

Who we are,  
what we do.



# Our vision is a measurably healthier Gippsland.

From 1 July 2015, the Federal Government made further commitments towards achieving an organised primary healthcare system through the establishment of 31 new Primary Health Networks (PHNs) across Australia.

Gippsland PHN aims to ensure Gippsland's health system is effective and efficient for patients so that we can achieve better care, better health and better value.

The key objectives of Gippsland PHN are to;

- Increase the efficiency and effectiveness of medical services for patients, particularly those at risk of poor health outcomes.
- Improve co-ordination of care to ensure patients receive the right care, in the right place, at the right time.
- Lower prevalence of national and locally prioritised conditions.
- Increase efficiency and effectiveness of medical services and other primary health services.

## Our Region

The Gippsland PHN region covers the six Gippsland Local Government Areas of South Gippsland, Bass Coast, Baw Baw, Latrobe City, Wellington and East Gippsland Shires.

Gippsland PHN offices are located in Wonthaggi, Moe and Bairnsdale.

## Our Core Functions

Our role is to commission services in-line with evidence we gather through our health planning function. We focus on supporting general practice and other health professionals through education, training and innovations in the systems our health professionals need and use.



### Health Planning

Gippsland PHN works with organisations, health professionals and available data to analyse Gippsland's population health profile to then determine the priority areas of health. The health priorities are then focused on through planned initiatives and programs to improve health of Gippslanders in these areas.



### Practice Support

Gippsland PHN provides support to general practices and other health professionals in Gippsland to ensure they continue to deliver a quality service to their patients. Continuing Professional Development education and events are a key focus of practice support.



### Commissioning

Through an open and contestable process, Gippsland PHN purchases local services to deliver care to the community that is in-line with the key health priority areas of Gippsland.



### System Integration

A key focus for Gippsland PHN is making the health system in Gippsland work in a more organised and efficient way. System integration is about identifying and supporting improvements and innovations such as the My Health Record, data extraction from general practice and developing health pathways.

# Our Principles

A long term, whole-system perspective  
 Consumer self-determination and empowerment  
 Collaborative local leadership  
 Equal and equitable access  
 Performance, efficiency and value  
 Leading innovation and evidence-based practice

We are enabled by



Technology



Financial



People



Data



Governance

# Health Priorities

National and local health priorities underpin the focus of Gippsland PHN. **National health priorities** have been confirmed as mental health, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, population health, health workforce, eHealth and aged care. **Our local priorities identified are:**

## 1. Supporting people...

-  **Children (0-14 years)**  
17% of children have speech or language problems when they start school
-  **People with disabilities**  
8.8% of 16-64 year olds receive the disability support pension
-  **Indigenous people**  
Aboriginal people are 20 times more likely to be hospitalised for renal dialysis compared to non-Aboriginal people
-  **People with social and financial worries**  
11% of families have a low income or are welfare dependent
-  **People 60 years or over**  
30% more people 60 years or over in Gippsland by 2026 - from 74,205 to 96,666 people
-  **Young people (12-25)**  
Gippsland has double the prescribing rate of ADHD medications for children 17 years or under compared to Victoria

## 2. Main health issues...

-  **Alcohol and other drugs**  
People in Gippsland are more than twice as likely to die from alcohol related causes compared to Victoria
-  **Cancer**  
Cancer is the top cause of death in Gippsland
-  **Heart related issues**  
28% of adults in Gippsland have high blood pressure
-  **Ongoing lung related issues**  
Medical prescribing rates for ongoing lung related issues are high in Gippsland
-  **Diabetes**  
Diabetes complications cause 22% of avoidable hospital admissions
-  **Immunisation**  
92% of 1 year olds are fully immunised – the target is 95%
-  **Mental health**  
12% of adults report high or very high psychological distress
-  **Reproductive/sexual health**  
Gippsland has twice as many babies born to teenagers

## 3. Better health services...

-  **Access to services**  
35% of people live near public transport (Victoria 74%)
-  **Better use of technology**  
6.6% or 17,839 Gippsland residents have My Health Record
-  **Services working together**  
“There are silos between services and not enough communication”
-  **High quality care**  
“...education to make sure health professionals are up to date with current practice.”
-  **Enough trained health professionals**  
Gippsland has half as many physiotherapists, podiatrists and psychologists for its residents compared to Victoria

We value engagement with our health professionals, carers and patients who let us know what is happening 'on the ground'.

