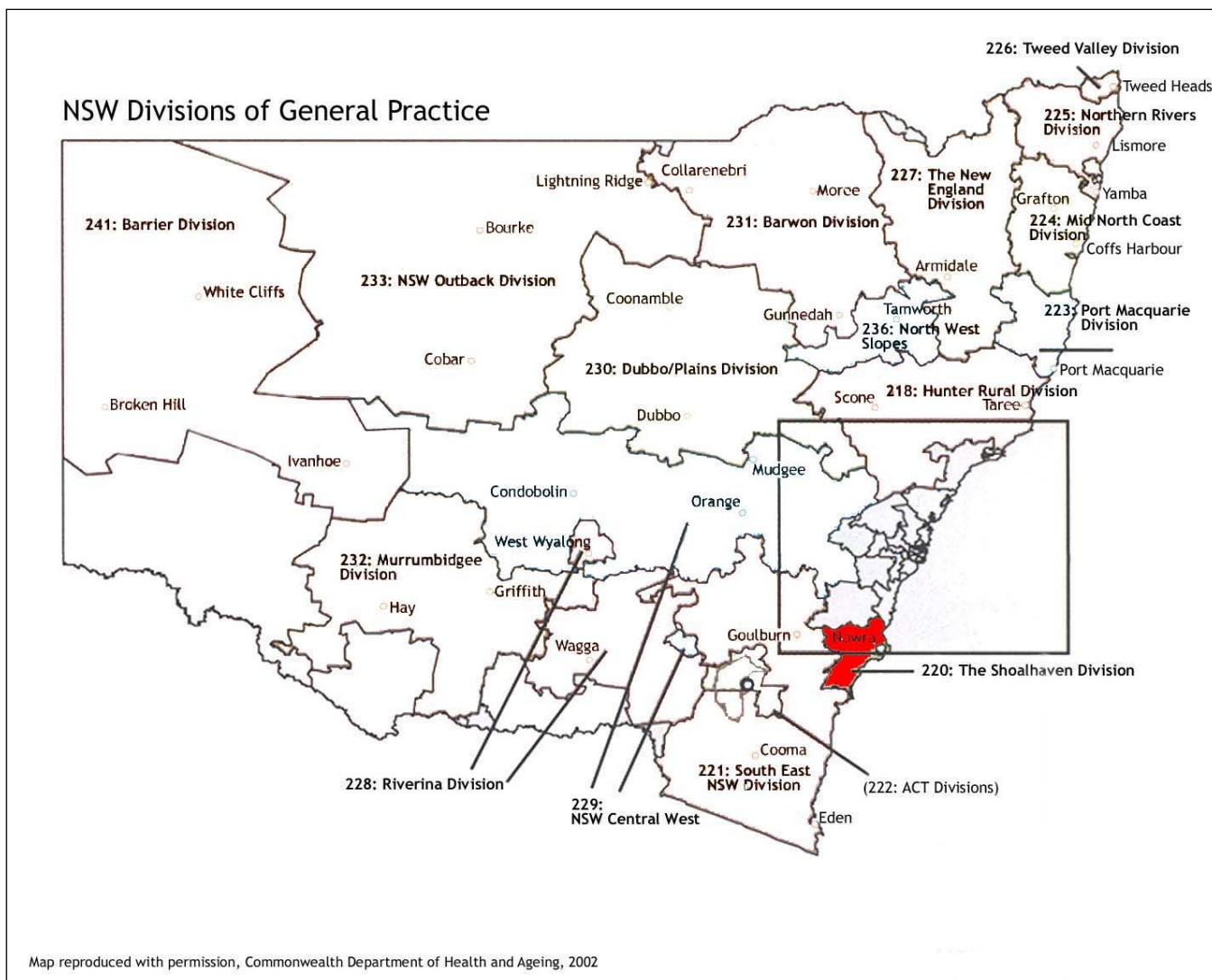
Useful demographic information

Large ageing population. Growth rate is higher than State average (growth groups predominantly include the elderly and young families).

Services	Details of services	Information and background
<p>The Bridges GP After Hours Service Ltd.</p> <p>Initial site was at 357 Manns St Gosford from September 2002 to July 2003.</p> <p>The new site is at Erina Community Health Centre, Entrance Rd, Erina.</p>	<p>Mon to Fri 7 pm – 10.30pm Sat 3 pm – 10.30 pm Sun 10 am – 10.30 pm</p> <p>After 10.30 pm patients advised to contact local ED for Home Visits. Emergency department has contact numbers for all GP's. Ambulatory patients to be seen at Gosford ED.</p> <p>Service is private billing with a discount for card holders.</p>	<p>There are currently 44 GP's participating in the service.</p> <p>It is staffed by a receptionist and overseen by practice manager. GP's are remunerated at 60% or \$50 per hour whichever is the greater. Since the move to Erina business has increased significantly.</p>

Shoalhaven

Division of General Practice



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Shoalhaven

Division of General Practice

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Division ID: 220

Population of the Division: 76,244

Number of GP Members: 87

Number of practices: 34

Estimated number of practicing GPs: 86

Number of female GPs: 25

Number of overseas trained GPs: 10

Number of FTE GPs: 58.29 (source DoHA 01-02 fin year)

Ratio of population to GPs: 1: 1308

Number of public hospitals: 2

Number of private hospitals: 1

Number of public hospitals with a 24-hour ED:

Number of private hospitals with a 24-hour ED:

Is the Division involved in the provision of AHPMC? No, not involved in AHPMC because of the lack of General Practitioners in the area. After hours care is supplied by a "Super Roster" with GPs on the roster one 7-day week in every two months.

Did the Division receive any funding from AHPMC grant rounds? No

Was supporting after hours service or service development part of your 2002-2003 business plan? No

Is supporting after hours service delivery or development part of your 2003-2004 business plan? Yes; if funding is received, activities will commence in February 2004.

Useful demographic information

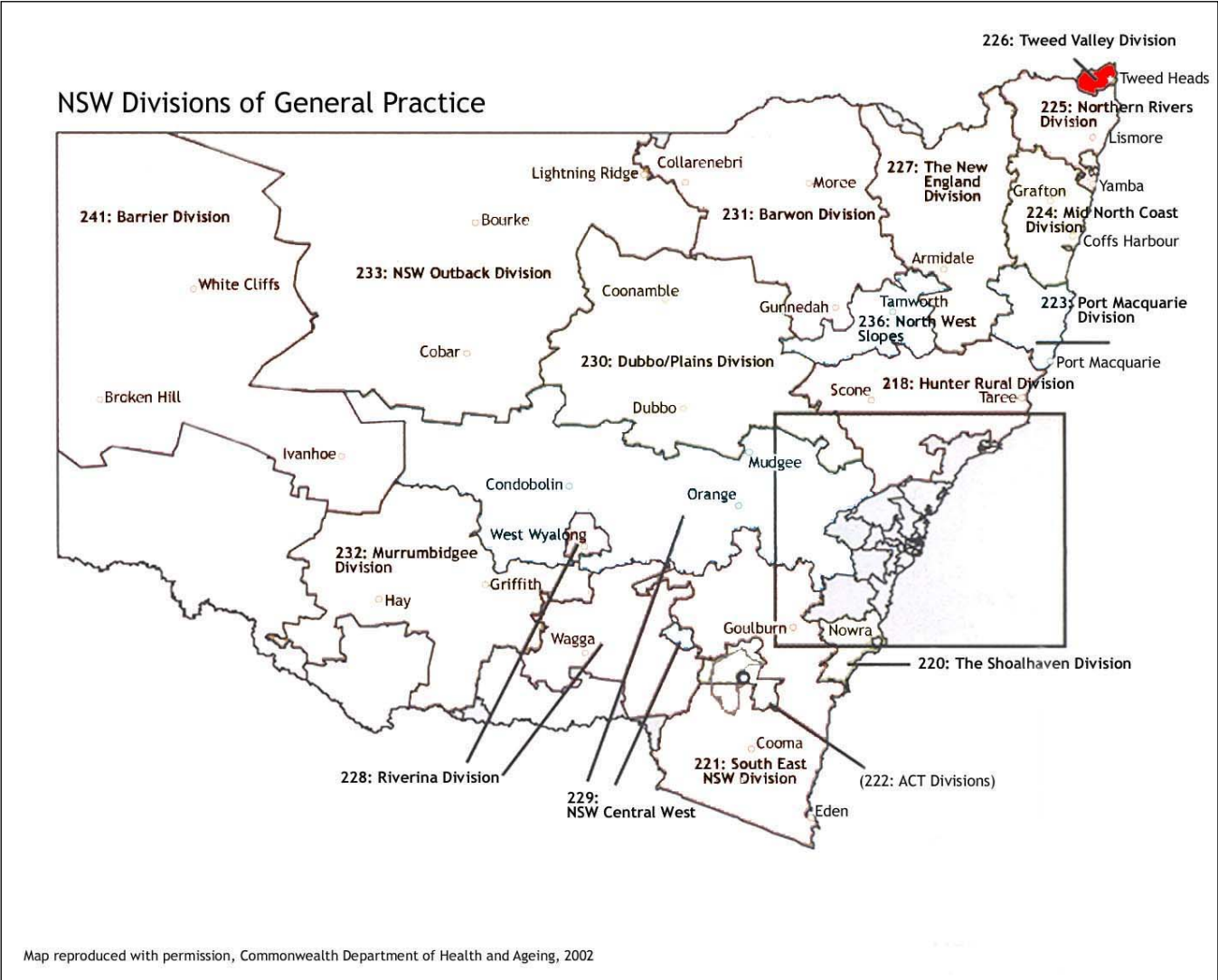
Indigenous population 2346; Ageing population >65 years the highest rate in the state at 2.4% of the population

