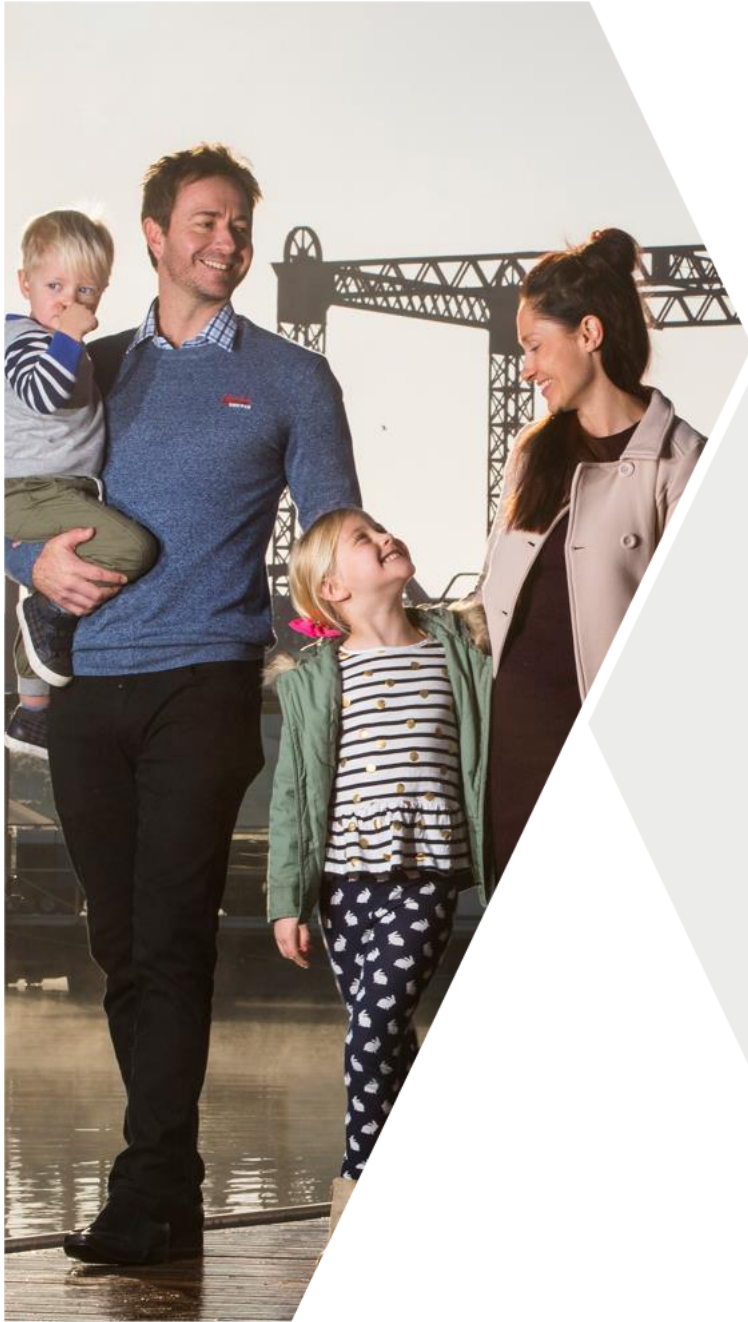


**The Hon Mary-Anne Thomas**  
Minister for Agriculture  
Minister for Regional Development  
**REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO**