## Clinical Councils

Clinical Councils are structures of Gippsland PHN that report directly to our organisation's Board.

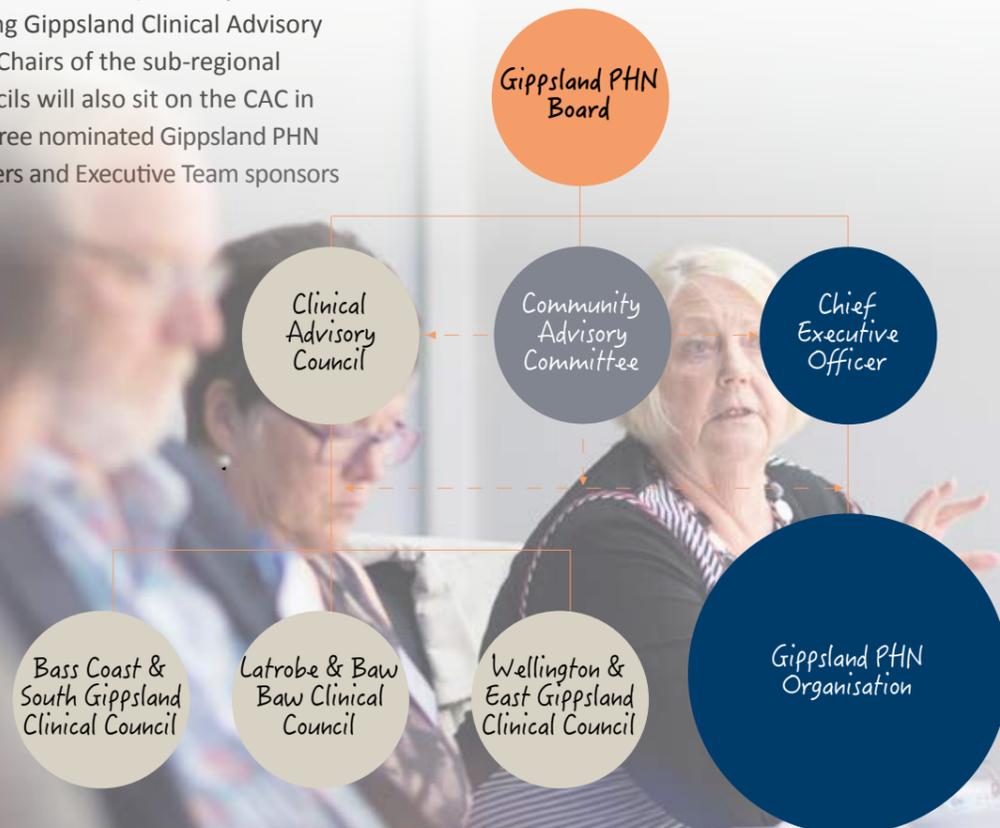
Clinical Councils ensure we have input and advice from a broad group of clinicians who have valuable insight into our health system in Gippsland.

The Gippsland PHN Clinical Council model consists of three sub-regional, GP-led Clinical Councils (Bass Coast & South Gippsland Clinical Council, Wellington & East Gippsland Clinical Council, and Baw Baw & Latrobe Clinical Council) that report to an overarching Gippsland Clinical Advisory Council. The Chairs of the sub-regional Clinical Councils will also sit on the CAC in addition to three nominated Gippsland PHN Board members and Executive Team sponsors

## Community Advisory Committee

The Community Advisory Committee is a key Gippsland PHN group that comprises up to 12 community members from across the six Local Government Areas in Gippsland.