Services	Details of services	Information and background
On-call roster	After hours care is supplied by a "Super Roster" with GPs on the roster one 7day week in every two months.	
GPs providing individual after hours services to their patients	The majority of AHPMC is done via an answering machine/or a phone call to the GP on call.	The Division is currently involved with a large recruitment program to attract GPs to the town and surrounding areas. Access is a big barrier to care and the majority of GPs commute every day to their practice.
Pharmacies	There are on-call pharmacists on a 3 month roster	

Tweed Valley

Division of General Practice

226: Tweed Valley Division



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Tweed Valley

Division of General Practice

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Division ID: 226

Population of the Division: 70 876 (TVDGP boundary includes 4225 = 81,613 pop)

Number of GP Members: 107 (95, includes 4 GP registrars)

Number of practices: 33 (group 19; solo 14)

Estimated number of practicing GPs: 92

Number of female GPs: 21

Number of overseas trained GPs: Not sure; at present we have approx 2 for AoN

Number of FTE GPs: 64.84 (source DoHA March 03)

Ratio of population to GPs: 1:887

Number of public hospitals: 2

Number of private hospitals: Nil

Number of public hospitals with a 24-hour ED: 2

Number of private hospitals with a 24-hour ED: Nil

Is the Division involved in the provision of AHPMC? No

Did the Division receive any funding from AHPMC grant rounds? No

Was supporting after hours service or service development part of your 2002-2003 business plan? No

Is supporting after hours service delivery or development part of your 2003-2004 business plan? No, but planning discussion with AHS in near future.

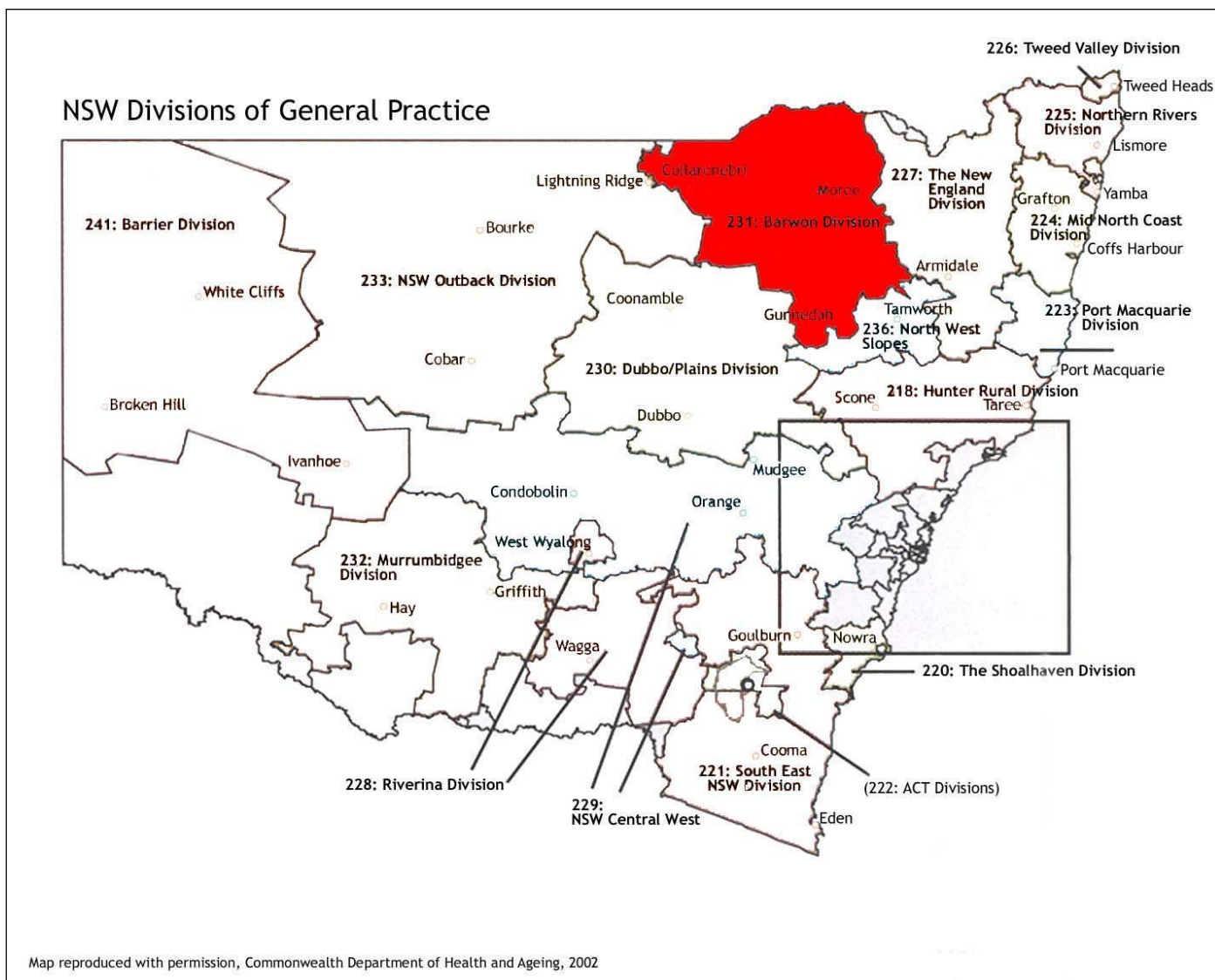
Useful demographic information

23.7 % pop >65yrs, 43% of pop receive centrelink income (NSW 27%), average income 1999/2000 pa \$28,700 (NSW \$39,000), high unemployment particularly youth, 11% reside in caravan parks (2% NSW), SWPE-71,813

Services	Details of services	Information and background
Chevron After Hours Medical Service 125 Nerang St Southport Queensland 4215		
Murwillumbah Hospital A&E Clinic Ewing Street, Murwillumbah 2484 Phone: (02) 6672 1822	24 Hour ED	Service is staffed by approximately 13-15 GPs with VMO rights who operate on a practice roster (as opposed to an individual roster)
Tweed Heads District Hospital Powell Street, Tweed Heads 2485 Phone: (02) 5536 1133	24 Hour ED	Service staffed by salaried doctors and supported by local GP network who refer patients and perform home visits
Individual practices	Many practices provide own after hours services with an on-call GP. Alternatively, practices refer patients to the ED via an answering machine message	
Twin Towns After Hours Service Managed through Davies Beach Medical Centre Phone: (07) 5536 5068	Medical deputising service offering home visits to surrounding areas (including Tweed Heads – South and West Twee, Banora etc)	Service operates an on-call roster with currently 12 participating GPs. Patients calling surgeries after hours are referred to the on-call GP via a mobile phone number on the answering machine.

