

## **Shared Vision for the Growing North – About the Platform**

*Shared Vision for the Growing North* (SVfGN) is a catchment-based partnership platform with an explicit focus on addressing issues in relation to health & well-being for Melbourne's Northern Growth Corridor, while maintaining continuity and building on a history of collaboration & trust between participating organisations. Established in 2015 the platform is comprised of partners from Women's Health, hospitals, community health, primary care, local government, community services and other related organisations with a presence in the Outer Northern Growth corridor comprising Hume, Whittlesea, Mitchell and Murrindindi Local Government Areas.

The SVfGN seeks to continue its focus on securing a strategic focus on the 'upstream and downstream' prevention and direct service needs of our diverse community. As catchment based partnership the SVfGN, its work is importantly framed by the core elements of a wellbeing and health in all policy approach. The SVfGN will uphold primary focus on ensuring that its catchment-level objectives are systematically derived from and therefore directly support local placed based activities delivered by member services. To this end, catchment work of the SVfGN will be most effective by adding to and using (not duplicating) existing LGA and catchment plans.

### **Mission**

To improve the wellbeing and health of current and future populations in the Northern Growth Corridor.

### **Objectives**

To respond to the challenges of the growing demand for health and community services in the Northern Growth Corridor by:

1. supporting information sharing and networking between organisations which provide, plan or support health & community services and prevention activities
2. identifying & supporting the development and implementation of opportunities for collaborative service responses and prevention activities to respond to and reduce the future demand on the service system
3. informing & influencing governments and other organisations with a responsibility for policy development and program funding.

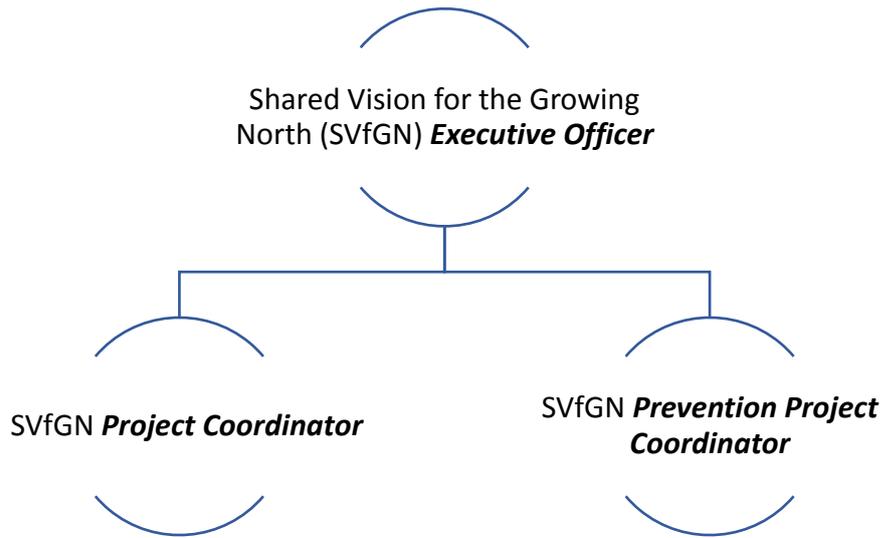
The SVGN will therefore have a specific focus on:

- *responding to the challenges of significant population growth – ie managing demand growth through health promotion activities, service planning and effective utilisation of available resources to ensure services are integrated and available at the right time and place<sup>1</sup>*
- *identifying opportunities for better practice, innovation and collaboration across the service continuum*
- *promoting efficiencies and avoiding duplication through sharing information and considering the activities of other organisations responsible for cross agency integration & collaboration.*

As a foundation member to the *Shared Vision for the North* partnership (SVfGN), the *Hume Whittlesea Primary Care Partnership* has co-invested funding & supervision to establish a Support team in order to advance the work of SVfGN. The Executive Officer role will lead the SVfGN Support Team which is outlined as follows:

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<sup>1</sup> Including an opportunity to opportunity is to implement and access resources through with Victorian Government policy commitments eg Fairer Victoria, Gender Equal Victoria, Victorian Public Health and Wellbeing Plan



This role provides an exciting opportunity to continue the innovative work of the SVfGN partnership since 2015. With a clear focus on addressing emerging and diverse needs from across the outer Northern metropolitan growth catchment, the SVfGN partnership platform is designed and committed to develop integrated multi-agency approaches to service provision and to improve the health and well-being of our combined communities.