

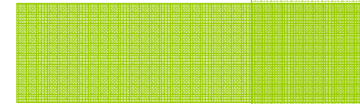
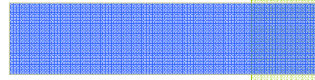
AREA MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

South West Community Mental Health Service
KORUMBURRA

- ◆ Latrobe Regional Hospital Mental Health Services (LRHMHS) provide a community based service to the whole of Gippsland.
- ◆ The primary Focus is on the assessment, treatment and rehabilitation of individuals within their usual home environment wherever this is both reasonable and practical.
- ◆ However, if the need arises, there is an inpatient service at Latrobe Regional Hospital in Traralgon.
- ◆ LRHMHS provides a 24 hour service to the residents of Gippsland with all referrals to Triage via a toll free number

1300 363 322

- ◆ Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services
- ◆ Adult Mental Health Services
- ◆ Aged Mental Health Services



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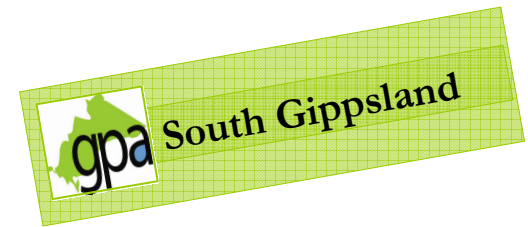
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MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM



- ◆ *Better Outcomes in Mental Health Care*
(vouchers)
- ◆ *Better Access to Mental Health Care*
(Medicare)
- ◆ *MAHS*
(More Allied Health Services)

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Better Access to Mental Health Care Medicare

- ◆ Referrals are GP initiated
- ◆ Patients need to ask for a 'long' appointment
- ◆ GP will complete a Mental Health Plan and organise for an appointment with a local psychologist.
- ◆ Patient has 6 sessions with the psychologist then returns to GP for review.
- ◆ GP decides if the patient needs a further six sessions and if necessary sends the patient back for 6 more sessions.
- ◆ Patient can only have 12 sessions in a 12 month period.
- ◆ These 12 sessions **cannot** be added on to the Better Outcomes program.
- ◆ There may be a cost to the patient of the gap fee between the charge by the psychologist and the rebate of \$75 (usually around \$25)
- ◆ **This program does not accept urgent or crisis referrals**

BOIMHC

Better Outcomes in Mental Health Care

Vouchers

- ◆ Referrals are GP initiated
- ◆ Patients need to ask for a 'long' appointment
- ◆ GP will complete a Mental Health Plan and organise for an appointment with a local psychologist.
- ◆ The GP will complete a voucher which entitles the patient to 12 **free** sessions with a psychologist **registered** with the Division.
- ◆ Patient has 6 sessions with the psychologist then returns to GP for review.
- ◆ GP decides if the patient needs a further six sessions and if necessary sends the patient back for 6 more sessions.
- ◆ Patient can only have 12 sessions in a 12 month period.
- ◆ These 12 sessions **cannot** be added on to the Better Access program.
- ◆ There is no Medicare rebate involved—the Division subsidises the psychologist
- ◆ **Vouchers to be used only for low income earners**
- ◆ **This program does not accept urgent or crisis referrals**

MAHS

More Allied Health Services

- ◆ Referrals are GP initiated
- ◆ Patient can book a standard appointment with the GP
- ◆ There is a maximum of six sessions per patient in a 12 month period
- ◆ The sessions do not have a specific structure - more informal
- ◆ There is no cost to the patient
- ◆ The patient must *not* have a primary diagnosis of Major Mental Illness
- ◆ **This program does not accept urgent or crisis referrals**