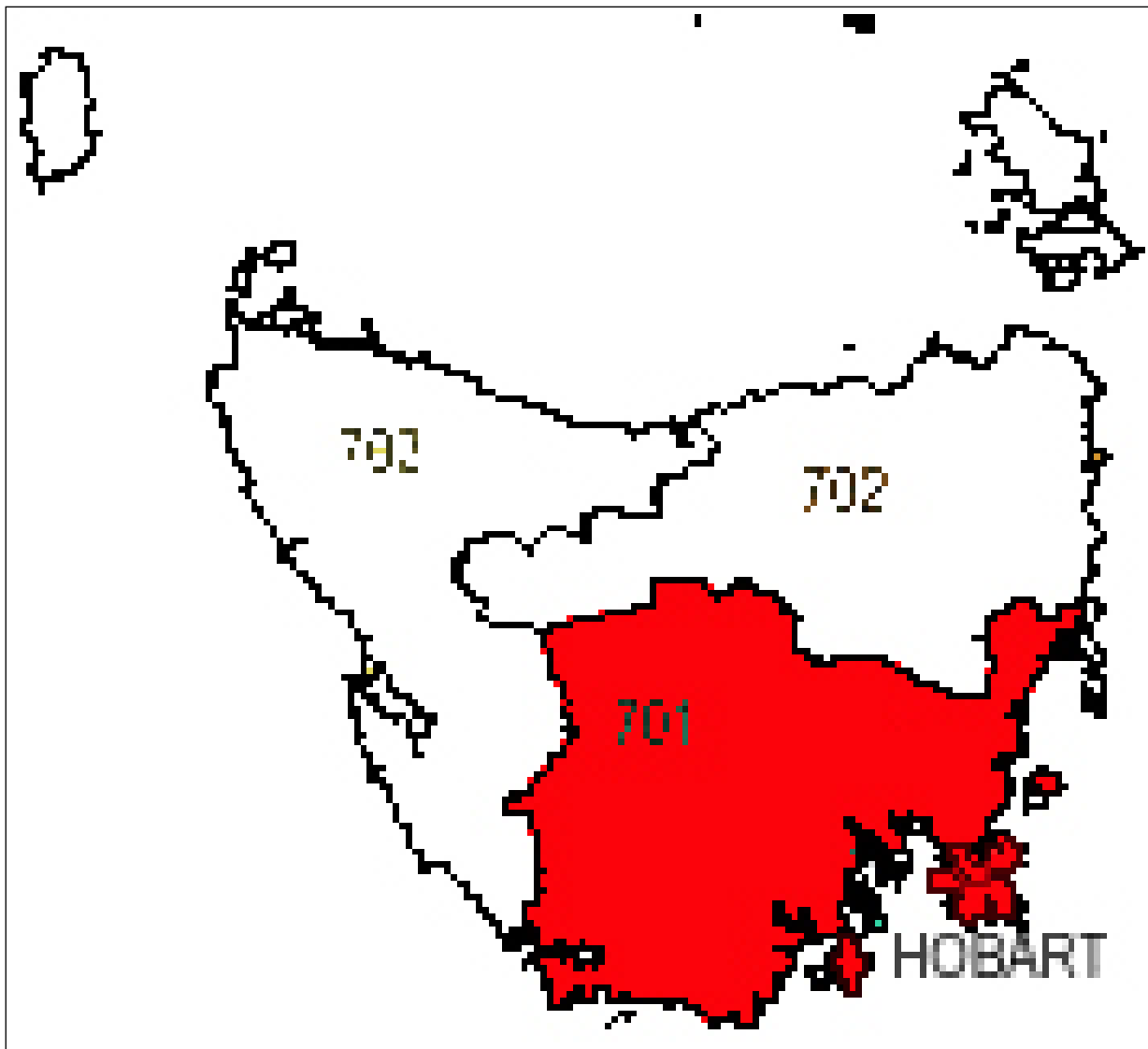


Southern Tasmania

Division of General Practice



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Division of General Practice

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Division ID: 701

Population of the Division: 223,619 (2001 Census)

Number of GP members: 228

Number of practices: 99 (group 62; solo 37)

