

The UnitingCare network is the largest provider of community services in Australia and has 35,000 staff and 24,000 volunteers providing services to older Australians, children, young people and families, Indigenous Australians, people with disabilities, the vulnerable and disadvantaged, and people from culturally diverse backgrounds in urban, rural and remote communities.

UnitingCare Gippsland works with the UnitingCare network to advocate for policies and programs that will improve people's quality of life, and seeks to challenge disadvantage and inequity in Gippsland.

Our guiding principle is to work for the safety and wellbeing of children, young people and the vulnerable. Our strategic priorities include:

- Addressing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander disadvantage,
- Early childhood development, and
- Addressing Poverty

Over 400 Staff and 300 Volunteers provide a range of community services in Gippsland.

The Board of Governance and staff of UnitingCare Gippsland acknowledge that we stand on the land for which the Gunai/Kurnai and Bunnerong people are the traditional owners and custodians. We remember their ancestors with respect, and commit ourselves to work for reconciliation and justice for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

CARING ACROSS GIPPSLAND

The following programs operate from different locations and not all the services listed are provided in each location. Please contact your local office to enquire about services in your area.

Age Services

- Community Aged Care packages.
- Independent Living Units – Bruthen & Stratford.
- Supporting Older Carers Respite and Planning Programs—supporting older carers who are caring for a disabled son, daughter, grandchild etc.

DisAbility Services

- Assistance with planning for life goals and facilitating review of individual support plans.
- Flexible Support packages for people with a disability to purchase respite and support.
- Respite options for people caring for a person with a disability.
- Camps and recreation programs for people with a disability.

Early Years Services

- Mobile children's services – parent resources, toy libraries, early learning and childcare for remote areas.
- Family Day Care – South Gippsland, Wellington & East Gippsland Shires.
- Before and After School and Occasional care
- Kindergartens
- Support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island children and children with additional needs.
- Supported playgroups

Emergency Assistance

- Financial and referral assistance for people on low incomes.
- Support for communities during natural or other disasters.

Retail

- This 'n' That Opportunity Shop, 407 Raymond Street, Sale

No Interest Loans (NILS) Scheme

- Provides small no interest loans to people on low incomes for the purchase of essential items, such as refrigerators, washing machines, educational and medical items.

Family Wellbeing

- Child FIRST and Integrated Family Services – information, referral and support for families with children from pre-birth to 17 years.
- Children's Resource Program – Providing resources to children 0-18yrs, secondary consultation, resource information and support to the workers of children who are in or at risk of homelessness.
- Home Based Care – foster care for children and young people aged 0-17 years who are unable to live at home.
- Counselling services – general practice and financial counselling, including family violence counselling for women and children.
- Youth Services—offering a range of youth services across Gippsland targeting young people aged 12-25 years. These programs aim to create new opportunities for young people in their community through a variety of initiatives, including: creative arts, youth action groups, peer support, mentoring & FReeZA.
- Student support including access to scholarships to assist with education expenses.
- Housing and Support—information, assessment and referral support to individuals, youth and families who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness; crisis accommodation.

Early Intervention and Community Development

- Best Start and Communities for Children – parents and services working together to improve the health, wellbeing, development and learning outcomes of children.
- Pitstop – is a parenting tune-up for fathers who like seeing their families firing on all cylinders.
- Tuning into Kids and Tuning into Teens—Free group parenting programs that teach parents skills to help their children begin to understand and regulate their emotions.
- Supporting organisations and communities to build connections and enhance services.
- Build capacity to meet identified gaps in services.

Advocacy & Special Events

- Children's, Carer's, Volunteers, Youth, Reconciliation Week celebrations and activities
- Christmas Appeals in each location



For more information about
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YOUR GUIDE TO SERVICES FROM UNITINGCARE GIPPSLAND

Want to become a volunteer?

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer
or carer/educator with our agency, please
contact your nearest office



INTERPRETING SERVICES AVAILABLE



**UnitingCare Gippsland is a quality
accredited organisation**

**UnitingCare Gippsland, incorporating
Kilmany UnitingCare, Remote Family
Services, Daniel Gunson Memorial Homes
and Kilmany Family Care.**

*building resilience,
building capacity,
building partnerships.*

