



Working at Gippsland Lakes Community Health
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Why Here?

Gippsland Lakes Community Health services a catchment area of approximately 40,000 and delivers a broad range of community based services via sites in Lakes Entrance, Bairnsdale, Bruthen and Metung.

Each of these communities resides either within or beside spectacular coastlines, breathtaking lake and river systems, rugged country and natural bushland.

Each has distinct yet complementary social, cultural, economic, arts, heritage, and natural environmental aspects for you to explore.

At a manageable 3.5 hour drive from Melbourne, the high city life is still within easy reach should the serenity get to you.

Lakes Entrance

With a population of approximately 6,000, Lakes Entrance is located on one of Victoria's most spectacular beaches - the 'Ninety Mile Beach'.

With 90 miles of pristine golden sand to explore you can still find isolated and secluded stretches not far from the fully patrolled and action packed Main Beach.

A holiday destination for many, Lakes Entrance blossoms during the warmer months and sees the population multiply up to seven fold.

In addition to the beach, waterways and fishing, many arrive to explore the scenic bike trails, limestone caves and national parks within the area.

There are many boating and fishing opportunities - deep sea, lake or river tributaries are right on your doorstep. Anglers can drop a line from one of the many public jetties.

Lakes Entrance is also a professional fishing port, so if beginners luck doesn't strike, you can always find your catch of the day on one of the local trawlers.

Bairnsdale

Bairnsdale is known as the western gateway to the Lakes and Wilderness region of East Gippsland, yet it still retains a quiet country pace and fresh air that you don't get in a bigger city.

Close to the lakes, rivers, mountains and forests, and with award winning gardens, Bairnsdale boasts a full range of modern facilities, major city shopping and a great variety of accommodation, cafes and restaurants.

Bairnsdale's cultural, historical and exciting attractions start in the centre of town. You can begin with the Arts Network Trail or visit nature reserves. Enjoy some of the best fishing, golf, a game of bowls, visit our Aquatic and Recreational Centre or canoe, walk or ride along the Mitchell River.



East Gippsland's climate is temperate so you can enjoy milder winters and summers



meet the locals...

Bruthen

Bruthen is a small, vibrant rural village situated 24 kilometres north-east of Bairnsdale on the Great Alpine Road which continues on across the Great Diving Range to Mount Hotham, Bright and Wangaratta.

Bruthen features a number of speciality shops, cafes, a general store and historic post office (built in 1890). Shady gardens with a rotunda and picnic areas are situated in the town's centre.

Take time to trek through the rainforest at Fairy Dell, or stroll by the local craft and Farmer's Market. If it's good music you're after then mark the annual Blues Festival in your diary as a date not to be missed.

The East Gippsland Rail Trail passes through Bruthen on its way between Bairnsdale and Orbost, following the route of the old railway, and is popular with walkers, bicyclists, and horse riders.



Metung

Metung is a small village on the tranquil waters of the Gippsland Lakes, surrounded by green hills and sandy beaches. With over 400 square kilometres of water to explore, the region is a haven for anyone seeking aquatic leisure or relaxation.

Bancroft Bay, on one side, buzzes with boats, and the other shore is part of the Lakes National Park. Lake King Beach offers a great location for kids to swim and families to enjoy those beautiful coastal days.

Metung is a boating, fishing and sporting paradise! There is an excellent boat ramp and several public jetties. There are plenty of great places to grab a bite to eat, and speciality shops and art galleries to wander through.

Sporting facilities include a bowling club, tennis courts, golf, an indoor pool and an excellent gym.





Why Not?

Recreation and Leisure

Breakfast, Lunch or Dinner?

There are a range of options from fish and chips in the park, to pubs, clubs, cafes or restaurants, just ask the staff for the latest info.

Water Activities

- Hire Boats
- Cruises
- Fishing
- Windsurfing
- Surfing
- Water skiing
- Canoeing/kayaking
- White water rafting



Sporting Clubs/facilities

- Tennis
- Football
- Netball
- Golf
- Squash/racquetball
- Swimming Pools
- Gymnasiums

Cinemas are open in Bairnsdale and Lakes Entrance.



Premier Snow Fields are just over two hours away – cross country, alpine or snowboarding you choose.



Day Trips

- Weekend picnics along the lesser known shores of local Lakes Entrance
- Rain forest spots include Fairy Dell in Bruthen, Log Crossing near Lakes Entrance, Cherry Tree near Nowa Nowa.
- Den of Nargun near Dargo
- Picnic at picturesque Trestle Bridge & Costicks Weir, only 15 minutes east of Lakes Entrance
- Buchan Limestone Caves
- Snowy river National Park for canoeing and rafting
- Wineries – Lakes Entrance, Bairnsdale and High country regions
- Farmer's Markets operate almost every weekend somewhere close by.
- Cape Conran for the tranquillity
- Nyerimilang Park for a picnic and a walk
- Raymond Island for the Koalas

Weekends

- Merimbula on the NSW coast
- Melbourne for the bright lights
- Wilsons Promontory for the wilderness
- Walhalla – for its historical value and the Tarra Bulga National Park
- Croajingalong National Park for unspoilt coastline
- Great Alpine Road - for history, hospitality, art and culture
- Canberra - for National Art Galleries, Museums etc.

