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Better Gippsland – theme for the 2021 Gippsland Primary Health Awards

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Gippsland health professionals are at the forefront of caring for their regional community to provide better health outcomes for everyone.

To acknowledge their incredible work, especially in the Coronavirus pandemic, the 2021 Gippsland Primary Health Awards will embrace the theme, Better Gippsland.

The awards were developed by Gippsland Primary Health Network (Gippsland PHN) three years ago to recognise and honour individuals and teams who work in primary care.

Gippsland PHN Chief Executive Officer, Amanda Proposch, said the last year had seen the primary care sector working under extraordinary circumstances.

“Gippsland’s health practitioners and health services work incredibly hard to deliver health care to local communities,” Ms Proposch said. “They have shown they are agile and responsive to meet the constantly changing demands of COVID-19.”

Doctors, nurses, allied health professionals and organisations providing health and support services to people across Gippsland are encouraged to enter the awards, with nominations closing on 30 September, the finalists announced on 8 October and the winners to be announced on 17 November at an awards event.

“One of Gippsland PHN’s priorities is to improve the delivery of health services across our region through better use of technology, services working together, high quality care and enough trained health care professionals,” Ms Proposch said.

“This past year has presented new challenges for our primary health workers. They have ensured that despite COVID-19, they can continue their important work and meet everyone’s health needs.



“These awards are one way we can honour and celebrate their achievements and their contribution to a healthier Gippsland.”

The award categories this year are:

- **BETTER** Access to health services
- **BETTER** Support for diverse communities
- **BETTER** Partnerships
- **BETTER** Deadly health
- **BETTER** Prevention
- **BETTER** Primary care research

To be part of these awards, individuals or organisations who have delivered one of the six priority areas above are invited to tell their story.

Nominations can be submitted in the following formats via a dedicated website:

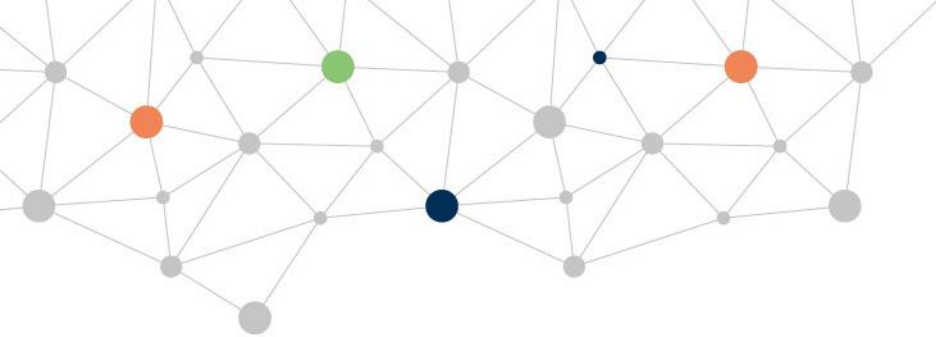
- 30 sec – 1 min video recording
- Poster – we accept any size
- PowerPoint presentation
- Any other document that tells your story!

Winners receive a \$1000 credit towards professional development for example a health conference, workshop or forum of their choice.

You can access information about the awards and entries at <https://awards.gphn.org.au> or email GPHNAwards@gphn.org.au

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