

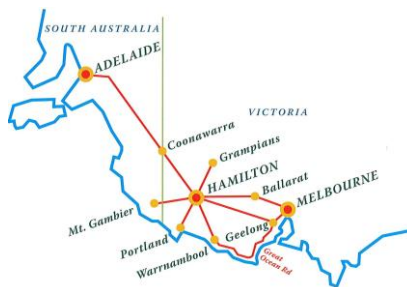
## An overview of Western District Health Service



Western District Health Service is situated in the Western District of Victoria and consists of three campuses:

- ~ Hamilton Base Hospital
- ~ Peshurst & District Health Service
- ~ Coleraine District Health Service

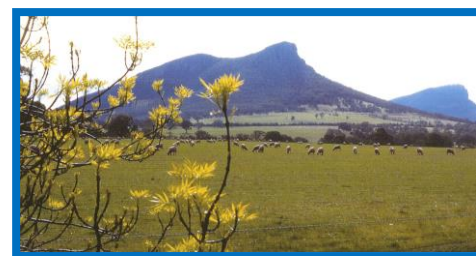
### *The Western District of Victoria*



The Western District offers a relaxing rural lifestyle within easy reach of the Coast and the Grampians. The City of Hamilton is located at the centre of the Western District and is a beautiful pastoral region. Hamilton is a natural stopover point between Melbourne and Adelaide – or vice versa, having a population of around 9,800 people and offers visitors a wide range of accommodation, facilities and services.

Amongst the many attractions are ancient volcanoes, waterfalls, caves, National and Heritage listed State Parks, Art Galleries and Museums, open gardens, wineries, restaurants and a truly spectacular coastline. There are numerous sporting facilities that include yachting, swimming and inland and offshore fishing.

The majestic Grampians can be seen from almost anywhere around Hamilton and Dunkeld, the Southern Gateway to the Grampians, is just 20 minutes drive away. A short distance along the Halls Gap Tourist Road is the starting point for walking tracks leading to the summits of Mt. Sturgeon and Mt. Abrupt. Lake Bellfield on the outskirts of Halls gap is 35 minutes from Dunkeld and has fishing and picnic spots.



### ***Hamilton Base Hospital***

Hamilton Base Hospital is the largest entity and lead agency within Western District Health



Service. The hospital provides a wide range of acute and aged care services, having 74 acute and 95 aged care beds. The agency offers services to communities within the Shire boundaries of Southern Grampians, Glenelg and Moyne Shires, the cities of Ararat, Horsham and Warrnambool and the south east of South Australia. It is located within the Department of Human Services Region One – the Barwon and South Western Region.

The Acute Hospital and the Aged Care Services are both ACHS accredited with the Aged Care Services also being accredited with the Aged Care Standards Agency.

The service has been completely refurbished and is noted for its state of the art facilities especially the Learning and Development Centre with up to date equipment and latest technology, supported by well-trained and highly skilled staff.

The Operating Suite has two theatres that deal with a wide range of general and speciality surgical procedures; it is supported by direct admission to Theatre and Peri-Operative Services.



### ***Coleraine District Health Service***

The township of Coleraine is approximately 30 kilometres to the west of Hamilton. This facility consists of 10 acute beds, 41 residential aged care beds and 25 Independent Living Units.



### ***Penshurst and District Health Service***

Penshurst is approximately 30 kilometres to the south east of Hamilton. This health service provides 4 acute beds, 19 high and 10 low residential aged care beds, 10 Independent Living Units (4 at Penshurst and 6 at Dunkeld) with day support, health promotion, health education and health maintenance services provided through the Sheppard Centre.