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

30 June 2021



## State of the sector



**\$85.9 billion**

Value of regional Victoria's economy



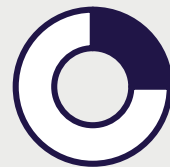
**One in four**

24% of Victorians call our regions home



**741,000 jobs**

in Victoria's regions

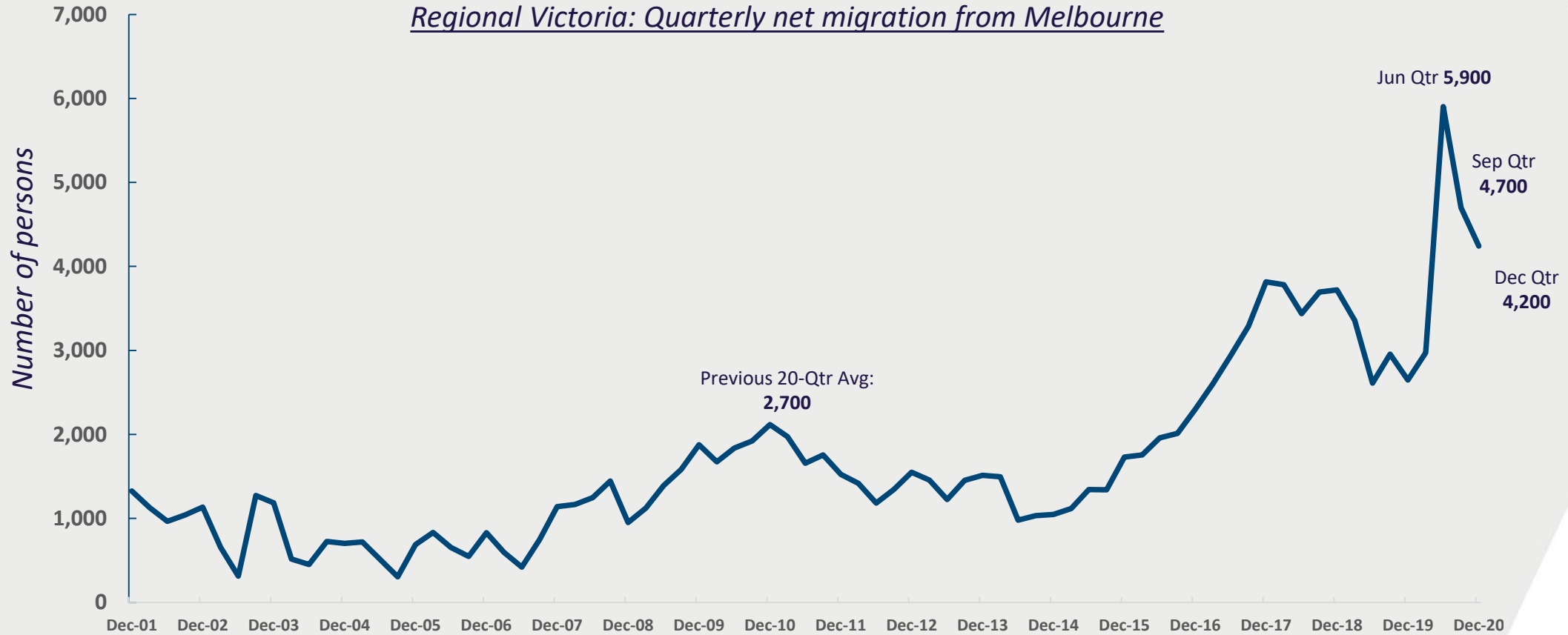


**22.5%**

Almost a quarter of small businesses are located in regional Victoria

# Net migration from metropolitan Melbourne to the regions is at record highs

Regional Victoria: Quarterly net migration from Melbourne

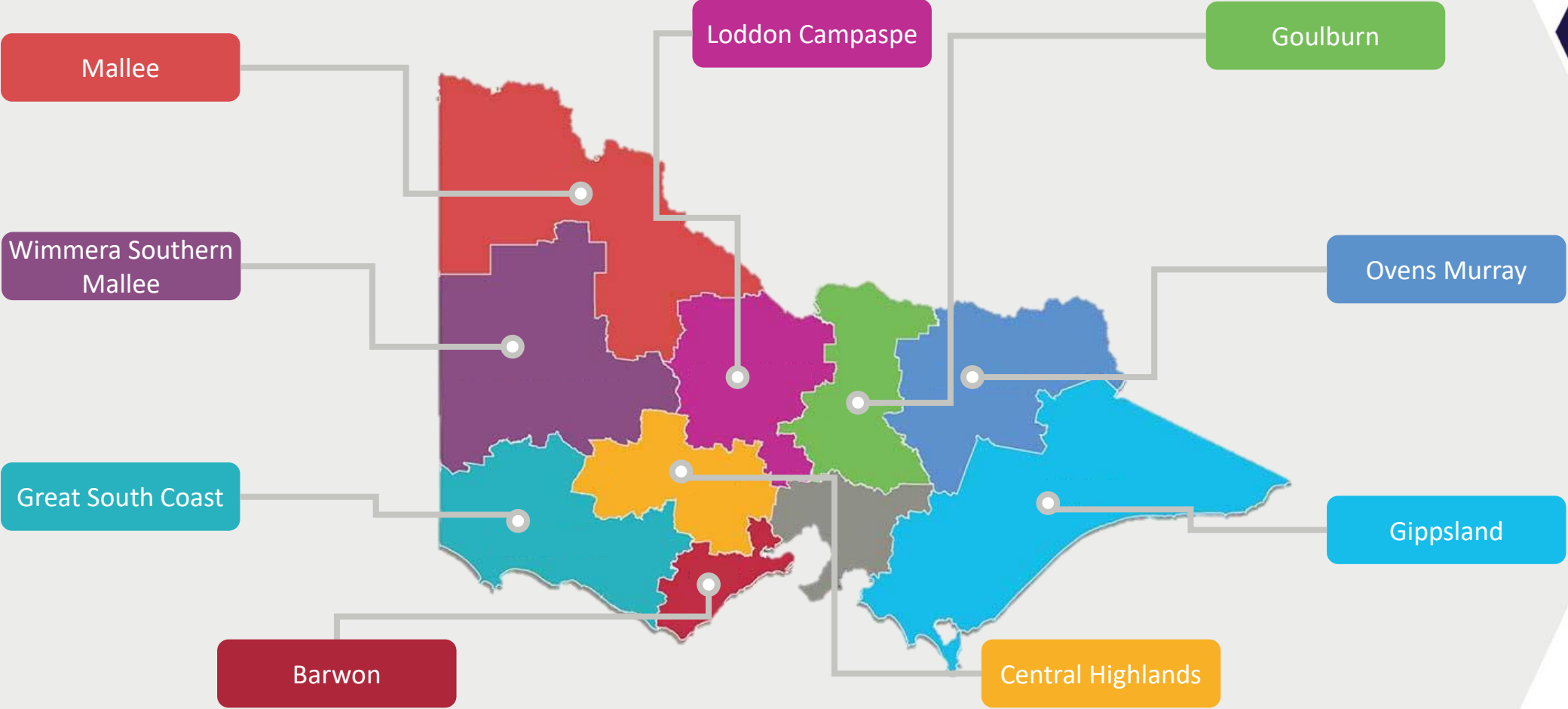


# Continuing our strong investment in regional Victoria



Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

# Unprecedented statewide delivery



# Regional Partnerships

*“Since 2016 our Partnership has worked tirelessly to listen to the ideas generated by our community and amplify the voices of our region to Government.*

*Our achievements are many, but none could be accomplished in isolation”.*

Lisa Dwyer – Chair  
**Great South Coast Regional Partnership**



## 2021-22 Victorian Budget – Regional Development Initiatives

Working across government and alongside communities to create jobs, strengthen skills, build better infrastructure and strengthen communities to be even better places to live, work and invest

- **Addressing opportunities in Central Goldfields Shire: \$1 million** for the **Go Goldfield's Every Child, Every Chance** program in 2021-22.
