



Overview

Gippsland Lakes Community Health (GLCH) delivers an extensive range of accessible wellbeing services and health promotion activities to the people of East Gippsland. Our focus is on improving the wellbeing of individuals and the communities we live in.

GLCH has been based in East Gippsland since 1975, providing services throughout the region from our central locations and via our extensive network of partnerships.

In 2005 we changed our name from Lakes Entrance Community Health to reflect our evolution into a major service provider across East Gippsland. Today we employ over 350 staff and 600 volunteers across five sites in Lakes Entrance, Bairnsdale, Bruthen, Metung and Nowa Nowa. We provide quality wellbeing services in the areas of home care, allied health, nursing, medical, counselling and family, youth and children's services. GLCH has a strong partnership with the Lakes Entrance Aboriginal Health Association, which operates from the same site in Lakes Entrance.

Opportunities for GP Staff

At GLCH, we recognise flexibility of working hours as key to managing demands in both personal and working lives. A majority of staff work part time and take full advantage of the local scenery. GP positions are flexible offering full time or a range of negotiable part time hours.

Salary packages are competitive and include tax advantages not available to private and/or metropolitan practices. More detailed information is available on request.

We have a growing and positive reputation for supporting and partnering aboriginal communities in the area. GPs with a particular interest and desire to work in the area of Aboriginal health could be provided with a range of opportunities.

We are a fully-accredited practice housing up to six GP's and one GP Registrar. The practice is also training accredited with RACGP and ACRRM and supports up to two fourth year medical students from the East Gippsland Regional Clinical School of Monash University during the academic year.

Other prospects could include:

- Women's health
- Specialist services or skills
- Active teaching and learning opportunities.



Spacious and modern facilities



Supported by a skilled Nursing Team



Opportunities to work in Aboriginal health

Practice Facilities

The Clinical Services Building is purpose built with:

- 12 comfortable and spacious consulting rooms
- 2 procedure and treatment rooms
- Clinical triage and assessment and emergency care area
- Electronic record systems including Medical Director and Pracsoft
- Pathology services located on site.

Operating Hours

Medical services are available between 8.00am and 8.00pm Monday to Friday; and from 8.00am to 1.30pm on weekends and public holidays, with the support of experienced Div 1 RNs conducting triage and assessment both within and outside the standard appointment sessions.

Standard appointment sessions operate 9.00 am to 12 midday and 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday; and 9.00am to 12.00 noon on Saturdays. Urgent appointments are available on Sundays and public holidays from 9.00am to 12 noon.

After hours commitments are rostered on a rotational basis and generally do not extend beyond 8.00 pm. These commitments include a one day per week and one weekend in five commitment. A formal agreement with Bairnsdale Regional Health Service ensures clients have access to care outside these hours. GP coverage is generally not required overnight.

Healthscope Pathology operates on site Monday to Friday.

Home and aged care facility visits may be provided per GP consultation.

Staffing

When fully staffed the practice runs with six GPs and one GP registrar. Customer service, nursing, administration and environmental service support adds to the team approach. We are a fully accredited teaching practice and so medical and nursing student placements are incorporated during the academic year.

The large staff numbers at GLCH provide social opportunities unavailable at smaller rural practices.

Reception and administrative support is rostered from 8.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday and 8.00am to 12pm weekends.

Other GLCH Services

GLCH delivers a wide range of professional services from its Lakes Entrance site as well as services in support of a multidisciplinary approach to health. These include:

- Allied Health (Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Podiatry, Speech Therapy, Dietician)
- Aboriginal Health
- Counselling (Alcohol and Drug, Generalist, Bereavement)
- Diabetes Clinic
- Disability Services
- Home Care Services
- Home Based Nursing
- Immunisation
- Integrated Family Support Services
- Maternal and Child Health
- Meals on Wheels
- Paediatric Services and Therapy Groups
- Palliative Care
- Respiratory Clinic
- Social activity groups for seniors
- Wound Management Clinic
- Women's Health

Specialists and other services visit on a regular basis and currently include a surgeon, physician, psychologist, and paediatrician,.

The Broader Context

The region boasts exceptional coastline scenery, and impressive lakes and river system, rugged high country and extensive national parks and state forests. The Centre itself is within walking distance of the beach, local shops and Aquatic/Gymnasium Centre.

For a more detailed look at us and the local area we suggest you visit the following websites:

www.glch.org.au

www.gphn.org.au

www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au

www.visiteastgippsland.com.au

www.egmi.com.au

www.egmi.com.au/images/brochures/Healthcare_art2.pdf