

5 DECEMBER 2017

# EAST GIPPSLAND PARTNERSHIP FORUM

*Summary of the inaugural East Gippsland Primary Care  
Partnership, Partnership Forum*



## WHAT WAS IT?

On Tuesday 5th December, 45 people came together from across East Gippsland to shape the future of health and wellbeing in our area.

Participants used the recently launched East Gippsland Well Placed for Wellbeing plan as a platform to identify health outcomes to be achieved as a community. They then examined the complex measures and actions required to do this.

"I am mindful that we are living in both challenging and exciting times and that with those challenges there come opportunities for positive change", states East Gippsland Mayor, Cr Joe Rettino, who also attended the day.

## WHAT WAS IT? (continued)

Vikki Sinnott, Victorian Department of Health and Human Services, led the consultations for and development of the Victorian public health and wellbeing plan. Vikki's presentation at the Forum supported our community to be one of the first in the state to lead local wellbeing change in this way.

As a result of the Forum, eight local changes within Well Placed for Wellbeing have now been prioritised. Participants have identified how these will be measured and actions that need to happen.

"The wellbeing of the East Gippsland community is everyone's business. This gives us the opportunity to collaborate as a whole community for a strong, connected and healthy future", says Ward Steet, Chair of the East Gippsland Primary Care Partnership.

## WHO WAS THERE?

CEOs, community leaders and program staff from the health and wellbeing, education, sport, culture, community and government sectors participated in the first of many East Gippsland Partnership Forums.

### ATTENDEES:

- AFL Gippsland
- Bairnsdale Regional Health Service
- Bairnsdale Regional Health Service Consumer Advisory Committee
- Coast Guard
- Country Fire Authority
- Department of Health and Human Services
- East Gippsland Primary Care Partnership
- East Gippsland Shire Council
- East Gippsland Water
- Federation Training
- Gippsland Centre Against Sexual Assault
- Gippsland and East Gippsland Aboriginal Cooperative
- Gippsland Lakes Community Health
- Gippsland Primary Health Network
- GippSport
- Headspace
- Hope Restart Centre Inc
- Gippsland East Local Learning and Employment Network
- Natural Health Balance
- Omeo District Health
- Orbost Regional Health
- East Gippsland Art Gallery
- Royal Flying Doctors Service Victoria
- Save the Children Australia
- Tanderra

### APOLOGIES:

- Australian Community Support Organisation
- DeadlySport
- Department of Education
- Gippsland Women's Health
- Lake Tyers Health and Children's Service
- Lakes Entrance Aboriginal Health Association
- Latrobe Community Health Service
- Uniting Gippsland
- Victoria Police
- Victorian Aboriginal Education Associations Inc



# WHAT WAS THE FEEDBACK?

## THE BEST THINGS ABOUT THE FORUM:

- Vikki Sinnott's great presentation - "Vikki's presentation was very explicit and enlightening"
- Learning about and focussing on outcomes thinking
- Networking and meeting new people
- The variety of people, organisations and expertise
- The passion and enthusiasm - "Sharing the passion for change"
- The opportunity to be involved in region-wide planning
- Structure and flow of the session
- Ability to work on own area of interest
- Facilitated successfully to allow contribution from all
- "Listening to each other's views"
- "Great lunch!"

## THINGS TO CONSIDER FOR NEXT TIME:

- Table facilitators for each of the small groups
- Increase opportunities for networking
- Standardise language
- More time to explore and work on different areas
- A bigger room with better acoustics
- Distribute agenda and survey earlier
- Exploration of activity already happening
- Display activity instructions on the screen or tables
- Provide a case study or examples
- More input from community members and worker staff
- Connection between outcomes thinking and systems thinking
- Increased focus on particular population groups

## WHAT PEOPLE SAID THEY WILL DO AFTER THE FORUM:

- Share learnings and information within workplace team
- Read over the Victorian Public Health and Wellbeing Plan Outcomes Framework, and the East Gippsland Well Placed for Wellbeing plan (see links below).
- Connect with new contacts and looks for ways to collaborate for action
- Make our reporting and planning more outcomes focussed
- "Join my workplace to the Achievement Program"
- "Incorporate more cultural and social diversity into my work"
- Explore how to align current and future work with the local and state documents
- Initiate implementation of the actions discussed

## WHAT'S NEXT?

- East Gippsland Shire Council will continue to lead the important work of the Well Placed for Wellbeing Plan.
- East Gippsland Shire Council and East Gippsland Primary Care Partnership are excited to work together with a range of local organisations and community members.
- Working groups for each of the priority areas are being developed to work towards achieving the local changes that we want to see. Please contact us ([connect@egpcp.org](mailto:connect@egpcp.org)) if you would like to be involved.
- Another Partnership Forum will be organised for later in 2018. The topic of this forum is yet to be determined. Watch this space!

[Click here to read the Victorian Public Health and Wellbeing Outcomes Framework](#)

[Click here to read the East Gippsland Well Placed for Wellbeing Plan \(Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan\)](#)

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