

Victorian Dual Diagnosis Services

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Dual Diagnosis services aim to improve treatment outcomes for individuals who have co-existing mental health and substance use issues. Services include education and training for mental health, drug and alcohol and MHCSS staff, support to organisations to develop dual diagnosis capabilities, and clinical consultations in collaboration with primary case managers.

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Program guidelines Alcohol and other drugs PART 2 – Program and service specifications

The Victorian Dual Diagnosis Initiative

Overview

There is a range of state and commonwealth funding allocated to enhance the capacity of alcohol and other drug treatment services and mental health services to respond to clients with concurrent mental health and drug issues. As dual diagnosis is very prevalent, staff should be trained in dual diagnosis and provided with appropriate education and learning opportunities.

Alcohol and other drug treatment services are supported by dual diagnosis teams that operate in each Mental Health service. These teams provide training and consultation services to alcohol and other drug treatment services, and have some direct service provision responsibilities to clients.

For more information on Dual Diagnosis and responding to client needs, please see the department's website²³.

Purpose

The Dual Diagnosis initiative supports the development of better treatment practices and collaborative relationships between alcohol and other drug treatment and mental health services. The key activities of the initiative are:

- The development of local networks
- Training, consultation and modelling of good practice through direct clinical intervention and shared care arrangements

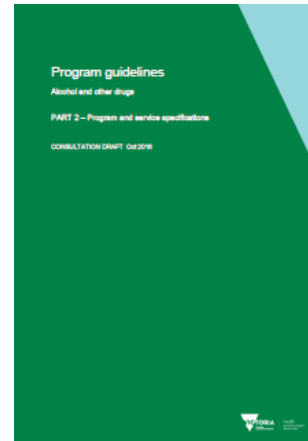
Target group

- Mental health and alcohol and other drug treatment workers who require support to respond to clients with concurrent alcohol and other drug and mental health issues.
- People who are experiencing issues related to concurrent alcohol and other drug and mental health issues

Key service requirements

- Develop co-operative working relationships between mental health and alcohol and other drug treatment services within the relevant area service catchment. This should particularly address areas of access, assessment and the development of effective treatment planning
- Provide training and consultation to all community mental health and alcohol and other drug treatment services within the catchment with a strong focus on building capacity within the services to respond more effectively to people with a dual diagnosis
- Provide direct service to clients with a serious mental illness and substance use problems with a focus on developing and modelling good practice. This may be by providing a limited direct service and intensive support/consultation to case managers on specific cases.

