

## Influence local health care

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Gippsland Primary Health Network (Gippsland PHN) wants to hear from the community about their experience with health care.

The organisation has launched a major survey in conjunction with Monash University and would like to hear from people who live, work or study in Gippsland.

Gippsland PHN is funded by the Australian Government to help people in Gippsland become healthier. Although the organisation does not deliver direct services, Gippsland PHN Chief Executive Officer, Amanda Proposch, said its job was to make the health system work better, especially for people who found it hard to access the help they needed.

"The information we receive from the survey will help Gippsland PHN decide where to direct funding to improve health and wellbeing in our communities," Ms Proposch explained.

"Do you use telehealth, or do you prefer to see your usual GP in person? These are some of the questions we need answered in the survey that will inform our new Health Needs Assessment, due to be submitted to government later this year."

After completing the survey, participants will have the opportunity to share their story about health and wellbeing in Gippsland in an interview or written format. They can also go into the draw to win one of 10 \$100 supermarket vouchers.

"We want as many people as possible to participate in this major survey to help us understand what people think." Ms Proposch said.

"The survey only takes around 10 minutes to complete and is a unique way for people to influence Gippsland PHN and help improve health care."

For more information and to complete the survey, please visit <u>www.gphn.org.au/tell-gippsland-phn</u>. Hard copies of the survey, along with reply paid envelopes, can be requested by phoning (03) 5175 5444.

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