

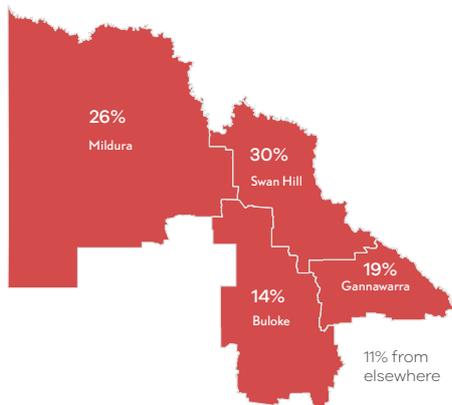
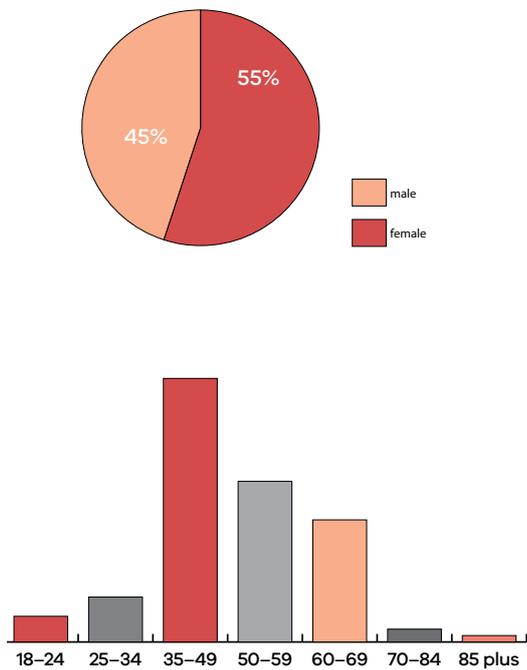


# 2017 Mallee Regional Assembly

**Swan Hill, 29 June 2017**

Around 190 attendees including Ministers & Partnership members.

## Demographics of registrants



61 per cent of those who registered were not on our original invitation list, likely meaning they were new to this consultation process.

## Main topics discussed

- Education and Training
- Food and Water
- Health and Wellbeing
- Lifestyle and Tourism
- Road, Rail and Air
- Small Town Futures



## Key messages from the Assembly include:

- Better public transport needed across the Mallee, and a greater level of support for existing community transport services
- Creation of multi-purpose community hubs in small towns is critical for ongoing local access to services and the long term viability of smaller settlements
- A range of cross border issues impact on Mallee businesses and complicate infrastructure planning and service delivery
- Poor quality digital connectivity prevents social networking and impacts business development and productivity
- The Mallee tourism 'brand' needs to be strengthened, support is required to help hospitality businesses to modernise
- Better access to healthcare services is required, better targeted assistance needed for patients and families required to travel long distances for appointments
- Better housing provision and support services required to help seasonal workers integrate successfully
- Training opportunities need to be tailored to meet the needs of key employers and regionally significant sectors

