

Looking Deadly

A systematic approach to improving eye care for
Aboriginal Victorians

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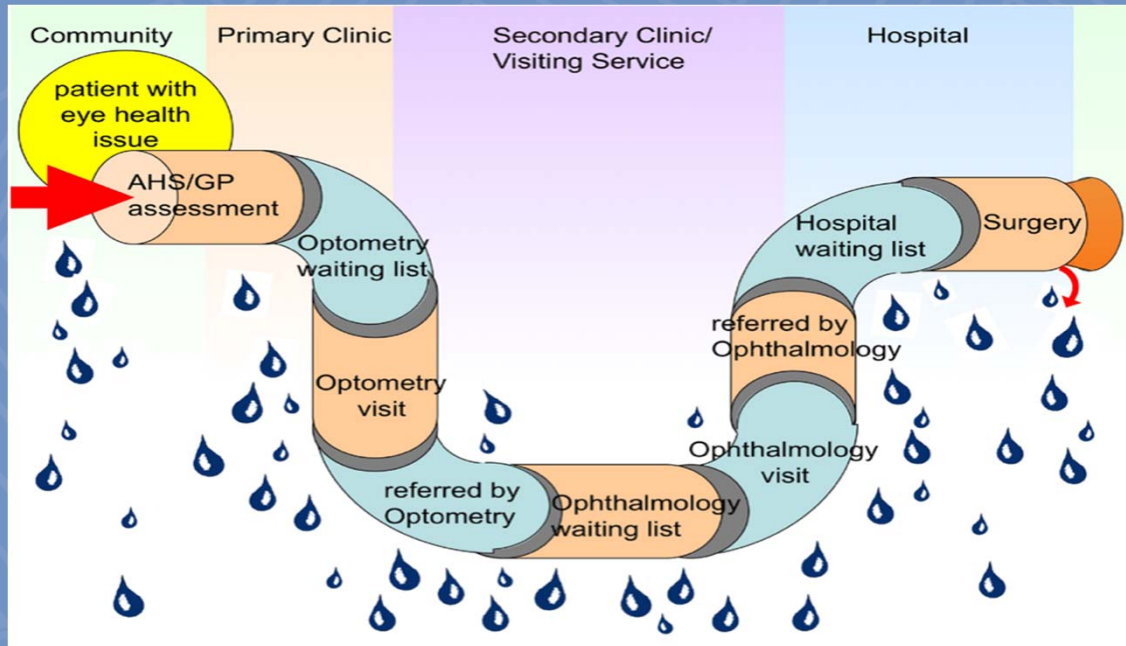
Victorian Eye Health Program a brief history



“ The design shows the need to keep an eye on your health and that of your family, taking control of our health is very important.” - Lynn Briggs

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VACKH Aboriginal Eye Health strategy

3 projects 2010 – 2013

- VACCHO Eye Health Project Officer
- Patient pathway coordinator Eye and Ear Hospital
- Funding to ACO to run the Victorian Aboriginal Spectacle Subsidy Scheme (VASSS)

Koolin Balit – the Victorian Government Strategic Directions for Aboriginal Health 2012 - 2022

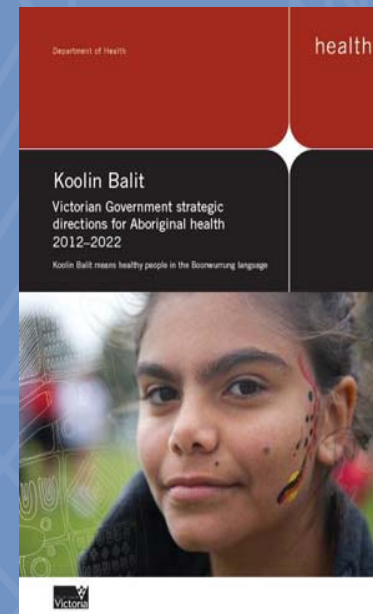
Eye Health initiatives within Koolin Balit 2013 – 2017

- VACCHO Eye Health Project Officer
- Victorian Aboriginal Spectacle Subsidy Scheme , VASSS – ACO.
- Patient pathway coordinator Eye and Ear Hospital
- Additional support to regions for eye health projects, including increased support for co-ordination and patient pathway support – Regional project officers in Loddon Mallee, Grampians, Greater South West.
- North West Melbourne project.