Estimated number of practicing GPs: 290

Number of female GPs: 124

Number of overseas trained GPs: not known

Number of FTE GPs: 231.5

Ratio of population to FTE GPs: 1:966

Number of public hospitals: 1

Number of private hospitals: 4

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

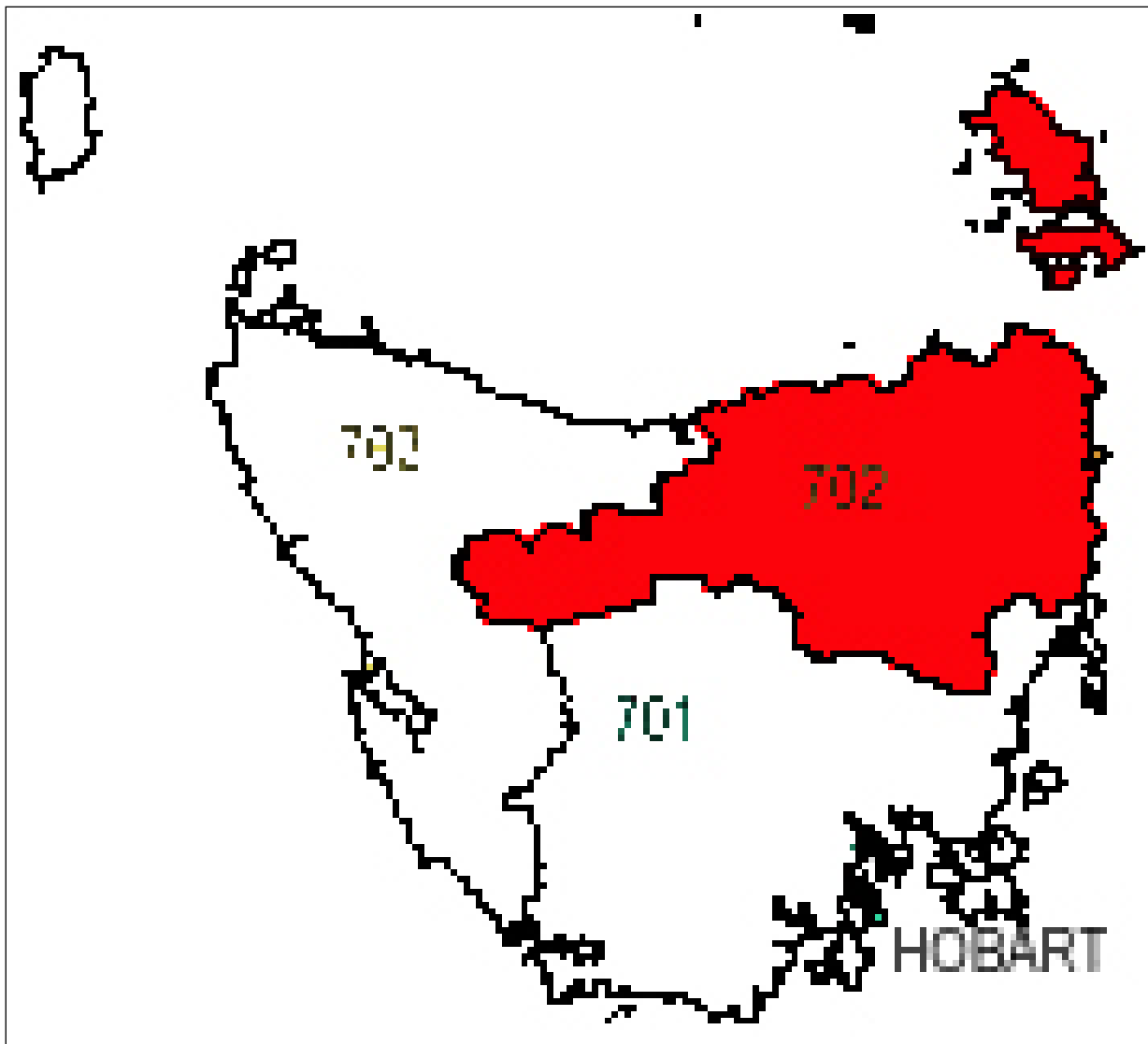
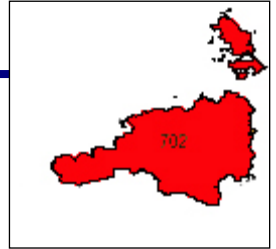
Useful demographic information

The Division covers an area of 30,750 sq km and takes in the twelve Local Government Areas of Hobart, Huon Valley, Kingborough, Clarence, Sorell, Tasman, Brighton, Central Highlands, Glamorgan/Spring Bay, Derwent Valley, Glenorchy and Southern Midlands.

