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Winners announced - 2026 Gippsland Primary Health Awards

The winners of the 2026 Gippsland Primary Health Awards have been announced, recognising the outstanding individuals, teams and organisations that are improving access to care, strengthening services and delivering better health outcomes for communities across the region.

The awards were presented by Gippsland Primary Health Network (Gippsland PHN) and celebrate innovation, collaboration and leadership across Gippsland's primary health sector. Winners were announced across four categories at a ceremony at Federation University on 18 November 2026, which brought together partners from across the region to recognise the people and programs making a difference to community health and wellbeing.

2026 Gippsland Primary Health Award winners

Connecting the System - Community Led Integrated Health Care – Paediatrics, a partnership between Latrobe Community Health Service and Berry Street Yooralla

The program connects health, wellbeing and community services around children and families in Latrobe City, helping families navigate assessments, shared care plans and access to multiple services through dedicated care coordination.

Impact for Communities - Health on Wheels, delivered by Gippsland Lakes Complete Health

This outreach service provides health and homelessness support across East Gippsland and Wellington, connecting people experiencing or at risk of homelessness with health, housing and other support through a mobile service model.

Strengthening Care - Family Domestic Sexual Violence Outreach Healthcare Program, delivered by Gippsland Lakes Complete Health

The program supports people affected by family, domestic and sexual violence by connecting them with primary care, mental health, allied health and other services through flexible, trauma-informed outreach.

Shaping the Future of Care - Non-Dispensing Community Pharmacist Program, Clare Pilkington, Latrobe Community Health Service

Clare was recognised for her innovative non-dispensing pharmacist role, which combines medication reviews, education, care coordination and home-based assessments to help people manage chronic conditions and complex medication needs, while improving medicine safety and understanding.

Gippsland Primary Health Network Chief Executive Officer Amanda Proposch said the awards highlighted the dedication and innovation of Gippsland's primary health workforce.

> *"The quality of nominations received this year demonstrates the strength of Gippsland's primary health sector and the commitment of individuals and organisations working every day to improve the health and wellbeing of our local communities,"* said Ms Proposch.
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> *"From collaborative models of care for children and families through to outreach services supporting a broad range of community members, this year's winners are delivering practical solutions that improve access to care and health outcomes across our region.*
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> *"We congratulate all of this year's winners and nominees. Their leadership, innovation and commitment are helping to build a stronger, more connected and more responsive health system for Gippsland."*

The awards attracted nominations from across general practice, aged care, cancer care, community outreach and a range of other health and wellbeing services.

For more information about the 2026 Gippsland Primary Health Awards, visit gphn.org.au.

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