

2023 Gippsland Primary Health Awards

Frequently asked questions

What are the 2023 Gippsland Primary Health Awards categories?

- **Populations – improving health and wellbeing of communities**

Priority areas: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing; People 65 years and over; Children and young people - 0-25 years; People with a disability.

This award will focus on initiatives that acknowledge the health challenges of vulnerable communities and groups and demonstrate creative ways of engaging with these communities.

- **Health issues – improving outcomes for people experiencing ill health**

Priority areas: Alcohol and other drugs; Cancer; Mental health and wellbeing, including suicide prevention; Chronic disease; Dementia; Reproductive and sexual health.

This award recognises a commitment to improved quality of care and access to care for health issues.

- **Service issues – improving health service outcomes and experiences**

Priority areas: Health workforce; Digital health; Access to care that meets people's needs.

This award will focus on initiatives that address health service system issues for our workforce and/or community.

- **Prevention issues – improving social and environmental factors of health**

Priority areas: Family violence; Factors affecting health - social determinants; housing, income, social connections; Healthy and safe environment - climate change, pandemics, natural disasters.

This award recognises innovative preventative work that impacts on the health and wellbeing of communities across Gippsland.

What are the evaluation criteria?

- Description and suitability – What is the primary health service/program? Does it provide services to the Gippsland community? Does it address at least one of Gippsland PHN's priority areas?
- Responding to local needs – How does the service/program respond to local needs? Is there evidence of need for the primary health service/program? Does it demonstrate innovation?
- Clear objectives, impacts and outcomes- what sort of questions were asked and how did this drive outcomes? What were the objectives and specific results and outcomes from the primary health service/program?
- Collaboration – Is there active and ongoing consumer and carer involvement? Does the primary health service/program enable equitable access and engagement, particularly with vulnerable groups? Is there evidence of collaboration and integration with other services?
- Sustainability – Is the primary health service/program sustainable? Is there potential for expansion?

Who can lodge a submission?

- The Gippsland Primary Health Awards are open to all primary health organisations or teams who have delivered a project, activity or program within the Gippsland region.

What activities are eligible for an award?

- Services or projects for the Gippsland community that address at least one of Gippsland PHN's priority areas. See 'What are the 2023 Gippsland primary Health Awards categories?'

Can I nominate if I have entered or won a previous award?

- Yes, anyone who has previously applied for a Gippsland Primary Health Award in any category is eligible to apply for the 2023 awards.

What is the closing date for entries?

- Entries close on Monday 2 October 2023.

What supporting evidence is required?

- Please outline your reasons for nomination giving consideration to the award categories and to the evaluation criteria ([refer here for category information](#)). At least one priority area must be addressed. Please provide as much detail as possible [when you lodge your application](#), including uploading supporting documents that you would like to be considered with your application

How do I enter the awards?

- [Lodge your entry here.](#)

If I have trouble with the entry form, what do I do?

- If you have a question or would like further information, email gphnawards@gphn.org.au.

How does the judging take place?

- An evaluation panel will assess the entries according to the evaluation criteria. The panel includes Gippsland PHN staff members and a member of the Gippsland PHN Community Advisory Committee. Each application is judged on merit against the stated criteria and the panel's decision is final.

Are there prizes for the winners?

- Winners of each section will receive a gift card for \$2000 which can be used on a wellbeing team development activity within the winner's organisation.
- The 2023 Gippsland Primary Health Awards presentation will be held in conjunction with Gippsland PHN's annual general meeting on Wednesday 15 November 2023 in the Traralgon Little Theatre. Winners will also be announced in a media release.

When will the winners of the 2023 Gippsland Primary Health Awards be announced?

- The winners will be announced following the Gippsland PHN AGM on Wednesday 15 November at 6pm. This year's awards will be a hybrid event – online via Zoom and in person at the Traralgon Little Theatre, Grey St, Traralgon. We encourage finalists to attend the event in person.

Can I attend the awards presentation?

We encourage award nominees to attend the event in person. Please register via the following links:

- In person
- Online

I have some more questions, who can I talk to?

- If you have a question or want more information, email gphnawards@gphn.org.au.