Services	Details of services	Information and background
Royal Hobart Hospital - Tertiary referral hospital for State	The community can access the Department of Emergency Medicine (DEM) for After Hours Primary Medical Care (AHPMC).	
Calvary Hospital	The Lenah Valley Campus has a DEM and is accessed for AHPMC.	
Hobart Private Hospital	The hospital has a DEM and is accessed for AHPMC.	
Country Hospitals/ Multipurpose Services/Centres or aged care facilities with inpatient beds: 7	The doctors servicing these facilities are contracted to provide services to the hospitals through the Rural Doctors Agreement with the Department of Health and Human Services or with the local government	The community will often access these services as the first contact for AHPMC. Many of the hospitals/services will triage calls for the GP on call.
After Hours Doctor Service	This deputising service operates weeknights, weekends and public holidays.	
GP Assist (Tasmania)	This service operates from 6.00 pm to 8.00 am every night and from 8.00 am to 6.00 pm on weekends and public holidays.	This is a new Commonwealth funded program which seeks to improve access to high quality after hours GP telephone triage and medical advice.

Northern Tasmania

Division of General Practice



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Division ID: 702

Population of the Division: 128,649 (2001 Census)

Number of GP members: 135

Number of practices: 42 (group 28; solo 14)

Estimated number of practicing GPs: 135

Number of female GPs: 44

Number of overseas trained doctors: 42

Number of FTE GPs: 113

Ratio of population to GPs: 1:1138

Number of public hospitals: 1 urban 7 rural

Number of private hospitals: 2

Is the Division involved in the provision of AHPMC? A recent comprehensive review of AHPMC was undertaken. After hours triage phone service implementation supported.

Did the Division receive any funding from AHPMC grant rounds? Yes, GP North received a Seeding Grant to:

- Undertake a comprehensive review of the current and desired after hours primary medical arrangements in Northern Tasmania;
- Develop and evaluate the applicability of a model for optimal after hours primary medical care for the region;
- Develop a business case for sustainability and viability for regional after hours care service delivery in Northern Tasmania.

Was supporting after hours service or service development part of your 2002-2003 business plan? Any activity in this area falls under the broader program of member services.

Is supporting after hours service delivery or development part of your 2003-2004 business plan? No new specific strategies identified however, ongoing broad-based support will continue (supporting the membership to have access to or in providing AHPMC e.g. support implementation of the phone triage service).

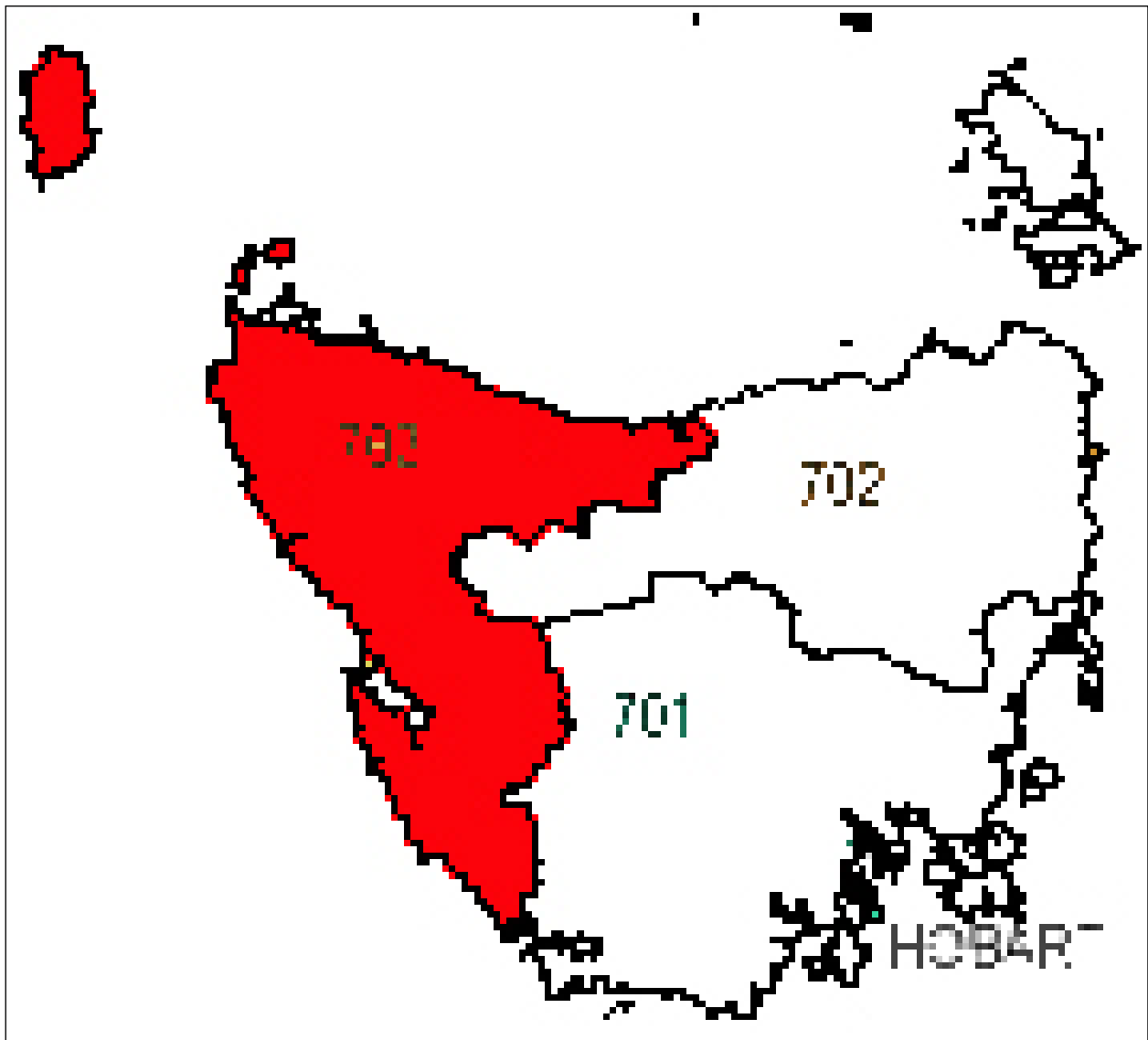
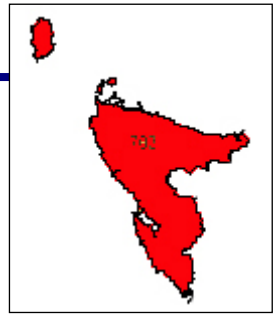
Useful demographic information

