

Gippsland: Rural Health Workforce Snapshot FY 24/25

Electorates covered or partially covered in Gippsland: Bass, Gippsland East, Gippsland South, Hastings, Morwell, Narracan

What is needed for better rural health?

- Support place-based multi-disciplinary solutions in rural communities that are co-designed and tailored to meet the local health needs of the community and health workforce profile within the region.
- Increase funding to support rural health professional upskilling, recruitment/placement support and Outreach service delivery to communities based on local health workforce needs.
- Better access to available housing and childcare.

Most needed professions identified in the 2024 RWAV Rural Health Workforce Census and Health Workforce Needs Assessment

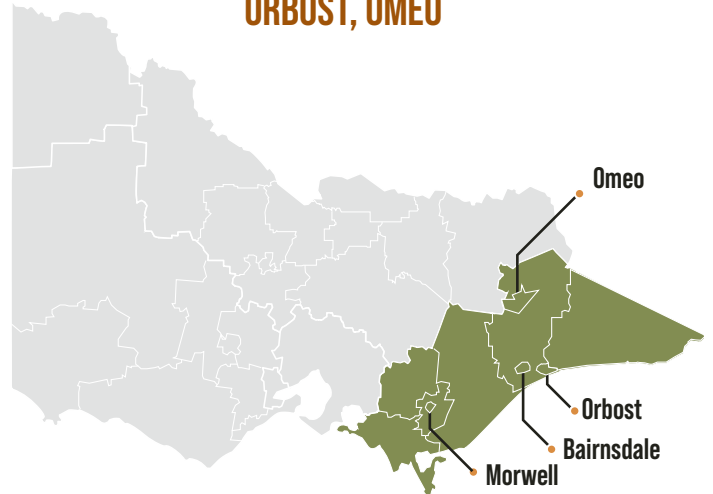
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| • Psychologist | • Paediatrician |
| • General Practitioner | • Occupational Therapist |
| • Rural Generalist | • Psychiatrist |
| • Nurse | • Speech Pathologist |
| • Podiatrist | • Social Worker |

RWAV prioritised these Outreach services based on service demand

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| • Cardiology | • Diabetes Education |
| • Optometry | • Psychiatry |
| • Nephrology | • Paediatrics |

RWAV identified Priority Locations with priority health workforce needs

**MORWELL, BAIRNSDALE,
ORBOST, OMEO**



RWAV support across Gippsland

No. of GP Trainees RWAV has supported to provide GP services on the Pre-Fellowship Program **14**

No. of roles RWAV is actively providing recruitment support to build capacity across the region **28**

No. of roles RWAV has supported recruitment of health professionals in locum or ongoing capacity **8**

No. of General Practices at risk of closure 0

In Gippsland RWAV has provided:

\$20,000 of funding to support **relocation and retention GP coverage** across Gippsland

\$78,702 in Medical Professional Development grants, funded by the Victorian Government, to **55 medical practitioners**

\$645,000 Health Workforce Scholarship Program funding (Commonwealth funded) to medical, nursing and allied health professionals

\$23,000 for three Allied Health New Service Grants for a new Physiotherapy service and a new Optometry service, and to support social work provision for trauma informed care

\$23,478 of funding to support **locum GP coverage** across Gippsland

Other grants that support the region include Student Clinical Placement Grants and the Business training grant to support practice viability.

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