

# Home and Community Care (HACC) Program

## Gippsland Region Annual Plan 2006-07



## 1. Introduction

This document sets out how the Region has allocated the 2006-07 HACC growth funding as per the strategic directions identified in the **Gippsland Region Triennial Plan 2006-09**.

The Region has analysed funding per capita (\$pcf), service provision, demographic data, research/evaluation reports and drawn conclusions about how best to allocate HACC growth funds in alignment with the **Gippsland Region Triennial Plan 2006-09**, the Ministerial Priorities 2006-09 and a move towards funds equity across local governments.

## 2. Consultation

The following consultation sessions were conducted:

Consultation	Date	Total number of attendees	Number of service providers	C'wealth representative in attendance
Leongatha	4 <sup>th</sup> July 2006	17	7	
Bairnsdale	5 <sup>th</sup> July 2006	15	9	
Traralgon	6 <sup>th</sup> July 2006	17	7	2
Indigenous	20 <sup>th</sup> July 2006	7	4	

### 2.1 Outcome of Consultation

#### 2.1.1 Equalisation Process

Equity has been the primary consideration for the regional recommendation of growth funding allocations during 2006-09. The equalisation approach used in Gippsland previously has been very successful and all consultation sessions strongly supported the approach presented in the triennial plan.

#### 2.1.2 Allocation of Growth Funding to Priorities:

All consultation sessions supported the distribution of growth funding across priorities 1, 2 & 3 as proposed in the triennial plan.

#### 2.1.3 Minor Capital

All HACC service providers across the state will receive an allocation of minor capital funds. This allocation will be determined using the existing statewide minor capital formula. Each organisation will receive a minimum of \$1,500 and up to a maximum of \$50,000, dependant on the ongoing recurrent and growth funding provided to each organisation.

#### 2.1.4 Service Development Grant:

In 2005-06 the Service Development funds of \$30,000 was used to resource the Regional Planned Activity Group Project. This project has been completed and the final project report was received at the end of July 2006.

The \$30,000 Service Development grant for 2006-07 will be utilised in response to the project recommendations contained in the final project report. Further discussions regarding the specific use of these funds will be held at the Gippsland HACC Best Practice Network meetings.

#### **2.1.5 Equity & Access**

The Equity and Access position located at Latrobe Community Health Service aims to improve the access of HACC service for special needs groups. The Gippsland Equity and Access position will focus upon access issues for the general community and the homeless.

#### **2.1.6 Other Suggestions**

The following ideas were presented to the consultations and further ideas from those participating were requested:

- assisting organisations with Induction and Generic Training of Volunteers
- assisting HACC providers to work with consumers that have mental health issues
- access to HACC for general population and early intervention strategies

Other ideas included:

- educative work with GP's who tend not to refer for PAGs and Respite in particular
- lack of information from hospitals, it was felt that this is part of discharge planning and could be picked up as part of existing initiatives
- OH&S, Assessing Risk in the workplace, this area has been well covered through various initiatives by councils across the state which can be shared at HACC Managers forums

The Bass Coast/South Gippsland Consultation suggested that the major focus of projects should revolve around the topics of volunteers and mental health issues, including training for staff through HACC Training.

The East Gippsland/Wellington consultation provided strong support for some educative work with General Practitioners with a view to increase access to the general population. This consultation also raised occupational health & safety and mental health as worthwhile areas for attention.

The Latrobe/Baw Baw consultation supported the work with General Practitioners, and suggested that some work around mental health and volunteers would also be of benefit. The Equity and Access worker will report to the Gippsland HACC Best Practice Network.

#### **2.1.7 HACC Best Practice Network**

The aim of the Gippsland HACC Best Practice Network is to enhance the level of collaboration and consultation between HACC providers in the region and also with the Department of Human Services. The plan is to establish a regional and sub-regional best practice networks as outlined in the Terms of Reference for the HACC Best Practice Network. Each of the consultation sessions expressed a high level of enthusiastic support for this concept from all stakeholders.