  - Bringing together community, business, government and not-for-profit partners to support children aged 0 - 8 years in Maryborough so they can grow up safe, healthy and confident.
- **Addressing opportunities in the Latrobe Valley: \$10 million** for the **Morwell Food Manufacturing Precinct** in 2021-22.
  - Delivering pioneering infrastructure in the Latrobe Valley to enable the precinct to manage greater water and energy demands, and create local jobs.
- **Seymour revitalisation: \$1.6 million** over three years.
  - Design and construction of enabling infrastructure at the Hildene Employment Precinct in Seymour, to address the shortage of industrial land in the town and pave the way for ongoing private investment to create even more jobs.

\$35.1 million over four years to drive regional economic and community development



## 2021-22 Victorian Budget

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- **Addressing opportunities in Portland and the South West: \$17.4 million** over four years.
  - \$4.8 million towards local freight road upgrades,
  - \$2.5 million for Stage 2 of the Henty Employment Precinct Infrastructure Upgrade
  - \$7.5 million for a Portland Diversification Fund
  - \$2.6 million for a new regional Portland Victorian Government office.
- **Ready to Grow: supporting regional population growth: \$5 million** over two years.
  - \$2 million for our successful *Community Leadership program* and \$3 million for the *Growing Regional Opportunities for Work (GROW)* program.

\$35.1 million over four years to drive regional economic and community development