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New Endometriosis and Pelvic Pain Clinic to Open in Gippsland

Gippsland PHN welcomes the Australian Government's announcement of a new Endometriosis and Pelvic Pain Clinic (EPPC) to be established in Morwell, significantly expanding access to specialist health services for women and gender diverse people across the region.

The clinic – funded by the Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing – will be delivered by Latrobe Community Health Service (LCHS) and is expected to open on 29 December 2025. Gippsland PHN facilitated the commissioning process on behalf of the Department through a targeted Expression of Interest in July 2025, resulting in the Commonwealth government selection of a provider with expertise in a GP-led multidisciplinary model, geographic reach and ability to scale the general practice to meet demand.

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% 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 over three years (2025–26 to 2027–28) to establish 11 new EPPCs, expanding the national network from 22 to 33 clinics.

Gippsland PHN CEO Amanda Proposch said this investment marks a major step forward for regional healthcare.

"This funding is a huge step forward for the health of women and gender diverse people in Gippsland. It will help provide the right training, equipment, patient resources, and referral pathways so patients can get the care they need," Ms Proposch said.

"Once this clinic opens, Gippsland women and gender diverse people experiencing endometriosis, pelvic pain, or perimenopause and menopause symptoms will be able to access coordinated, supportive care close to home. This service will complement the important work already undertaken by general practice across Gippsland in women's health and pain management, by offering additional specialised support locally. It's a vital step towards making healthcare more accessible and responsive to the needs of our community."

About the Gippsland Endometriosis and Pelvic Pain Clinic

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The new clinic will strengthen specialist health services for women and gender diverse people in Gippsland 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.

Paul Ostrowski, CEO of Latrobe Community Health Service, 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're excited to play our part in delivering it."

Gippsland PHN will work with Latrobe Community Health Service in the coming weeks to progress service establishment. Further information about the service model, referral pathways, and the clinic's opening will be shared as it becomes available.

Minister Butler's announcement can be [accessed here](#).

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