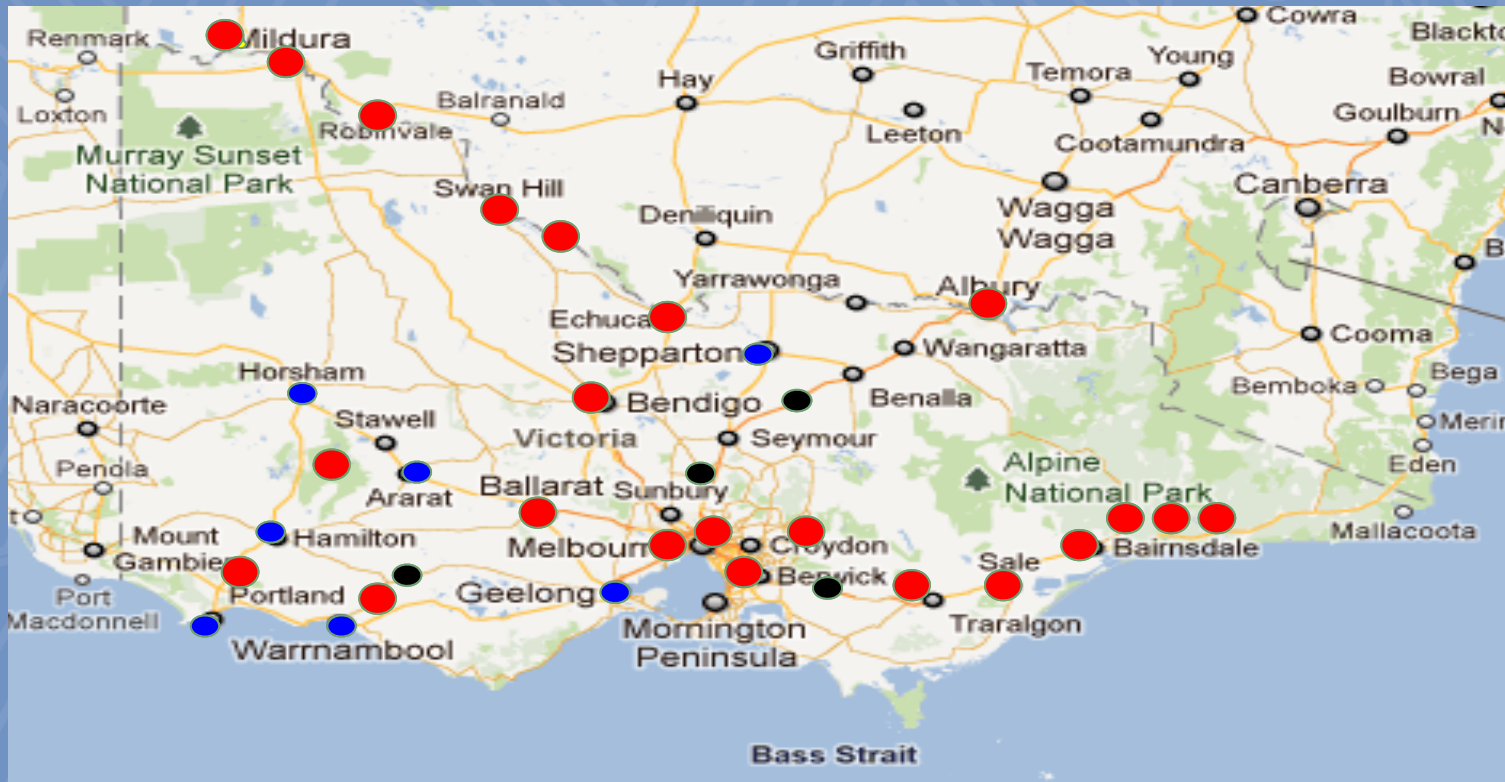
Koolin Balit statewide Aboriginal Eye Health Advisory Committee (2013 – current)

VACCHO Stakeholders addressing eye health in Victoria:

- Victorian Government Department of Health and Human Services
- Commonwealth Department of Health
- Indigenous Eye health - University of Melbourne
- Australian College of Optometry
- Vision 2020 Australia
- Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital
- Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists
- Rural Workforce Agency Victoria.
- Vision Australia
- Fred Hollows Foundation.



ACCHO access to Optometry services in Victoria



Victorian Needs

Population: 47,333

OPTOMETRY CONSULTATIONS Number of patients

Comprehensive eye examinations required each year	8047
People over 40 requiring glasses each year	3027
People over 40 with diabetes requiring annual retinal examination	4553

OPHTHALMOLOGY CONSULTATIONS

People requiring cataract referral consultations	450
People requiring trichiasis referral consultations	172
People requiring diabetic retinopathy referral consultations	528
Total people requiring ophthalmology consultations	1150

HOSPITAL SURGERY

People requiring cataract surgery	450
People requiring trichiasis lid surgery	172
Total people requiring hospital surgery	622

WORKFORCE Workforce requirements

Optometry days required	1006
Optometry workforce required (EFT)	4.8
Ophthalmology days required (consultation and surgery)	348
Ophthalmology workforce required (EFT)	1.6
Coordination workforce required total (EFT)	39.3

4 funded Regions =
21,733 people
Representing

46%

Of the total
population

Regional Eye Project Officers (REHPO's)



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Regional Implementation

Aim - Sustainable , successful implementation and outcomes

- **Community Control is key**
- **Roadmap to Close the gap in Vision recommends Regional approach**
- **Sector endorsed**
- **Jurisdictional support structure**

Regional Achievements

Engagement with ACCHO's

All stakeholders have the opportunity to engage with ACCHO's

- Cultural awareness – Cultural responsiveness – Cultural safety
- Data sharing
- Identification of current and emerging issues
- Agreed plans / goals to close the gap for vision

The Future

Culturally driven systematic collaborative



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