

## MEDIA RELEASE

# Finalists demonstrate strong primary care sector in Gippsland

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The 16 finalists for the 2023 Gippsland Primary Health Awards represent a broad range of primary care services and programs across the region.

The awards celebrate and acknowledge the work of health professionals and organisations in Gippsland with the winners announced at Gippsland Primary Health Network's annual general meeting and awards event in Traralgon on Wednesday 15 November 2023.

Gippsland PHN Acting Chief Executive Officer, Angela Jacob, congratulated the finalists and praised all the entries in this year's awards which demonstrated the outstanding services and programs being delivered to improve the health outcomes of the community.

"Every day, people are going above and beyond to ensure our Gippsland community stays safe and their health and wellbeing is improved," she said. "It is important we celebrate their amazing work."

The finalists and categories are:

Populations – creative ways of engaging with communities

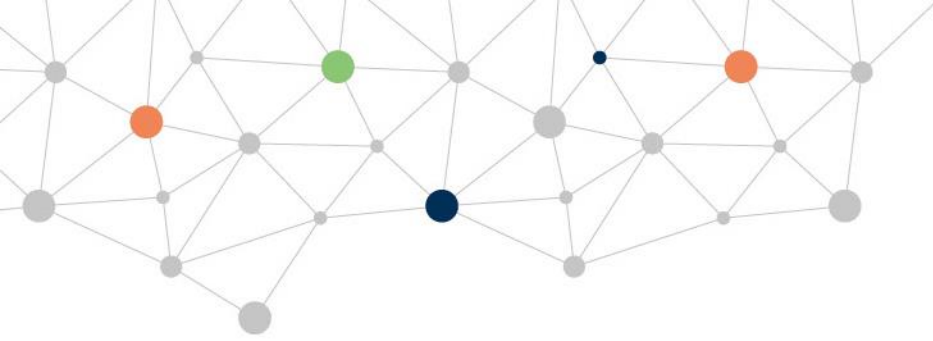
- Foster and Toora Medical Centre - Cultural Awareness
- Maddocks Garden Aged Care Staff – Intergenerational Playgroup
- West Gippsland Healthcare Group - Aboriginal Health Team
- South Gippsland Hospital - Day Respite Service

Health – commitment to improving quality of care

- Gippsland Southern Health Service Impact Program
- Yarram and District Health Service Dialysis Unit
- Latrobe Community Health Service and Latrobe Regional Hospital – High Risk Foot Service
- Headspace Morwell - LGTIQA+ program

Service – improving the health system

- West Gippsland Healthcare Group – Cultural Awareness
- Wellways - Mental Health in Aged Care Program



- South Gippsland Positive Ageing Service
- Australian Community Support Organisation – Head to Health Intake and Assessment

Prevention – demonstrating innovation

- Latrobe Community Health Service, Latrobe Leisure Morwell and Gippsland Regional Integrated Cancer Service Exercise Program
- Latrobe Community Health Service and Latrobe Health Assembly- Health Supermarkets Latrobe project partnership for Reach for the Stars
- GippSport, Gippsland Centre Against Sexual Assault and Gippsland Women’s Health - Winter 2023 Orange Round Campaign
- Rural Financial Counselling Service Gippsland

The Primary Health Awards will be held in the Traralgon Performing Arts Centre, Grey Street from 6-8.30pm. It will feature keynote speaker, globally renowned public health expert and advocate, Dr Sandro Demaio, who is the Chief Executive Officer of VicHealth.

Registrations are still open [here](#).

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