Barwon

Division of General Practice



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Barwon

Division of General Practice

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Division ID: 231

Population of the Division: 53,552

Number of GP Members: 37

Number of practices: 17 (group 9; solo 8)

Estimated number of practicing GPs: 37

Number of female GPs: 7

Number of overseas trained GPs: 3

Number of FTE GPs: 30.07 (source DoHA 01-02 fin year)

Ratio of population to GPs: 1:1575

Number of public hospitals: 10

Number of private hospitals: 0

Number of public hospitals with a 24-hour ED: 10 (patients present to the hospital after hours and the GP on call is contacted by hospital staff)

Number of private hospitals with a 24-hour ED: 0

Is the Division involved in the provision of AHPMC? No

Did the Division receive any funding from AHPMC grant rounds? No

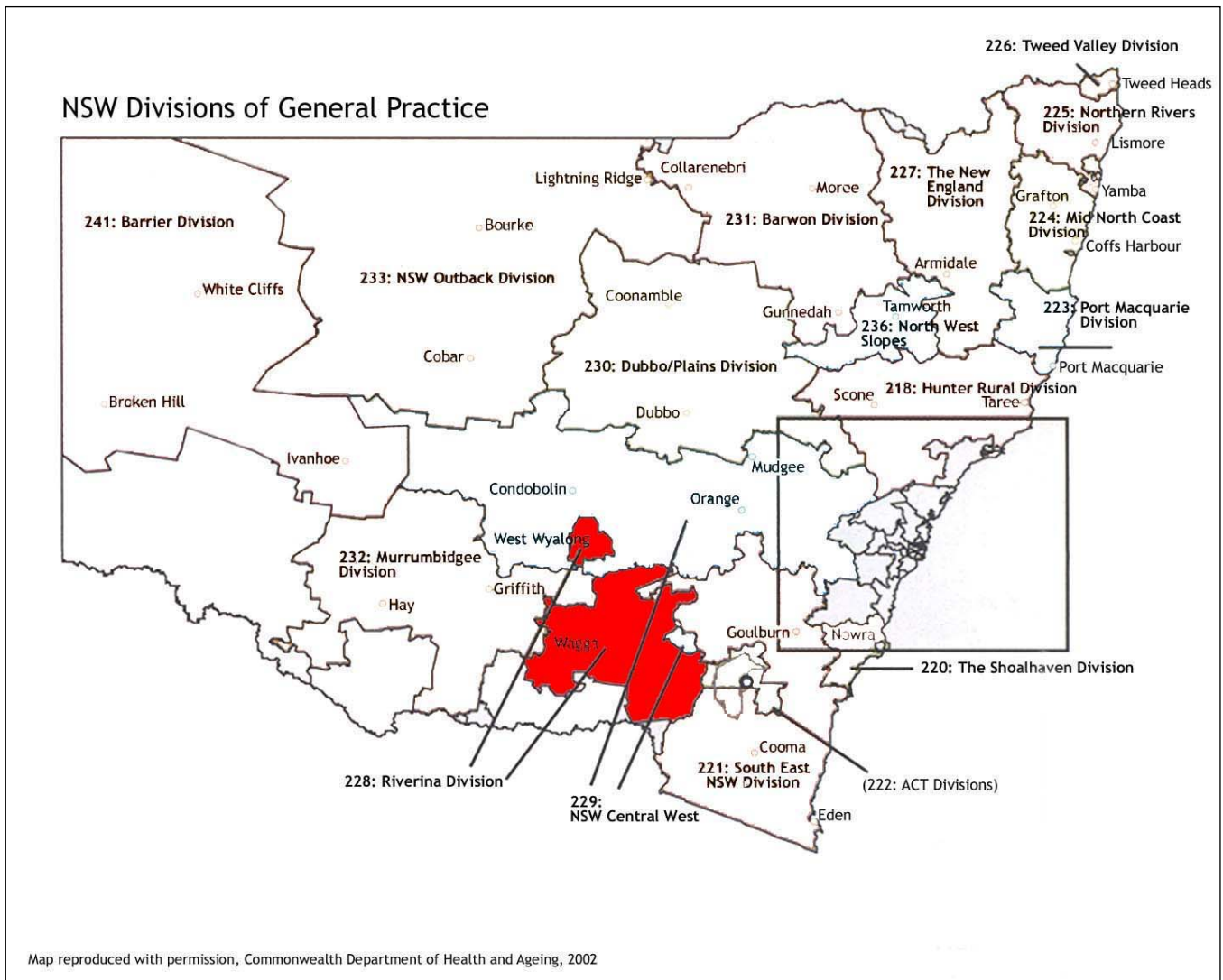
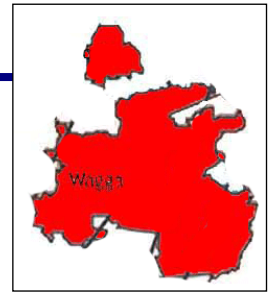
Was supporting after hours service or service development part of your 2002-2003 business plan? No

Is supporting after hours service delivery or development part of your 2003-2004 business plan? No

Services	Details of services	Information and background
Individual Practices	Practices provide after hours care for patients either through an on-call GP or through the local hospital	Being a regional and remote area, many practices are located in a 'single GP town'. Consequently, those GPs are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Riverina

Division of General Practice



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Riverina

Division of General Practice

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Division ID: 228

Population of the Division: 110,403

Number of GP Members: 91

Number of practices: 34 (group 12; solo 22)

Estimated number of practicing GPs: 80

Number of female GPs: 22

Number of overseas trained GPs: 7

Number of FTE GPs: 61.86 (source DoHA 01-02 fin year)

Ratio of population to GPs: 1: 1174

Number of public hospitals: 1 (Wagga Base Hospital)

Number of private hospitals: 1 (Calvary Private Hospital)

Number of public hospitals with a 24-hour ED: 1

Number of private hospitals with a 24-hour ED:

Is the Division involved in the provision of AHPMC? Yes.

Did the Division receive any funding from AHPMC grant rounds? Division received seeding grant in October 2001 to undertake a feasibility study to develop a proposal and business plan for the establishment of a sustainable GP after hours clinic at Calvary Private Hospital. Following this, the Division secured a service development grant for the establishment of the clinic.

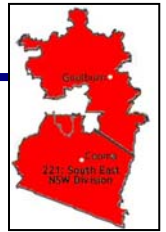
Was supporting after hours service or service development part of your 2002-2003 business plan? yes

Is supporting after hours service delivery or development part of your 2003-2004 business plan? yes

Useful demographic information

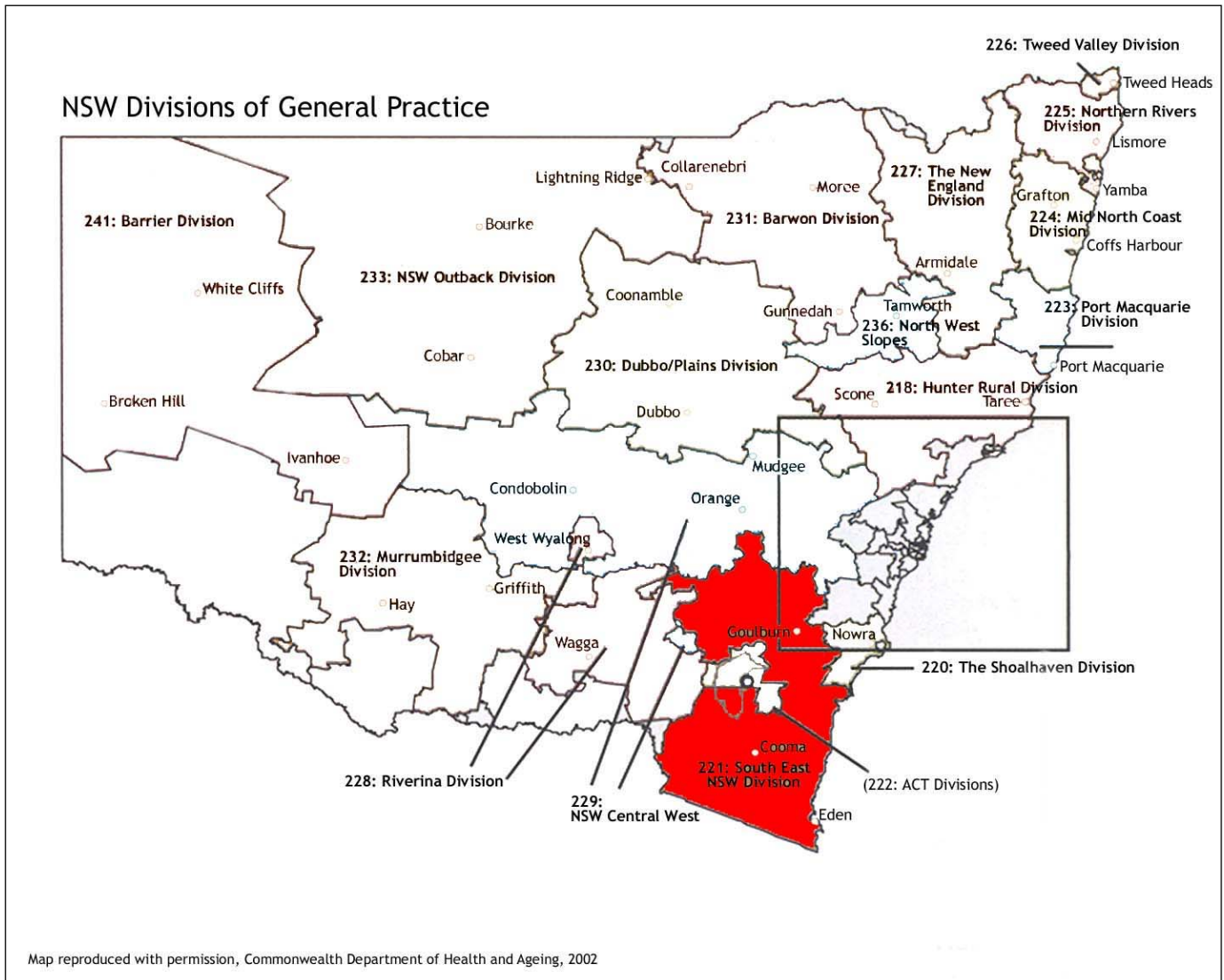
Wagga has a population of 60,000. Families of attendees and staff at Charles Sturt Uni and the Army and Airforce Base attend Wagga Base Hospital ED because of difficulty accessing a GP.