The committee provides the patient perspective to Gippsland PHN projects and programs through input, recommendations and advice to the Gippsland PHN Board and Executive Team.



## Committee Membership

### Clinical Advisory Council

- Sinead de Gooyer (Chair and Gippsland PHN Board Director)
- Mark Biggs (Gippsland PHN Board Director)
- Julie Rogalsky (Gippsland PHN Board Director)
- Peter Stevens (GP and Chair of the Wellington & East Gippsland Clinical Council)
- Trevor Andrews (GP and Chair of the Bass Coast & South Gippsland Clinical Council)
- Letitia Clark (GP and Chair of the Latrobe & Baw Baw Clinical Council)

Email [clac@gphn.org.au](mailto:clac@gphn.org.au) to get in touch with the Clinical Advisory Council.

### Wellington & East Gippsland Clinical Council

- Peter Stevens (Chair, GP) (Pharmacy)
- Patrick Kinsella (GP)
- Elisabeth Wearne (GP)
- Andrew Roberts (GP)
- Sharee Johnson (Psychologist)
- Brendon Moar
- John Gibson (Dentistry)
- Owen Connolly (Mental Health Nurse Practitioner)
- Cassandra Mayman (Practice Manager)
- Myles Chapman (GP)
- Paula Morgan (ACCHO)
- Gippsland PHN Executive Sponsor and Practice Support member

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### Latrobe & Baw Baw Clinical Council

- Letitia Clark (Chair, GP)
- Patrick Ruane (GP Obstetrician)
- Fred Edwards (GP)
- Audra Fenton (Nurse)
- Stuart Jillings (Nurse)
- Leanne Coupland (Allied Health)
- Liz Plunkett (Pharmacy)
- Helen Rawlings (Mental Health)
- Gippsland PHN Executive Sponsor and Practice Support member

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### Bass Coast & South Gippsland Clinical Council

- Trevor Andrews (Chair, GP) (Manager)
- Sue Comerford (GP)
- Paul Greenhalgh (Nurse)
- Tania Findlay (Nurse)
- Anna Close-Mewett (Nurse)
- Gayle Bloch (Practice Manager)
- Francis Sullivan (Allied Health)
- Joanne Drury (Psychologist)
- Rhett McLennan (Aged Care)
- Daniel Smith (Ambulatory Care)
- Gippsland PHN Executive Sponsor and Practice Support member

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### Community Advisory Committee

- John Lawrence
- Sue Gaffney
- Michael Klein
- Julie Hocking
- Marion Byrne
- Owen Deppeler
- Robyn Profit
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- Patricia Bryce
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*Keep in touch with us...*

**Want to know more about education and training opportunities, our programs and projects or just stay up to date with what's happening in our industry?**

- Subscribe to our newsletters.
- Get in touch with a Clinical Council or the Community Advisory Committee.
- Become a member of Gippsland PHN.
- Follow us on Twitter @gippslandphn.
- Check out our website - [www.gphn.org.au](http://www.gphn.org.au).
- Contact a member of our team - view the 'meet the team' poster which includes staff portfolios and contact details on our website.

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### Board of Directors

Gippsland PHN's skills based Board Directors are:

- Dr Nola Maxfield (Chair)
- Mr Mark Biggs (Deputy Chair)
- Dr Sinead De Gooyer
- Mr Ben Leigh
- Mr Duncan Malcolm
- Ms Kellie O'Callaghan
- Mr Jim Turcato
- Ms Murray Bruce
- Ms Julie Rogalsky

### Executive Team

- Ms Marianne Shearer, Chief Executive Officer
- Ms Amanda Proposch, Executive Manager Primary Health and System Integration
- Ms Liz Craig, Executive Manager Commissioning & Health Planning
- Mr Robert Cherry, Executive Manager Corporate Services

Access our 'meet the team' poster from our website, which details all our talented staff working across our offices in Gippsland.

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