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Endometriosis and Pelvic Pain Clinic Launch Marks Major Step Forward for Gippsland

Gippsland Primary Health Network (Gippsland PHN) and Latrobe Community Health Service (LCHS) today officially launched the region's new Endometriosis and Pelvic Pain Clinic (EPPC), marking a significant expansion of specialist health services for women and gender diverse people across Gippsland.

The clinic is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing and will be delivered by Latrobe Community Health Service. Gippsland PHN facilitated the commissioning process on behalf of the Australian Government through a targeted Expression of Interest process in July 2025, which attracted strong interest from clinics across the region. Following assessment, the Commonwealth selected LCHS to deliver the service based on their expertise in a GP-led multidisciplinary model, their geographic reach, and their capacity to scale the service to meet community demand.

Today's launch event at the LCHS Morwell site brings together regional health leaders, clinicians and community representatives to highlight how the new clinic will strengthen local access to early diagnosis, coordinated care and specialist support close to home.

Gippsland PHN CEO Amanda Proposch said establishing an EPPC in Gippsland is an important step forward for the region.

"Endometriosis and chronic pelvic pain affect so many people in our region, often for years before they receive the right diagnosis or support. This clinic represents a major win for Gippsland because it gives people access to specialised care without needing to travel long distances," Ms Proposch said.

"We know the impact these conditions have on health, education, work and family life. Having a local, GP-led multidisciplinary model will make a genuine difference for women and gender diverse people who deserve timely, compassionate and coordinated care."

LCHS CEO Paul Ostrowski highlighted the importance of the new clinic for Gippsland communities.

"Latrobe Community Health Service welcomes the Australian Government's investment into better care for endometriosis and pelvic pain. Having a dedicated clinic right here in Gippsland means people will have access to the specialist support they need, closer to home. This clinic will make a real difference in improving health outcomes for women and gender diverse people and we are excited to play our part in delivering it," Mr Ostrowski said.

Addressing a significant women's health need

Endometriosis occurs when tissue similar to the uterine lining grows outside the uterus, causing symptoms such as chronic abdominal pain, heavy bleeding, bloating, fatigue, infertility and associated mental health challenges including anxiety and depression. An estimated 14 percent of Australian females are affected, with an average diagnostic delay of 6.5 years.

In response to this growing demand, the Australian Government is investing 19.6 million dollars over three years (2025 to 2028) to establish 11 new EPPCs, expanding the national network from 22 to 33 clinics.

About the Gippsland Endometriosis and Pelvic Pain Clinic

The Gippsland clinic will strengthen specialist health services for women and gender diverse people by providing:

- Improved access to diagnostic, treatment and referral services for endometriosis and pelvic pain care and symptom management for perimenopause and menopause
- Increased access to allied health and support services
- Inclusive and culturally safe care for all patients
- Strengthened workforce expertise in women's health

The multidisciplinary model includes experienced GPs, including those with postgraduate obstetrics and gynaecology qualifications, alongside services spanning sexual health, transgender health and support for culturally diverse communities.

Intake and bookings will open Friday 2 January 2026. Bookings will initially be made via phone, with online booking options to follow once the service is established. The clinic will provide no cost appointments, support for perimenopause and menopause, increased access to allied health and inclusive care for priority and underserved communities.

Gippsland PHN will continue to work closely with LCHS throughout the establishment phase, with further information about service referrals and eligibility to be shared as the service moves toward full operations.

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