Services	Details of services	Information and background
There are 8 practices ranging 8 GPs to solo GP. 6 practices provide on call after hours services. 2 practice provide no after hours services	The services are not adequate - Many primary care patients attend Emergency Dept at Wagga Base Hospital	Feasibility study undertaken; local needs identified as additional after hours service to meet the needs of the community
Wagga After Hours GP Service Located in Specialist Unit Calvary Private Hospital, Wagga Wagga, NSW 2650 Phone: (02) 6923 2229	Opening hours – 6.30pm – 9.30pm, Mon – Fri 5pm – 9pm, Sat 10am – 1pm, 5pm – 9pm, Sundays and public holidays. GP on-call outside surgery hours Home visits for immobile patients and transport assistance are available.	Division was successful in obtaining service development grant to set up the GP Clinic. GP clinic operates in specialist suite at Calvary Private Hospital and is staffed by RN and rostered GPs. 6 practices participate in WGPAHS and 2 practices continue to provides own after hours services



South East NSW

Division of General Practice



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Division of General Practice

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Division ID: 221

Population of the Division: 200 000 (ABS, 2001)

Number of GP Members: 151

Number of practices: 61 (group 36; solo 25)

Estimated number of practicing GPs: 174

Number of female GPs: 40

Number of overseas trained GPs: 12

Number of FTE GPs: 89.01 (source DoHA 01-02 fin year)

Ratio of population to GPs: 1:1149

Number of public hospitals: 12

Number of private hospitals: 1

Number of public hospitals with a 24-hour ED: 12

Number of private hospitals with a 24-hour ED:

Is the Division involved in the provision of AHPMC? Yes

Did the Division receive any funding from AHPMC grant rounds? Yes; the Division received a seeding grant to review, examine and analyse the need for after hours primary medical care services within the South East NSW region.

Was supporting after hours service or service development part of your 2002-2003 business plan? Yes

Is supporting after hours service delivery or development part of your 2003-2004 business plan? No

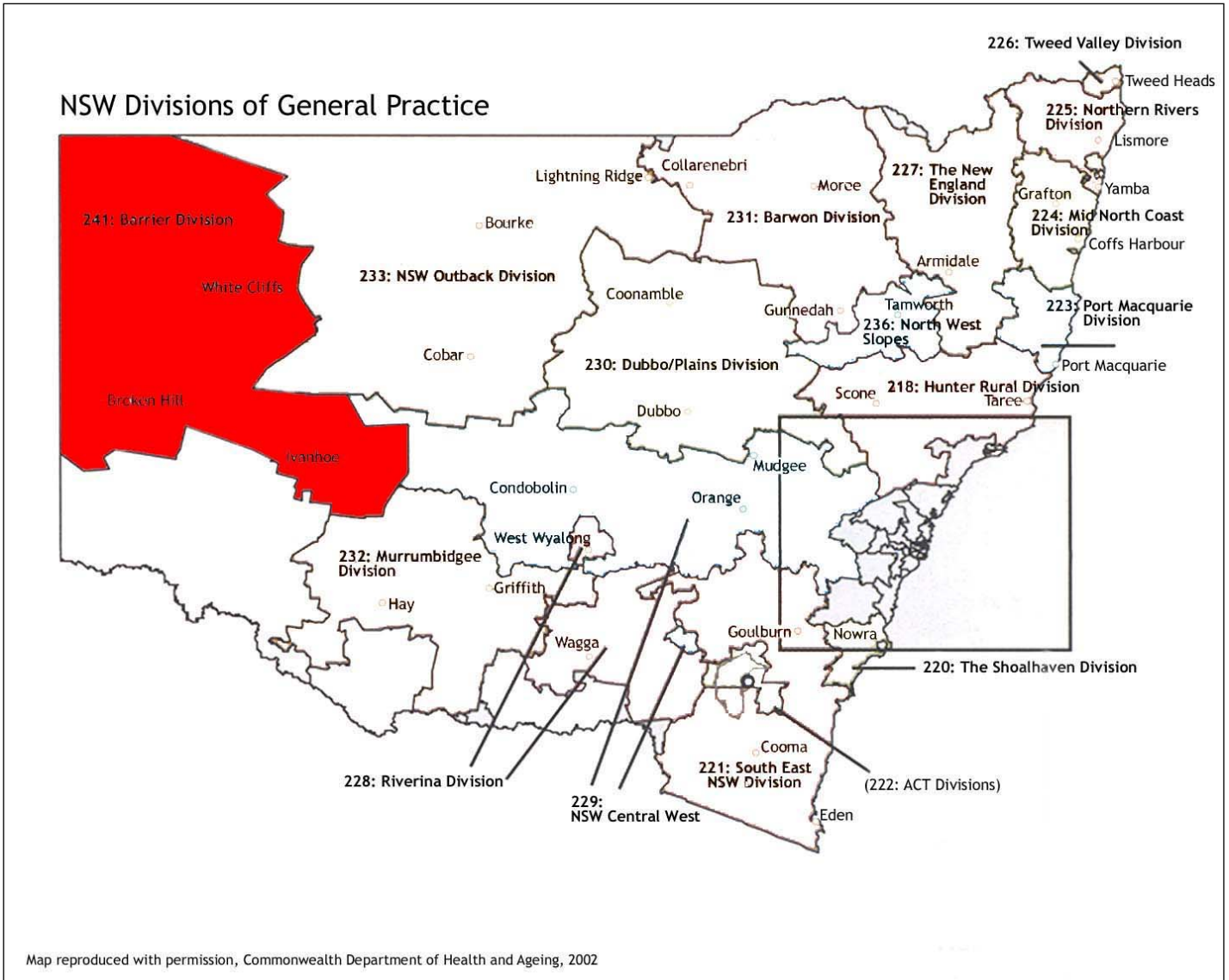
Useful demographic information

Expected population growth of 1% per annum over the next 10 years. Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander population: 1.5% and NESB 5.8%

Services	Details of services	Information and background
Individual GPs		All GPs provides some form of After Hours care to their patients either through an on-call GP or via referral to the ED on the answering machine.
GP VMOs		Of the 173 GPs in the region, 94 are VMOs; they provide on-call and roster cover at 14 hospitals across the region
Public Hospitals	24 hour ED	

Barrier

Division of General Practice



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Barrier

The Barrier Division of General Practice Ltd

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Division ID: 241

Population of the Division: 24700 approximately

Number of GP Members: 20 (including RFDS doctors who service towns outside of BH)

Number of practices: 7 (includes Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation, group 3; solo 3)

Estimated number of practicing GPs: 20

Number of female GPs: 5

Number of overseas trained GPs: 4

Number of FTE GPs: 17.9 FTE (for the whole area) – 10 FTE GPs servicing BH population, 6FTE RFDS GPs servicing populations outside of BH, 1 FTE RFDS GP servicing the Aboriginal Medical Service.

Ratio of population to GPs: 1:2000 (Broken Hill), 1:1800 (Aboriginal Medical Service GP: Aboriginal Population), 1:1235 (whole area – but this does not take into account the frequency of access to medical services in outlying towns)