### **2.1.8 Other Issues**

A number of other issues were raised during the consultations:

- The use of MDS data for planning was a point of discussion at all consultations. Some organisations raised concern about the impact of limited growth for certain activities. The region will continue to utilise MDS data for planning and it is the responsibility of HACC providers to have their data up to date. The regional office agreed to hold further discussion with those organisations affected.
- The impact of only 5% growth for social support activities was raised at two consultations as a significant issue for some organisations. Interchange and Headway in particular expressed concerns with the limited growth funding for their program areas as a result of the ministerial priorities.
- The size of the council contributions to HACC funding by some councils was raised as an equity issue because it impacts significantly on the level of service provision in local government areas where they receive less council funding. This is an issue that HACC providers will need to take up with the relevant councils.
- In Latrobe LGA the level of personal care is very low when compared to the regional and state-wide rural averages. It was agreed that the Department would hold a meeting of key stakeholders and discuss the situation.
- In South Gippsland, the level of property maintenance is low when compared to the regional and state-wide rural averages. It was agreed, that the Department would hold a meeting of key stakeholders and discuss what could be done to address this issue.
- Some organisations raised concerns over the unit prices for HACC activities, as the unit prices do not adequately cover the increased costs of implementing HACC services. They suggested that the increase in standards and requirements, coupled with increases in wages and fuel costs are greater than the indexation provided. Organisations were encouraged to provide evidence to support this argument.
- At the East Gippsland/Wellington consultation it was requested that the Department clarify the impact on the HACC target population from the change of formula; WREN in 2005-06 to the RREF 2006-07. It is difficult to be precise about the extent that each factor had upon the change in the HACC target population in East Gippsland. However it is clear that the increase was due to growth in the ageing population as well as the additional weightings used in the RREF (Rurality, Indigenous & CALD). The factors affecting the weightings for RREF for the region were primarily rurality and the Indigenous factor.

Where appropriate, the Region will raise these concerns/issues with the Rural and Regional Health and Aged Care Division.

### 3. Budget

#### 3.1 Allocation to Councils

The data analysis reinforces the benefit of the equity approach used over the past three years. The Region has continued with this strategy in the implementation of the Victorian HACC priorities. East Gippsland has had a significant increase in the HACC target population when compared to other councils. Consequently, East Gippsland has benefited from the equity approach along with Bass Coast and Latrobe in 2006-07.

The Region has allocated growth funds to councils as follows:

<b>Local Government areas</b>	<b>Growth funds</b>
Bass Coast (S)	\$ 275,150
Baw Baw (S)	\$ 162,438
East Gippsland (S)	\$ 447,131
Latrobe (C)	\$ 431,980
South Gippsland (S)	\$ 129,842
Wellington (S)	\$ 182,313
Gippsland region	\$ 90,083
<b>Total Allocated</b>	<b>\$ 1,718,937</b>

#### 3.2 Allocation to Priority

The Region has sought and received approval for the following allocations by priority and LGA.

The Region has allocated most growth funding (73%) or \$1.25 million to Priority 1 in 2006-07.

<b>Local Government areas 2006 - 07</b>	<b>Priority 1</b>	<b>Priority 2</b>	<b>Priority 3</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Bass Coast (S)	\$ 235,167	\$ -	\$ 39,983	<b>\$ 275,150</b>
Baw Baw (S)	\$ 134,689	\$ -	\$ 27,748	<b>\$ 162,438</b>
East Gippsland (S)	\$ 431,839	\$ -	\$ 15,292	<b>\$ 447,131</b>
Latrobe (C)	\$ 305,027	\$ 28,890	\$ 98,062	<b>\$ 431,980</b>
South Gippsland (S)	\$ 79,135	\$ 23,579	\$ 27,128	<b>\$ 129,842</b>
Wellington (S)	\$ 73,056	\$ -	\$ 109,257	<b>\$ 182,313</b>
Gippsland Region	\$ 90,083	\$ -	\$ -	<b>\$ 90,083</b>
<b>Total allocated</b>	<b>\$ 1,348,997</b>	<b>\$ 52,469</b>	<b>\$ 317,471</b>	<b>\$ 1,718,937</b>

Approximately 3% or \$52,000 of growth funding has been allocated to Priority 2 in 2006-07 to increase access of the CALD population to HACC services.

The Region has allocated approximately 18.5% or \$317,000 of growth funding to Priority 3 in 2006-07 and approximately 10% for the out years. Funding will be distributed in all council areas, however, the highest priority will be Bass Coast, Latrobe, South Gippsland and Wellington.

### **3.3 Regional Summary of allocations**

The following allocations by priority, activity and LGA have been approved. As indicated in the triennial plan, the state-wide rural average or above was utilised to determine the level of funding across Gippsland. This information was then compared to the 2005-06 MDS data to confirm whether or not additional funds were required.

