



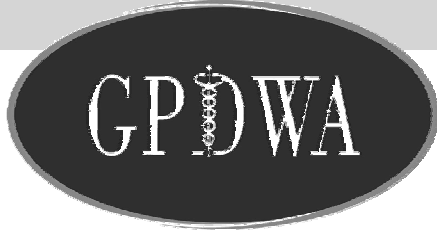
The Primary Mental Health Care Initiative in Western Australia

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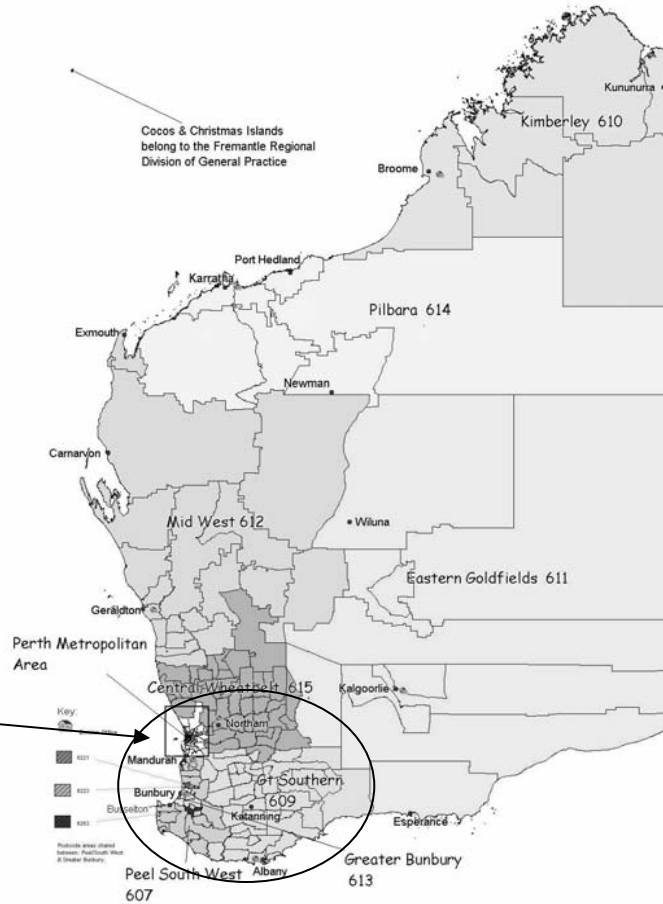
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Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care
WA Divisions of General Practice - Country Areas

Population –
1.9 m (1980
GPs)

Metro area -
1.4 m (1560
GPs)





Relationship Building with Mental Health Services

- First round of incentive funding shared equally
- Development of MoUs
- GP liaison positions
- Varied progress across state
- Partnerships Conference
- Current state-wide evaluation



GP Education and Training

- Familiarisation
- Level 1 Clinical Skills
- Level 2 Clinical Skills
- Significant uptake – 17% of GPs registered
- Training for GP registrars



Peer Support

- Peer Support Information Day
- 12 successful applications
- Partnership with Primary Care Mental Health Unit (Department of Psychiatry UWA)
- GP Peer Support Facilitator Training
- Links with the RACGP and small group learning
- Statewide evaluation



Major Achievements

- Mental health network
- Significant increase in Divisional mental health activity
- Links established with state mental health services and other key stakeholders
- Large number of GPs trained and registered with the initiative
- Peer support program



Networks – making
the connections and
supporting people to
work together!