The Division covers 19,935 square kilometers, incorporating local government areas of Break O'Day, Dorset, Flinders, George Town, Launceston, Meander Valley, Northern Midlands and West Tamar.

Services	Details of services	Information and background
The Launceston General Hospital.	The community presents to the Department of Emergency Medicine (DEM) for After Hours Primary Medical Care (AHPMC).	Major regional service provider of emergency services.
Country Hospitals / Multi-Purpose Services or aged care facilities: 7	The doctors servicing these facilities are contracted to provide services to the hospital through the Rural Doctors Agreement with the Department of Health and Human Services or the local government.	There is a varying level of after hours service provision by the facilities. Most facilities triage patients and treat or refer on accordingly.
General Practice	Currently the majority of group practices opt for a roster-based system utilising GPs from within their own practice. Solo practices mostly contract weekend after hours support services from the only existing AH medical practice.	General Practitioners continue to provide after hour medical care services in line with providing comprehensive and quality services to the practice population. Now a requirement of accreditation.
After Hours Medical Centre	1 GP providing cover service from Friday evening until Monday morning	Service delivery capacity dictated by existing resources (including human).
Phone Triage Service	Soon to be introduced into northern Tasmania.	Recently trialled in southern Tasmania. Approval has been given to roll out this service statewide.

North West Tasmania

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Division ID: 703

Population of the Division: 102,352 (2001 Census)

Number of GP members: 84

Number of practices: 29 (group 21; solo 8)

Estimated number of practicing GPs: 93

Number of female GPs: 27

Number of overseas trained doctors: not known

Number of FTE GPs: 82

Ratio of population to GPs: 1:1248

Number of public hospitals: 1

Number of private hospitals: 1

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

Useful demographic information

The Division is totally rural and has four regional centres: Devonport, Burnie, Smithton (Circular Head municipality), and West Coast. The majority of the population lives in Devonport, Ulverstone and Burnie. The remainder of the region is decentralised.

The population of North West Tasmania is ageing although the distribution of aged is variable across the region. High unemployment and low socioeconomic status are important factors in determining health status.

The North West region has the lowest proportion of non-English speaking people for the State.

Services	Details of services	Information and background
North West Regional Hospital.	The community will present to the Department of Emergency Medicine (DEM) for AHPMC.	
The Mersey Mayne Health Community Hospital (private) at Latrobe has a DEM and operates a GP clinic after hours.	The Government funds this hospital to provide a public hospital service. The DEM is public, funded by the Government.	
District Hospitals: 3 – all services triage calls after hours and call the GP on call.	The doctors servicing these facilities are contracted to provide services to the hospital through the Rural Doctors Agreement with the Department of Health and Human Services or the local government.	
Nursing Centre at Strahan, West Coast. There is no doctor available for the area. The Centre operates 7 days a week from 9am - 5pm with After Hours service provided by an RN who receives the call-out from the Queenstown Hospital (hospital triage patients for the West Coast after hours).		

