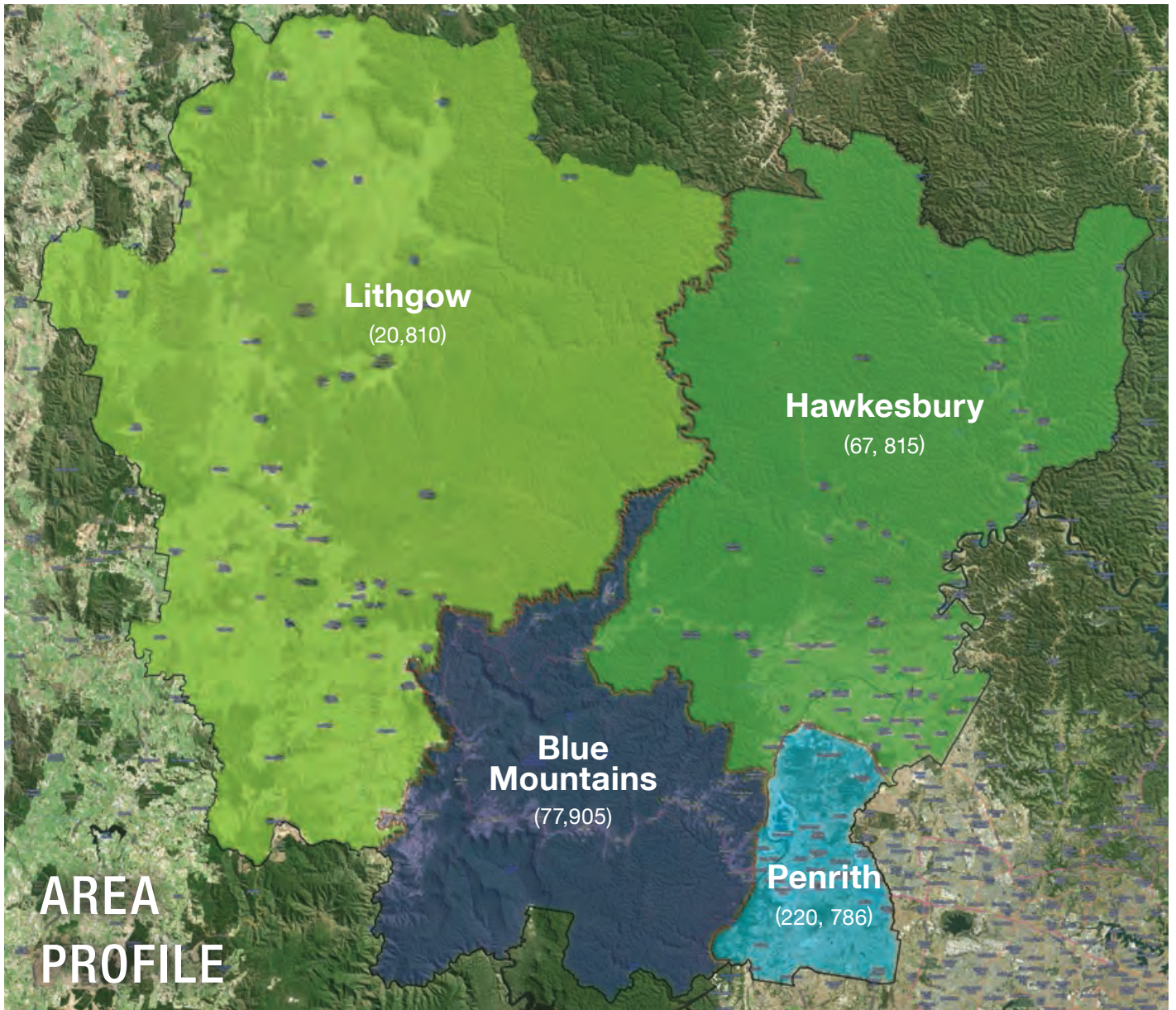


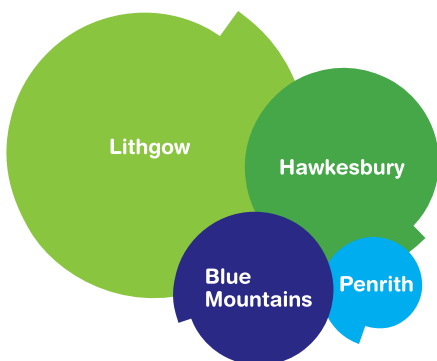
REGIONAL PROFILE

Nepean Blue Mountains Primary Health Network (NBMPHN) works to support and strengthen primary healthcare, improving the wellbeing and health outcomes for our community.



9,063km²

4 Local Government Areas



1 new airport under construction at Badgerys Creek, due to open in 2026

The development of the new Western **Sydney Aerotropolis and International Airport** is expected to place increased demand on the health and service needs of the greater Western Sydney region.

This major infrastructure development will have an impact on the environment, economy and the health and social needs of the local population. The population of the Penrith LGA is expected to grow by 167,650 from 201,600 in 2016 to 369,250 in 2041.



Wide geographical diversity – major cities, inner regional and outer regional Australia remoteness classifications

DEMOGRAPHICS



387,300+ people

51%
female



49%
male



429,700+ people by 2036



The most rapid increase is projected for those aged 65+ years



4.7% identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander



19.7% born overseas

14% speak a language other than English at home



Wide variation in levels of **socio-economic advantage and disadvantage** across the four local government areas. **SEIFA Scores: Blue Mountains 1,048, Hawkesbury 1,026, Lithgow 935 and Penrith 991.**

AGE BREAKDOWN



0-11 years of age
15.8%



12-17 years of age
7.8%



18-34 years of age
21.8%



35-49 years of age
20%



50-69 years of age
23.6%



70+ years of age
11%

HEALTH SERVICES



133
general practices



4 major hospitals



83
pharmacies



29 Residential Age Care Homes (RACHs) providing
2,517 beds



409
GPs (plus 87 GP registrars)



137
practice nurses



1,491
allied health professionals

(2023)

(2023)



3 million+ visits to a GP utilising a Medicare service item (2021-2022)
1 million more than 2017-2018



37% of adult residents 15 yrs+ visited a specialist outside of hospital (2021-2022)



62,704 ED presentations were semi-urgent and non-urgent (2021/2022)

130,345 total Emergency Department (ED) presentations (2021/2022)



86,580 total public and private hospital admissions (2021/2022)