Festivals

- Dargo Walnut Festival
- Bruthen Blues and Arts Festival
- Paynesville Jazz Festival
- Metung Boat Festival
- A range of Local Art Festivals
- Nowa Nowa Nudes Art Festival
- East Gippsland Triathlon Series
- Red Bluff Surf Classic
- Open Garden Schemes/Shows



Where to Shop

Bairnsdale and Lakes Entrance are the main options, however a range of market and speciality shops are hidden in other localities such as Metung, Paynesville and Bruthen. Local art and craft galleries are also around and staff will point you in the right direction.



Relocating?

Many of us have done it at some time or other and all of us hate the process so to ease the pain and/or searching for information here is some useful contacts

Housing

Your options are as flexible as your budget. Whether it's a 'fixer upper' or 'ready made' option, town location, water or rural vistas, we have a range of local firms to assist.

Bairnsdale, Lakes Entrance, Metung, Paynesville, Bruthen, and in between...

Chris Rykers Real Estate

Phone: 03 5155 4555 :: Fax: 03 5155 2177
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Website: www.rykersrealestate.com.au

Elders Real Estate

Lakes Entrance

Phone: 03 5155 3133 :: Fax: 03 5155 3122
Email: admin@elderslakes.com

Bairnsdale

Phone: 03 5152 3037 :: Fax: 03 5152 6561
Email: bairnsdale@elders.com.au

Website: www.elders.com.au

Gary Henry Real Estate

Telephone: 03 5155 3555 :: Fax: 03 5155 3343
Email: admin@garyhenryrealestate.com.au
Website: www.garyhenryrealestate.com.au

King & Heath

Phone: 03 5155 1201 :: Fax: 5155 2168
Email: lakes@kingheath.com.au
Website: www.kingheath.com.au

Phone: 03 5152 3311 :: Fax: 03 5152 1955
Email: bdale@kingheath.com.au

Offices in Metung & Paynesville



LJ Hooker

Phone: 03 5155 1208 :: Fax: 03 5155 3077
Email: lakesentrance@ljh.com.au
Website: www.ljhooker.com/lakesentrance

Phone: 5152 4172 :: Fax: 5152 6001
Email: bairnsdale@ljh.com.au
Website: www.ljhooker.com.au/bairnsdale

Offices in Metung & Paynesville

Metung Property Sales

Phone: 03 5156 2644 :: Fax: 03 5156 2488
Email: metungproperty@ozemail.com.au
Website: www.metungproperty.com.au

Schools

We have a range of schools within the area from state and specialist to private.

Most areas are accessible via a school bus run and staff are willing to describe their experiences should you need references.

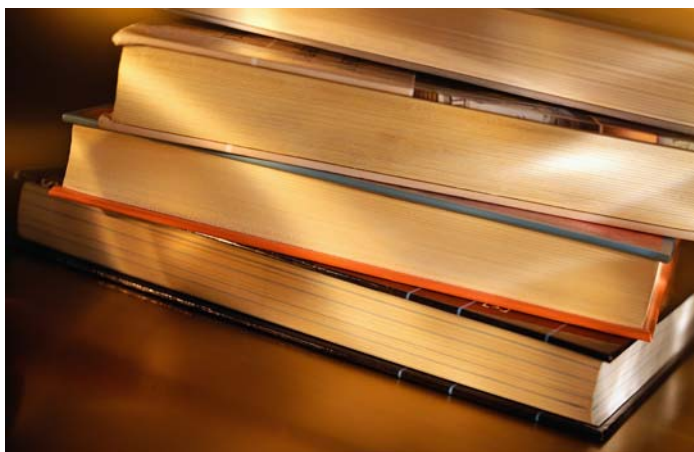


Pre Schools

Bruthen	03 5157 5455
Swan Reach	03 5159 4224
Lakes Entrance	03 5155 2061
Bairnsdale Early Learning Centre	03 5152 2580
Bairnsdale	03 5152 3151
West Bairnsdale	03 5152 3897
Bairnsdale Steiner	03 5152 3558

Primary Schools

Lakes Entrance	03 5155 1812
Toorloo Arm	03 5156 5517
St Brendans (Catholic)	03 5155 2712
Nungurner	03 5156 3232
Metung	03 5156 2259
Swan Reach	03 5156 4287
Tambo Upper	03 5156 4327
Nicholson	03 5156 8220
Nowa Nowa	03 5155 7225
Bruthen	03 5157 5445
Bairnsdale West	03 5152 3516
Bairnsdale 754	03 5152 4395
Bairnsdale Steiner	03 5152 2828
Lucknow	03 5152 4662
Lindenow	03 5157 1340
Bairnsdale Christian Community School (private)	03 5153 0079



Gippsland Grammar (Bairnsdale)	03 5143 7155
St Mary's (Catholic)	03 5152 3706
East Gippsland Specialist School	03 5152 5922

Secondary

Bairnsdale Secondary College	03 5150 4802
Lakes Entrance Secondary College	03 5155 2982
Nagle College (Catholic)	03 5152 6122
Gippsland Grammar (Sale) Bus from Swan Reach	03 5143 7155

Higher & Further Education

East Gippsland Institute of TAFE	03 5152 0700
Monash University Gippsland	03 5122 6211

Child Care

ABC Learning Centre	03 5155 2566
Lakes Entrance Childcare Centre	03 5155 3946
Humpty Dumpty's	03 5152 4288
Eastwood Childcare Centre	03 5152 6529

