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## 2025 Gippsland Primary Health Awards – Nominees Announced!

The upcoming **2025 Gippsland Primary Health Awards** will celebrate outstanding achievements and innovation across Gippsland’s primary health sector.

This year’s theme, **Challenge to Courage**, honours those who turn obstacles into opportunities — challenging the status quo with innovative solutions, driving quality improvements, strengthening workplace culture, and forging partnerships that deliver better health outcomes for our communities.

A total of 18 nominees have been named across four categories:

- **Courageous Innovation** – Challenging the status quo to design new models of care or workforce solutions
- **Courageous Pursuit of Quality** – Demonstrating persistence in implementing quality improvements that enhance health outcomes
- **Courageous Culture** – Using staff or patient feedback to strengthen workplace culture and build staff capability
- **Courageous Partnerships** – Partnering with another organisation to achieve better outcomes for consumers or patients

Hosted by **Gippsland Primary Health Network (PHN)**, the Awards provide an opportunity to recognise individuals and teams who have responded to challenges with courage to create meaningful change.

Gippsland PHN Chief Executive Officer **Amanda Proposch** said this year’s nominees embody the courage and creativity that healthcare in the region is known for.

*“These awards showcase the people and teams who see challenges not as roadblocks, but as opportunities to make healthcare better for our communities,”* Ms Proposch said.

*“We have been so impressed by the calibre of entries in this year’s awards – it’s a testament to the incredible work happening across Gippsland. Thank you to everyone who entered and congratulations to all our nominees - we look forward to celebrating this achievement with you at our upcoming event.”*

The nominees represent a diverse cross-section of Gippsland’s primary health sector — from small practices to major health services — showcasing innovative approaches and forward-thinking solutions to meet local health needs.

Winners will be announced at the 2025 Gippsland Primary Health Awards, held alongside the Gippsland PHN Annual General Meeting at Federation University, Churchill, on Wednesday 19 November 2025.

The event will also feature a keynote presentation by special guest speaker **Dr Derk Pol**, Director of Cardiology at Latrobe Regional Health. A proud Gippsland local, Dr Pol will explore how courage, collaboration and community can shape the future of heart health across the region.

His presentation will reflect on:

- **Beating the odds:** building cardiology in the region
- **Joining the dots:** integrating cardiology into Gippsland's health system
- **From paddocks to patients:** shaping an integrated cardiovascular future for our region
- **Transforming heart health:** building stronger links between hospitals, GPs, and community care

Join us for a night of celebration, connection and inspiration as we honour those helping shape a healthier Gippsland.

Register to attend [here](#).

For more information, visit the [Gippsland Primary Health Awards webpage](#).

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## 2025 Gippsland Primary Health Nominees

### Courageous Innovation

- **Latrobe Community Health Service** (Diabetes Connect)
- **Wellways Australia** (Lived Experience – Suicide Prevention Service)
- **Latrobe Community Health Service** (Community Health Nurse in Preschools Program)
- **Healthy Communities Foundation Australia** (Health Access GP After Hours Program)
- **Buchan Bush Nursing**
- **Gippsland Southern Health Service** (Allied Health Assistant Led Clinic)
- **Latrobe Regional Health** (Nurse-Led Abdominal Paracentesis Service)
- **Latrobe Community Health Service** (LCHS Sexual and Reproductive Health Hub)

### Courageous Pursuit of Quality

- **Latrobe Community Health Service** (Better Health Self-Management Program)
- **Wellways Australia** (Mental Health in Aged Care Program)
- **Australian Community Support Organisation (ACSO)** (Medicare Mental Health)

#### **Courageous Culture**

- **Yallambee Traralgon Village for the Aged**
- **Cure and Care Family Practice**

#### **Courageous Partnerships**

- **Latrobe Community Health Service** (Community Led Integrated Health Care – Latrobe Valley)
- **Orbost Regional Health** (Orbost Regional Health, GippsDairy: Q-Fever Clinics)
- **Latrobe Community Health Service** (Latrobe Regional Health Dialysis Team, Latrobe Community Health Service and Latrobe Leisure Morwell)
- **Latrobe Regional Health** (Infection Prevention Control & Gippsland Public Health Unit)
- **Latrobe Community Health Service** (Headspace Morwell – Latrobe Health Assembly)