The analysis showed that Gippsland required a considerable increase to the following activities in 2006-07:

- Domestic assistance
- Personal care in all LGAs except Wellington. Latrobe LGA is particularly low in personal care but Latrobe City has indicated that there remains no demand for additional service. This issue needs to be further explored during the coming year.
- Nursing in all LGAs except South Gippsland
- Allied health
- Assessment - although this activity will primarily be grown in years 2 & 3 pending the outcome of the state-wide strategic assessment project.
- Planned activity groups and property maintenance in all except Baw Baw

## HACC Growth 2006-07

Growth at Commonwealth Unit Price for Nursing

Priority	Activity Name	LGA Name	Growth Units FYE 2006-07	Growth FYE 2006-07 \$
1	Allied Health	Bass Coast (S)	791	\$ 60,480
3	Allied Health	Bass Coast (S)	167	\$ 12,769
1	Domestic Assistance	Bass Coast (S)	2,500	\$ 65,100
3	Domestic Assistance	Bass Coast (S)	200	\$ 5,208
1	Nursing - Public Sector	Bass Coast (S)	938	\$ 62,818
1	Personal Care	Bass Coast (S)	400	\$ 11,908
1	Planned Activity Group - Core	Bass Coast (S)	1,705	\$ 18,039
3	Planned Activity Group - Core	Bass Coast (S)	2,080	\$ 22,006
1	Property Maintenance	Bass Coast (S)	400	\$ 15,152
1	Service System Resourcing	Bass Coast (S)		\$ 1,670
1	Allied Health	Baw Baw (S)	660	\$ 50,464
3	Allied Health	Baw Baw (S)	200	\$ 15,292
1	Assessment	Baw Baw (S)		\$ 10,000
1	Delivered Meals	Baw Baw (S)	1,552	\$ 2,049
1	Domestic Assistance	Baw Baw (S)	700	\$ 18,228
1	Nursing - Public Sector	Baw Baw (S)	542	\$ 36,298
3	Nursing - Public Sector	Baw Baw (S)	186	\$ 12,456
1	Personal Care	Baw Baw (S)	520	\$ 15,480
1	Service System Resourcing	Baw Baw (S)		\$ 2,170
1	Allied Health	East Gippsland (S)	2,001	\$ 152,996
3	Allied Health	East Gippsland (S)	200	\$ 15,292
1	Assessment	East Gippsland (S)		\$ 42,411
1	Domestic Assistance	East Gippsland (S)	3,400	\$ 88,536
1	Nursing - Public Sector	East Gippsland (S)	72	\$ 4,822
1	Personal Care	East Gippsland (S)	1,587	\$ 47,245
1	Planned Activity Group - High	East Gippsland (S)	1,335	\$ 19,905
1	Property Maintenance	East Gippsland (S)	668	\$ 25,304
1	Service System Resourcing	East Gippsland (S)		\$ 50,621
1	Service System Resourcing	Gipps		\$ 90,083
1	Allied Health	Latrobe (C)	1,266	\$ 96,798
3	Allied Health	Latrobe (C)	630	\$ 48,170
1	Domestic Assistance	Latrobe (C)	2,700	\$ 70,308
2	Domestic Assistance	Latrobe (C)	500	\$ 13,020
1	Flexible Service Response	Latrobe (C)		\$ 15,000
1	Nursing - Public Sector	Latrobe (C)	1,490	\$ 99,785
3	Nursing - Public Sector	Latrobe (C)	745	\$ 49,893
2	Planned Activity Group - Core	Latrobe (C)	1,500	\$ 15,870
1	Property Maintenance	Latrobe (C)	550	\$ 20,834
1	Service System Resourcing	Latrobe (C)		\$ 2,302
1	Allied Health	South Gippsland (S)	511	\$ 39,071
3	Allied Health	South Gippsland (S)	150	\$ 11,469
1	Domestic Assistance	South Gippsland (S)	960	\$ 24,998
2	Domestic Assistance	South Gippsland (S)	60	\$ 1,562
3	Domestic Assistance - ATSI	South Gippsland (S)	123	\$ 3,203
3	Nursing - Public Sector	South Gippsland (S)	186	\$ 12,456
1	Personal Care	South Gippsland (S)	480	\$ 14,290
2	Planned Activity Group - Core	South Gippsland (S)	2,081	\$ 22,017
1	Service System Resourcing	South Gippsland (S)		\$ 776
1	Allied Health	Wellington (S)	20	\$ 1,529
3	Assessment	Wellington (S)		\$ 40,034
1	Domestic Assistance	Wellington (S)	617	\$ 16,067
3	Domestic Assistance	Wellington (S)	600	\$ 15,624
1	Nursing - Public Sector	Wellington (S)	429	\$ 28,730
3	Nursing - Public Sector	Wellington (S)	279	\$ 18,685
1	Planned Activity Group - Core	Wellington (S)	945	\$ 9,998
3	Planned Activity Group - Core	Wellington (S)	3,300	\$ 34,914
1	Service System Resourcing	Wellington (S)		\$ 16,732
	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 1,718,937</b>