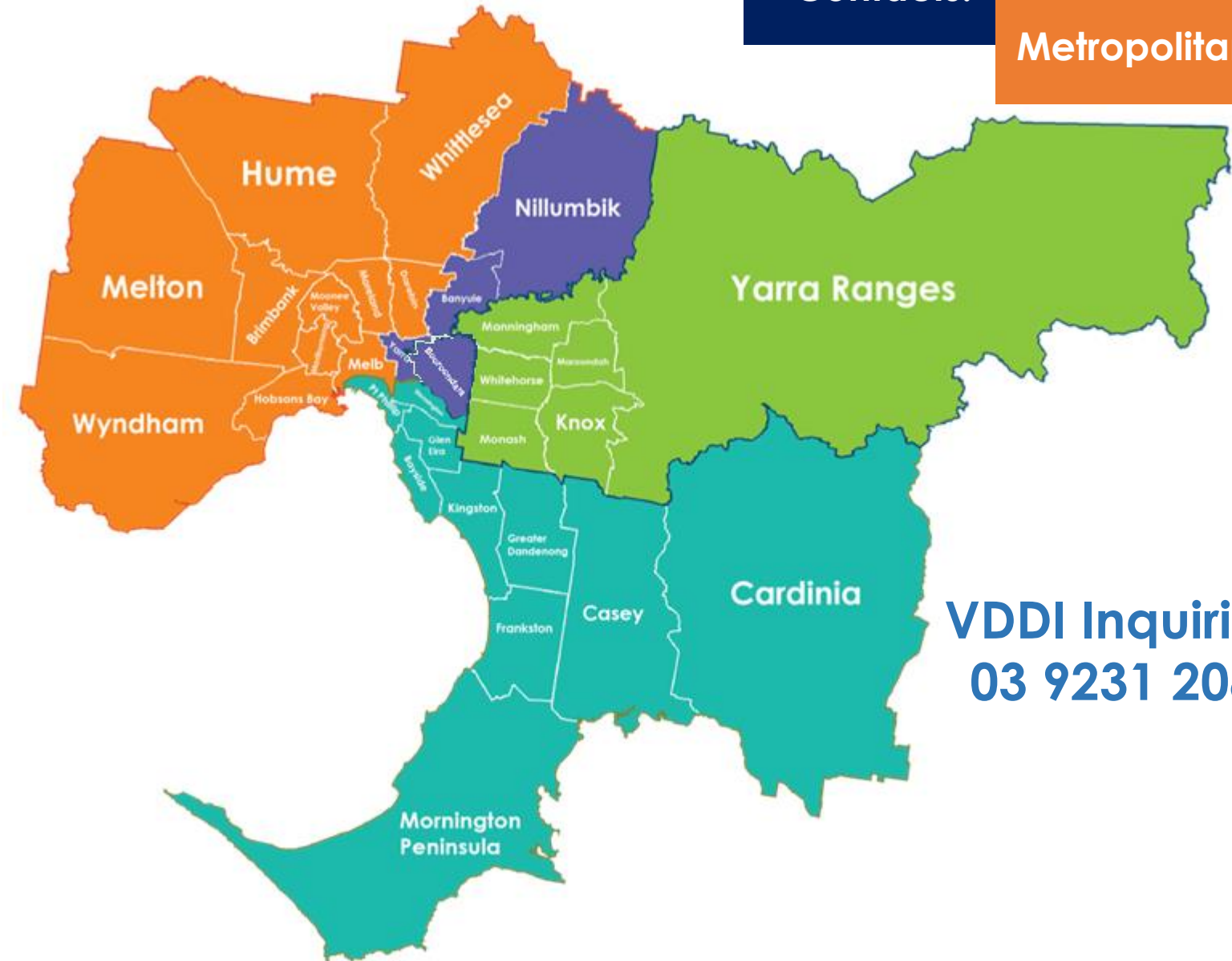
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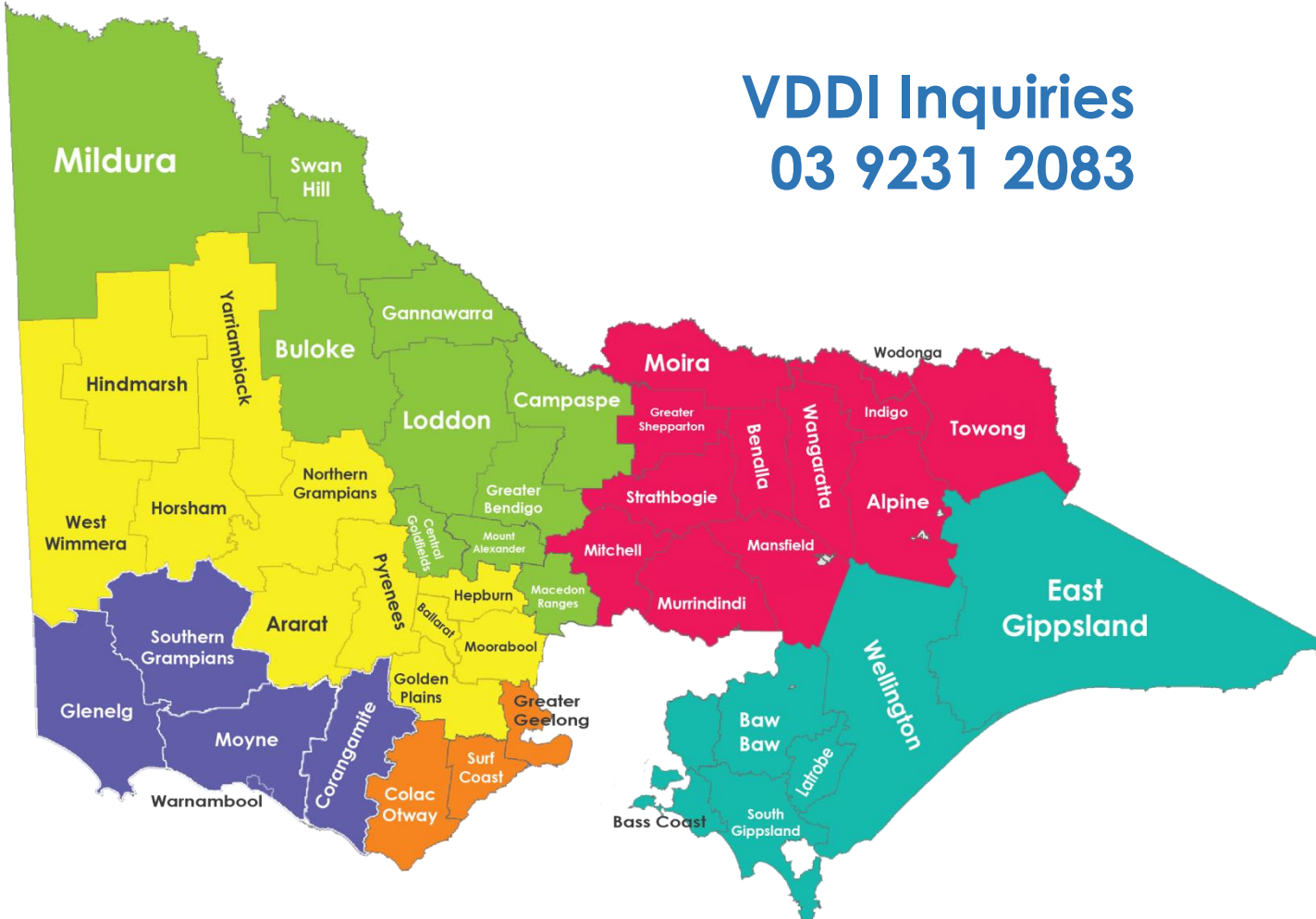
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