Number of public hospitals: 1

Number of private hospitals: 0

Number of public hospitals with a 24-hour ED: 1

Number of private hospitals with a 24-hour ED: 0

Is the Division involved in the provision of AHPMC? No

Did the Division receive any funding from AHPMC grant rounds? No

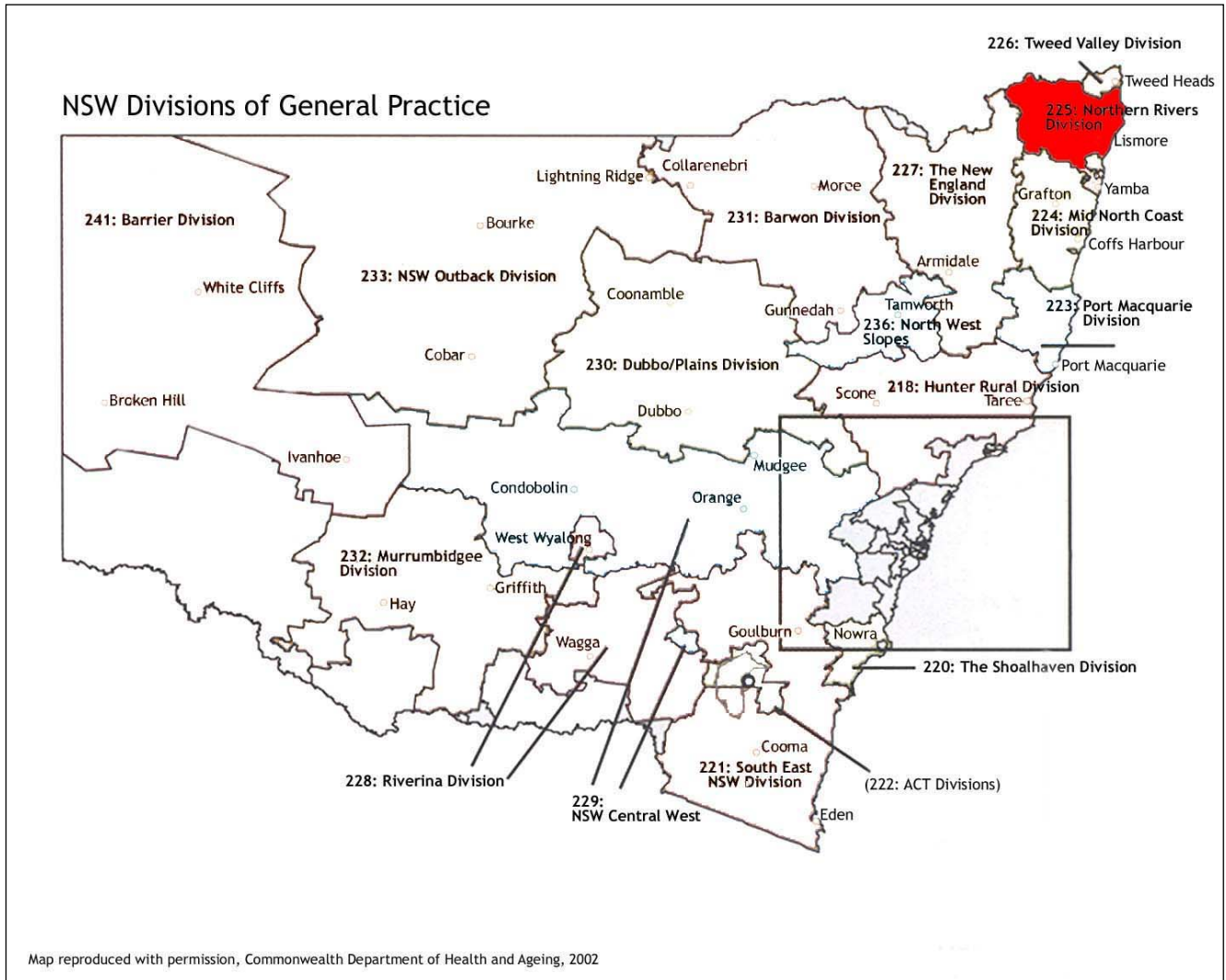
Was supporting after hours service or service development part of your 2002-2003 business plan? The Barrier Division has been consulted in the past regarding AHPMC funding submissions lodged by FWAHS, but this submission was unsuccessful.

Is supporting after hours service delivery or development part of your 2003-2004 business plan? Supporting the provision of appropriate medical care to the communities within the Barrier Division of General Practice is always an aim of the Barrier Division. It is our conclusion however that workforce shortages, increasing medicare rebates and a solution to the medical indemnity crisis all need to be addressed before after hours medical care services can be successfully implemented.

Services	Details of services	Information and background
Individual Practices	Several practices provide after hours care to their own patients using a phone which diverts to the GP's mobile. Other arrangements include the practice referring patients to the ED via an answering machine	
Broken Hill Hospital	The hospital provides after hours services through the ED	The ED is staffed mainly through 'area of need' doctors and consultants. No GPs in the area have VMO rights
Royal Flying Doctors Service (RFDS)	The RFDS provides after hours care to areas outside Broken Hill through an individual after hours number.	

Northern Rivers

Division of General Practice



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Division ID: 225

Population of the Division: 150,774

Number of GP Members: 178

Number of practices: 76 (48 group; 28 solo)

Number of practicing GPs: 174

Number of female GPs: 48

Number of overseas trained GPs: not known

Number of FTE GPs: 109.01 (source DoHA 01-02 fin year)

Ratio of population to GPs: 1:861

Number of public hospitals: 11

Number of private hospitals: 1

Number of public hospitals with a 24-hour ED: 11

Number of private hospitals with a 24-hour ED:

Is the Division involved in the provision of AHPMC? No

Did the Division receive any funding from AHPMC grant rounds? No

Was supporting after hours service or service development part of your 2002-2003 business plan? No

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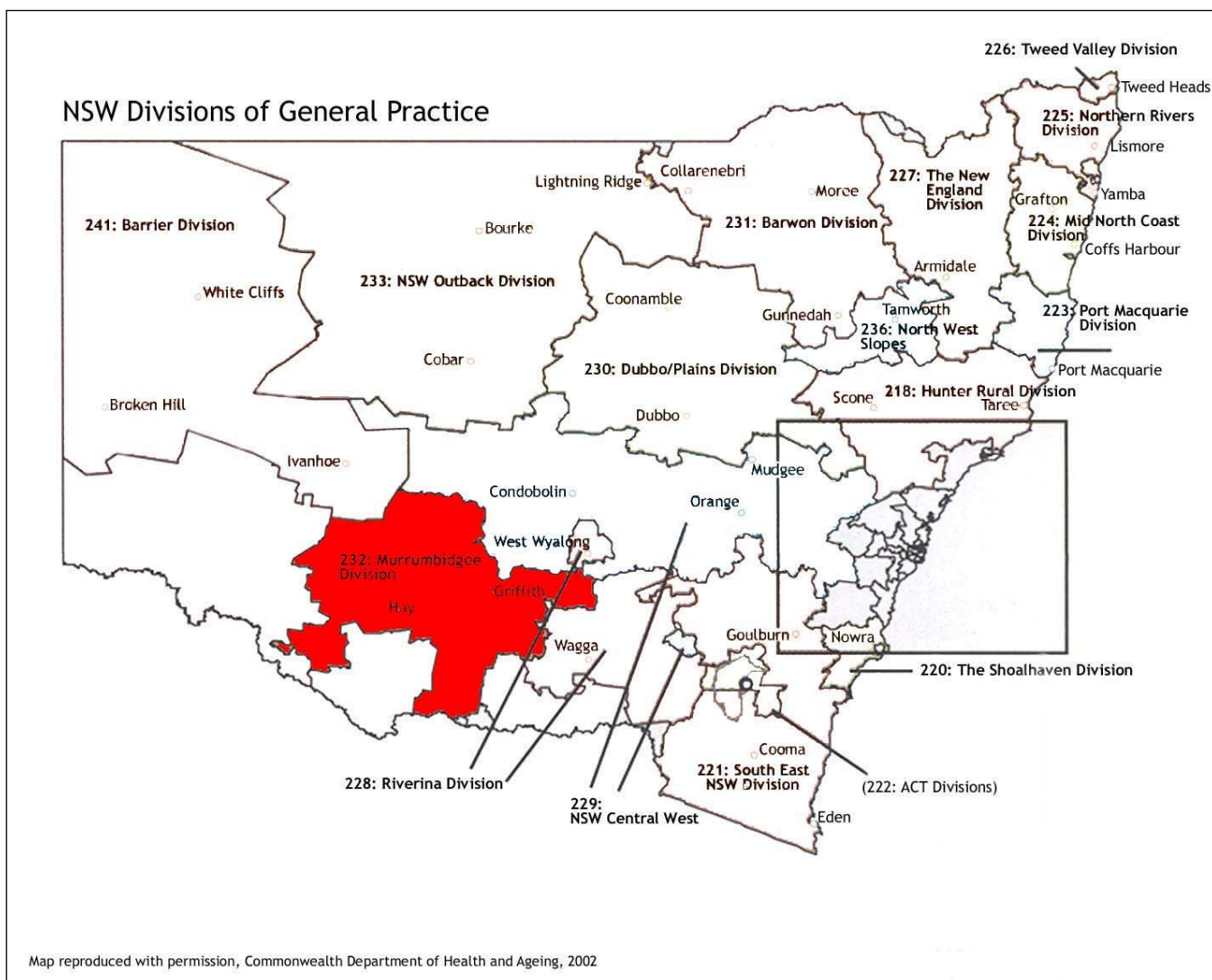
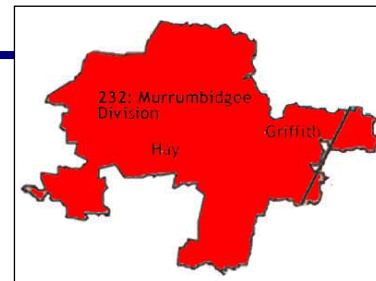
Useful demographic information

3% ABTSI. Higher than average aging population. Low NESB population.

