



MEDIA RELEASE

New Priority Primary Care Centres for Latrobe and Baw Baw

General practices in the Latrobe and Baw Baw municipalities are invited to submit an expression of interest to open new Priority Primary Care Centres in their local areas.

The Victorian Government is funding 25 new GP-led Priority Primary Care Centres (PPCCs) to improve access to primary care, particularly in the after-hours period, and ease pressure on hospital emergency departments.

The PPCCs will open after hours, partner with emergency departments and provide care for people with conditions that require urgent attention but not an emergency response – for example, mild infections, fractures and burns. They will also offer pathology and imaging services.

Victorian Premier, Daniel Andrews, announced the first five locations, including Latrobe, in August 2022. The latest round of locations was announced today by the Victorian Health Minister, Mary-Anne Thomas and included Baw Baw.

The EOI will close at 5pm on Wednesday 26 October 2022.

Gippsland PHN Chief Executive Officer, Amanda Proposch, welcomed the initiative which she said would help reduce the pressure on hospital emergency departments.

“We will be working closely with the Victorian Department of Health, Latrobe Regional and West Gippsland Hospitals as well as general practices in establishing these new centres to meet the needs of their respective communities,” Ms Proposch said.

For more information, go to the Gippsland PHN website:

<https://gphn.org.au/what-we-do/programs/priority-primary-care-centres/>

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