Services	Details of services	Information and background
Individual Practices	Most practices in the area provide after hours care to patients either with an on-call doctor or referral to the local ED via a message on the answering machine.	
Goonellabah Medical Centre 162 Ballina Rd Goonellabah 2480 Phone: (02) 6625 0000 Goonellabah Deputising Service	Opening hours – 8am – 7pm, Mon – Fri 8am – 6pm, Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	Co-operative GP after hours weekend and public holiday service. It is the result of a joint venture between the doctors of the Goonellabah and Alstonville medical centres, and a group of Lismore doctors. There is no bulk billing available for this service
Ballina After Hours Medical Service	After hours weekends and public holidays only.	Service closed down prior to Xmas 2003.
Lismore Hospital Casino and District Hospital Coraki Hospital, Mullumbimby Hospital, Byron Bay Hospital, Maclean Hospital	24 hour ED	In most cases, patient services are provided by visiting general practitioner VMOs

Murrumbidgee

Division of General Practice



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Murrumbidgee

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Division ID: 232

Population of the Division: 60,000

Number of GP Members: 45

Number of practices: 19 (group 7; solo 12)

Estimated number of practicing GPs: 45

Number of female GPs: 12

Number of overseas trained GPs: 17

Number of FTE GPs: 33.25 (source DoHA 01-02 fin year)

Ratio of population to GPs: 1:1750

Number of public hospitals: 9

Number of private hospitals: 0

Number of public hospitals with a 24-hour ED: 9

Number of private hospitals with a 24-hour ED: 0

Is the Division involved in the provision of AHPMC? No

Did the Division receive any funding from AHPMC grant rounds? No

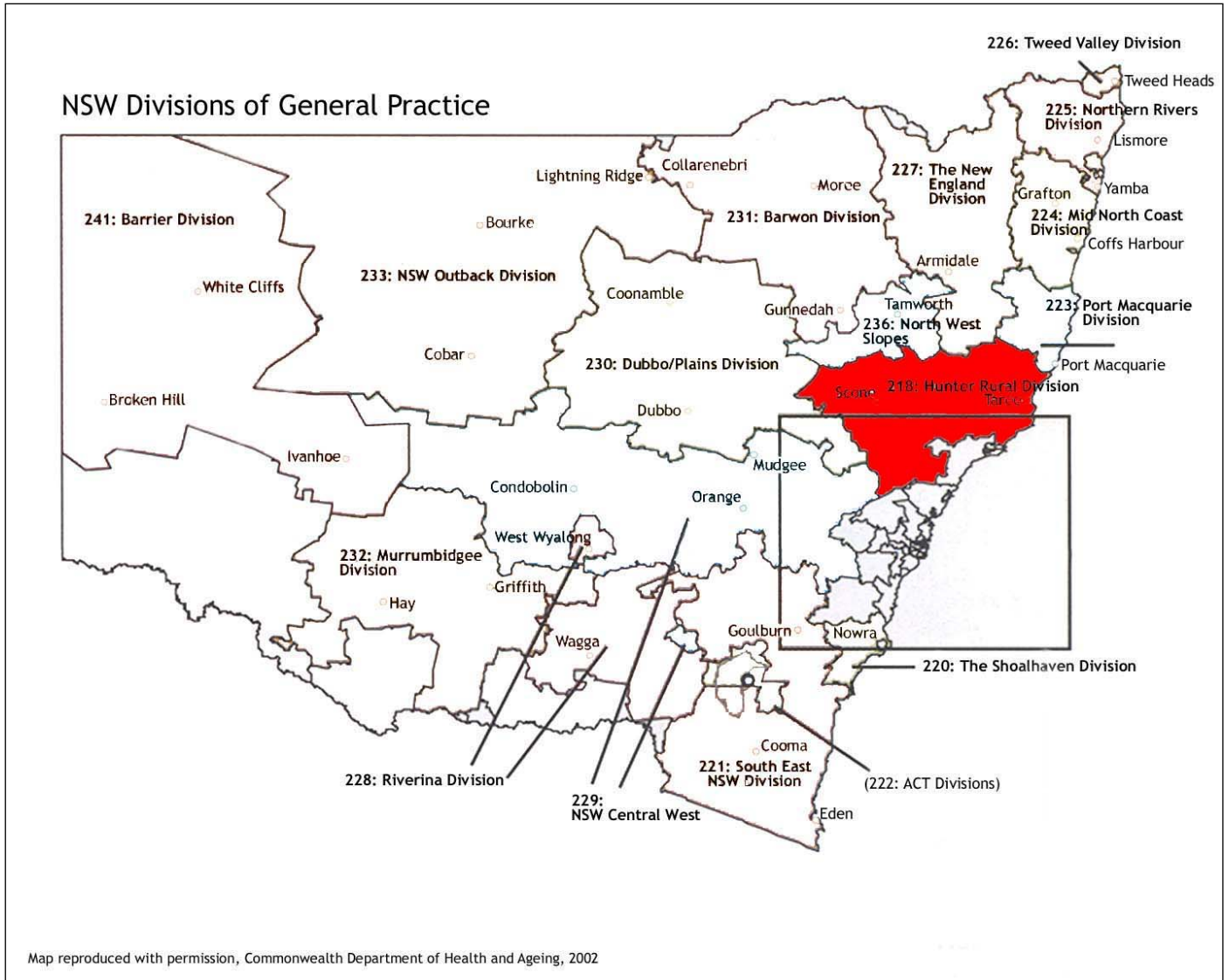
Was supporting after hours service or service development part of your 2002-2003 business plan? No

Is supporting after hours service delivery or development part of your 2003-2004 business plan? Yes

Services	Details of services	Information and background
Individual Practices	After hours care is provided at the discretion of individual GPs. In several cases this includes home visits for patients that are known to them.	GPs are supported in their after hours care provision by the ambulance service who will triage the patient then transfer to a local hospital
Leeton and Griffith Hospitals	After hours care available through the EDs	In Leeton, patients are triaged by a nurse who will refer to a GP if appropriate however in most cases, the nurse treats the patients or provides self-care advice and informs the GP at a later stage In Griffith, on-call is shared between the GPs. Griffith Base Hospital also employs CMO's and RMO's in the ED.
Griffith Area Palliative Care Service (GAPs) PO Box 995 Leeton NSW 2705 Phone: (02) 6953 6454	After hours model for palliative care	This is a collaborative project between the AHS and the Division which provides multi-disciplinary after hours care for people with terminal illnesses The model features a 24 hour 1800 number and formal GP on-call roster managed by the Division. This includes ED presentations.

Hunter Rural

Division of General Practice



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Division ID: 218

Population of the Division: 200 000 (2001 Census)

Number of GP Members: 162

Number of practices: 75 (group 53; solo 22)

Estimated number of practicing GPs: 170

Number of female GPs: 31

Number of overseas trained GPs: 20

Number of FTE GPs: 126.18 (source DoHA 01-02 fin year)

Ratio of population to GPs: 1:1171

Number of public hospitals: 12

Number of private hospitals:

Number of public hospitals with a 24-hour ED: 10

Number of private hospitals with a 24-hour ED:

Is the Division involved in the provision of AHPMC? Yes

Did the Division receive any funding from AHPMC grant rounds? Yes; the Division received a seeding grant to undertake stakeholder consultation to ascertain the level of satisfaction with respect to after hours medical care in the region.

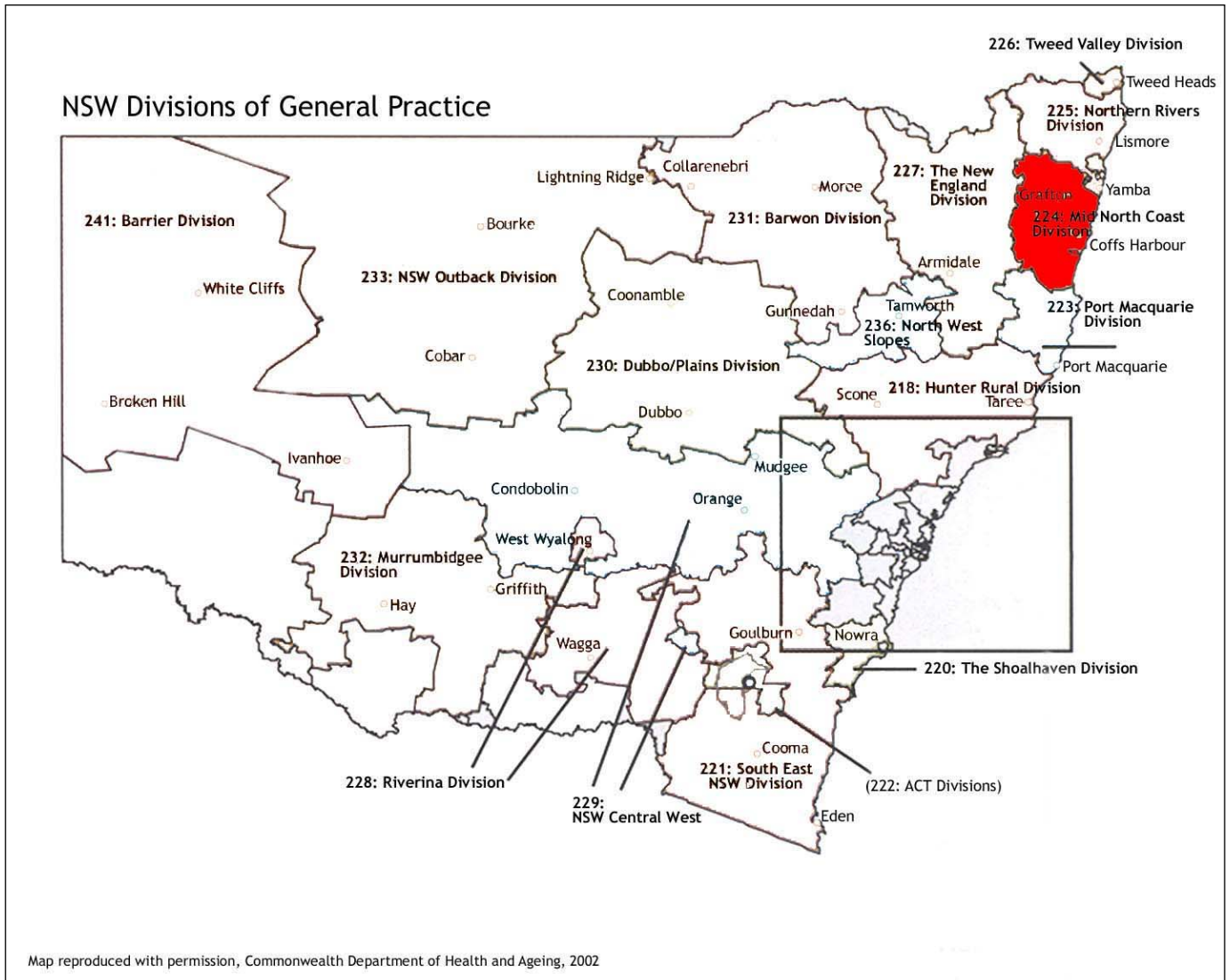
Was supporting after hours service or service development part of your 2002-2003 business plan? Yes

Is supporting after hours service delivery or development part of your 2003-2004 business plan? Yes

Services	Details of services	Information and background
Individual Practices	GPs provide after hours services to their own patients either via on-call doctor or by referral to the local ED.	
Newcastle After Hours Medical Service Phone: 02 4943 6666 Fax: 02 4943 6666	Deputising service operating between 7pm – 7am, Mon to Friday 12pm Sat – 7am Mon	
District Hospitals	After hours care available at eleven district hospital EDs	With the exception of East Greta, each town has a hospital, polyclinic or multi-purpose facility run by the Hunter Area Health Service to which GPs hold appointments as VMOs

Mid North Coast

Division of General Practice



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Mid North Coast

Division of General Practice

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Division ID: 224

Population of the Division: 125,861 (2001 Census)

Number of GP Members: 116

Number of practices: 43 (group 14; solo 29)

Estimated number of practicing GPs: 120

Number of female GPs: 34

Number of overseas trained GPs: 10

Number of FTE GPs: 80.17 (source DoHA 01-02 fin year)

Ratio of population to GPs: 1:1,535

Number of public hospitals: 5

Number of private hospitals: 1

Number of public hospitals with a 24-hour ED: 5

Number of private hospitals with a 24-hour ED: 0

Is the Division involved in the provision of AHPMC? Yes

Did the Division receive any funding from AHPMC grant rounds? Yes

Was supporting after hours service or service development part of your 2002-2003 business plan? Yes

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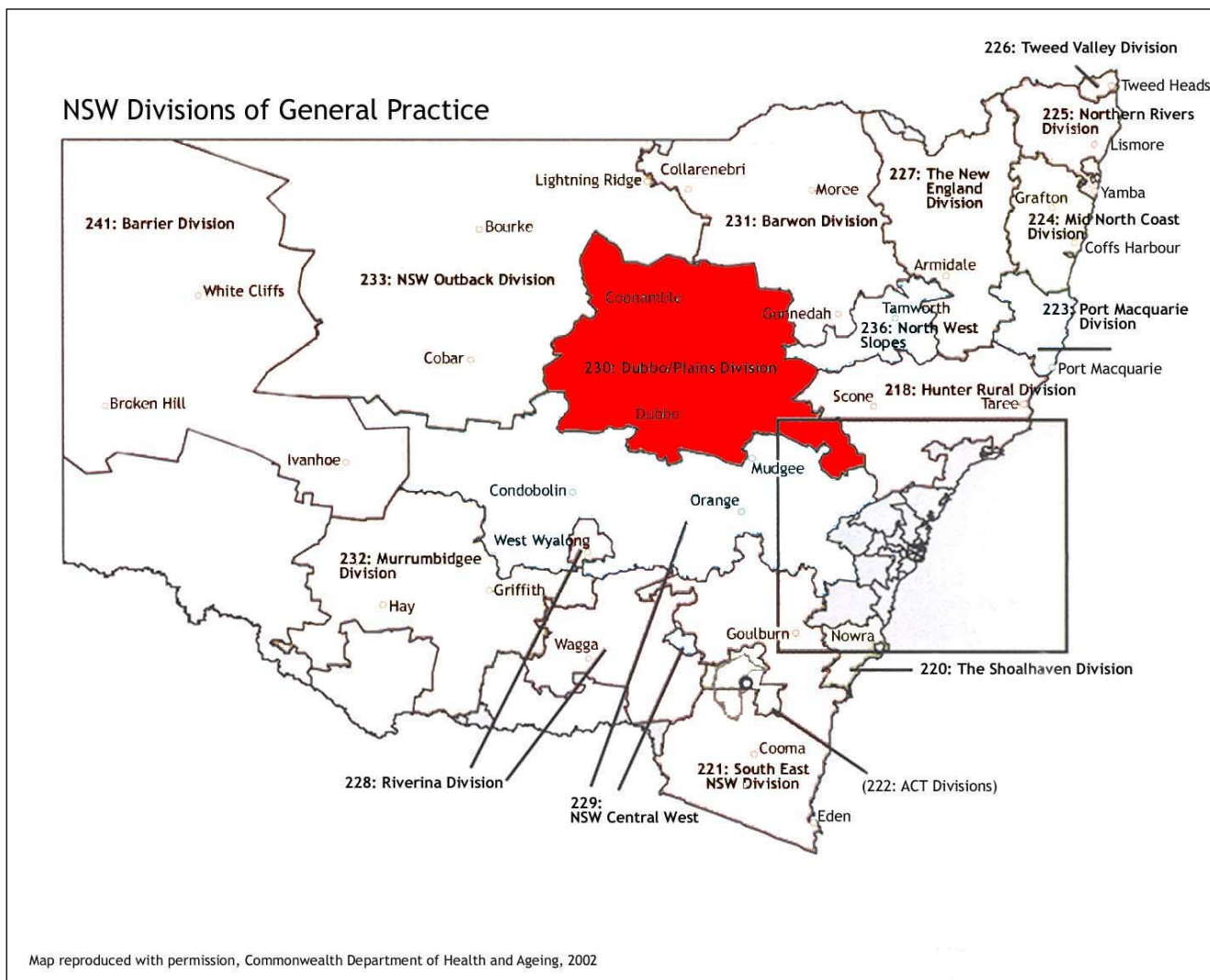
Useful demographic information

The Division population according to the 2001 ABS Census, was 123,060. This covers the Local Government Areas (LGAs) of Bellingen (population 12,742), Coffs Harbour (population 61,770), Grafton (population 17,395), Nambucca (population 18,213), Copmanhurst (population 4,596) and Pristine Waters (population 10,987 - an amalgamation of Nymboida and Ulmarra shires). 36% of GPs work in the Coffs Harbour area, the largest semi-urban town within the Division with a Base Hospital that is essentially specialist-driven. Although approximately 50 GPs work within the Coffs Harbour LGA, this workforce equates to a GP FTE of 32 FTE GP:Population ratio of approximately 1:2000. The lower FTE rate may be attributed to the amount of sub-specialty work conducted by GPs to compensate for a shortage in the local medical specialist workforce. 41% of GPs within the Division are practicing in small rural towns and the remainder of GPs practice within Grafton, a large rural town with a 107 bed hospital that is largely GP-driven. The conservative estimated FTE GP:Population ratios for each LGA within the Division is Coffs Harbour 1:2000, Bellingen 1:1200, Grafton 1:1830, Nambucca 1:1160.

Services	Details of services	Information and background
Coffs Harbour and District After Hours Medical Service 244 Woolgoolga Rd, Coffs Harbour 2450 Phone: (02) 6652 3055	6.00pm – 9.30pm, Mon – Fri 12pm – 9.30pm, Sat 9am – 9.30pm, Sun & Public Holidays	
Woolgoolga and District After Hours Primary Care Service	Currently roster of six GPs on cooperative on call roster with remaining GPs performing own on call.	GPs on call. Program under development to provide Physical A/Hrs Primary Care Nurse Triage, GP on call, ED referral service with hours 6pm to 10pm Mon-Fri 12pm 9.30pm Sat, Sun & Pub. Holidays A/Hrs Clinic Premises currently being developed at Woolgoolga and District Retirement Village, Nightingale Street, Woolgoolga. 2450
Individual Practices	GPs provides after hours care either via on-call GP or by referring patients to the local ED	
Coffs Harbour Base Hospital 345 Pacific Hwy Coffs Harbour South, NSW 2450 Phone: (02) 6656 7000	24 Hour ED	An on call roster is maintained at the hospital switchboard.
Bellinger River District Hospital Church St, Bellingen NSW 2454 Phone: (02) 6655 1266	24 Hour Emergency Service	On Call GPs
Dorrigo Multi purpose Facility Beech Street, Dorrigo Phone:(02) 6657 2066	24 Hour ED	On Call GPs
Grafton Base Hospital	24 Hour ED	On Call GPs
Macksville	24 Hour ED	On Call GPs

Dubbo Plains

Division of General Practice



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Division ID: 230

Population of the Division: 95,426 (2001 Census)

Number of GP Members: 62

Number of practices: 37

Number of solo practices: 18

Number of group practices: 19

Estimated number of practicing GPs: 68

Number of female GPs: 17

Number of overseas trained GPs: 4

Number of FTE GPs: 55.24 (source DoHA 01-02 fin year)

Ratio of population to GPs: 1:1727

Number of public hospitals: 16 (includes 4 multi-purpose health services)

Number of private hospitals: 1 (Dubbo Private Hospital)

Number of public hospitals with a 24-hour ED: 16

Number of private hospitals with a 24-hour ED: 0

Is the Division involved in the provision of AHPMC? The Division maintains an 'on-call roster' for member GPs

Did the Division receive any funding from AHPMC grant rounds? No

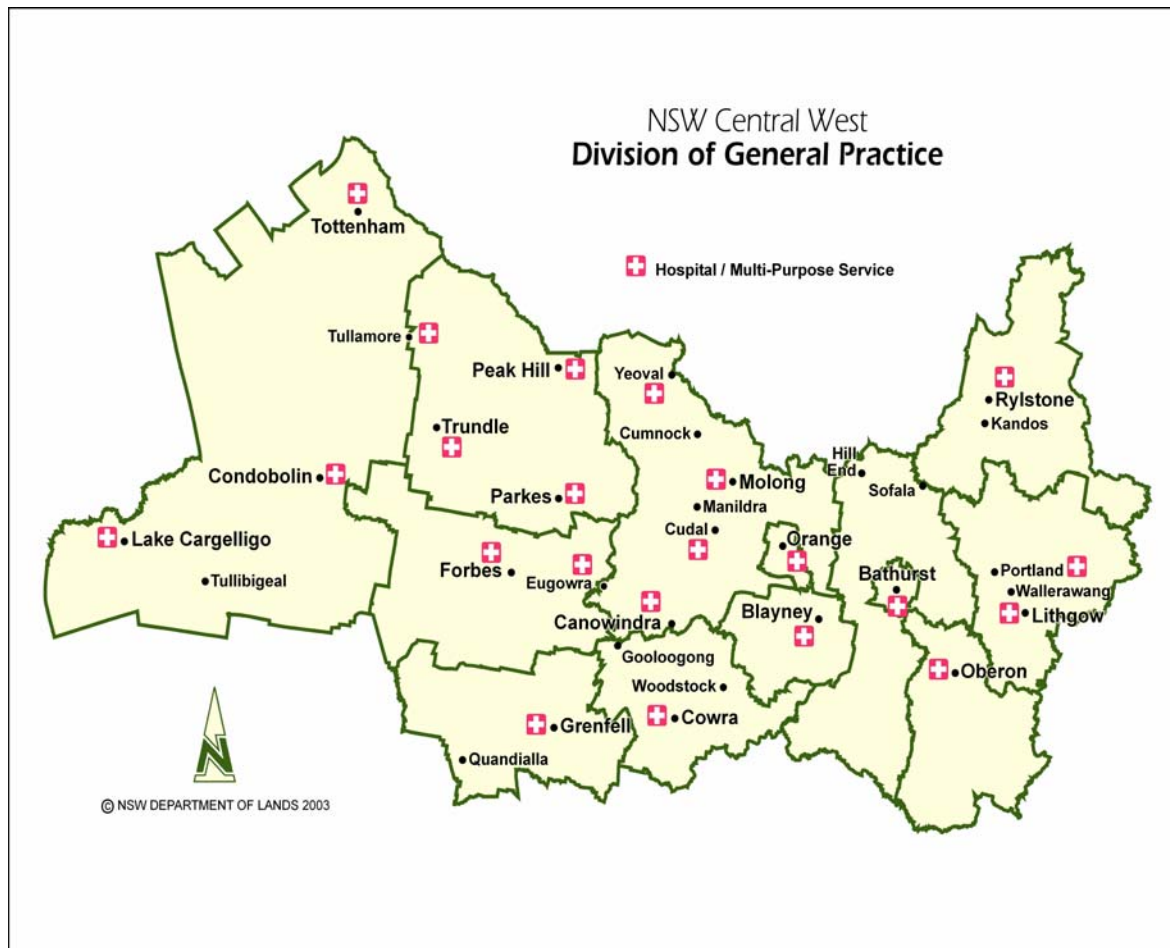
Was supporting after hours service or service development part of your 2002-2003 business plan? Yes

Is supporting after hours service delivery or development part of your 2003-2004 business plan? Yes

Services	Details of services	Information and background
Individual Practices outside of Dubbo	Practices provide after hours care to patients via an on-call doctor	In all towns outside of Dubbo, GPs are VMOs who provide 24 hour care to patients, on a shared basis if more than one appointed
Dubbo After Hours Medical Service	Five practices in Dubbo share an After Hours roster which is facilitated by the Division and provides 24 hour coverage.	This medical service has been in operation for at least 20 years and is a very effective arrangement.
24 Hour Medical Centre, Dubbo	24-Hour care is provided by GPs working in the Medical Centre	
Public Hospitals and Multi-purpose facilities	24 Hour Emergency Services	

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Division of General Practice



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NSW Central West

Division of General Practice

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Division ID: 229

Population of the Division: 172,790

Number of GP Members: 120

Number of practices: 53 (31 group, solo 22)

Estimated number of practicing GPs: 162

Number of female GPs: 61

Number of overseas trained GPs: 6

Number of FTE GPs: 138.16

Ratio of population to GPs: 1:850-1:1496

Number of public hospitals: 22

Number of private hospitals: 2

Number of public hospitals with a 24-hour ED: 19

Number of private hospitals with a 24-hour ED: 0

Is the Division involved in the provision of AHPMC? Yes

Did the Division receive any funding from AHPMC grant rounds? Yes, 2nd round service development grant.

Was supporting after hours service or service development part of your 2002-2003 business plan? No, however a submission was tendered for Round 3 funding in order to gain funding to support after hours service delivery-awaiting response.

Is supporting after hours service delivery or development part of your 2003-2004 business plan? No, however pending successful funding, a separate plan will be developed to support after hours service delivery.

Useful demographic information

Refer to website <http://www.cwdgp.org.au>

Services	Details of services	Information and background
Individual Practices	Practices provide after hours care to patients via an on-call doctor or by referral to the nearest ED.	<p>More than 50% GPs in the Division are VMOs at hospitals.</p> <p>In many small towns, solo GPs cannot provide 24/7 care; the majority of after hours care in these communities is provided through outpatient visits to the local hospital ED</p>
<p>After Hours Remote Medical Consultation Service</p> <p>Phone: (02) 6332 6646 for more information on the service</p>	<p>Service operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week</p> <p>Available in the following areas: Tullamore, Trundle, Tottenham, Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo, Grenfell, Canowindra, Blayney, Yeoval, Peak Hill, Rylstone and Portland</p>	<p>Patients attend the local hospital for initial assessment by an RN. If presenting with a non-urgent problem, the nurse may phone the consultation service for a GP opinion and advice for treatment.</p> <p>The service is a collaborative program between Central West Division and Mid Western AHS</p>
Public Hospital EDs	<p>The following hospitals have 24 hour ED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bathurst Base Hospital • Condobolin District Hospital • Cowra Hospital • The Forbes District Hospital • Lithgow District Hospital • Orange Base Hospital • Parkes District Hospital 	