

# **WELCOME**

**Gippsland Regional Integrated Cancer Services**

**GP Forum  
Latrobe Regional Hospital**

**‘An open discussion forum for General Practitioners  
involved in the care and treatment of cancer patients’**

**Michelle Pryce**

- *Gippsland Regional Integrated Cancer Services (GRICS) was formed in 2004 and is one of nine Integrated Cancer Services (ICS)\* across the state – covering both Regional and Metropolitan areas with funding provided by the Department of Health and Human Services.*
- *GRICS Program is a joint venture involving 16 health services across the Gippsland region with Latrobe Regional Hospital acting as host agency*
- *GRICS works closely with its member agencies to achieve the following ICS aims:*
  - *Build and strengthen relationships between health providers, services and settings*
  - *Improve care outcomes for cancer patients through quality improvement processes*
  - *Improve access, appropriateness and availability of cancer services across the Gippsland region*

*\* Paediatric Integrated Cancer Service is a state-wide ICS*

# GRICS Vision

Drawing from the best available evidence-based practice, GRICS promotes the development of a sustainable, integrated and multidisciplinary approach to the provision of Cancer Services in Gippsland. This is achieved by,

- Understanding the needs of people affected by cancer
- Driving quality improvement in cancer care
- Supporting development of the cancer workforce
- Facilitating system-wide engagement in cancer research

# GRICS Team

- Dr Sachin Joshi - Clinical Director
- Elaine Wood - Manager
- Samantha Beattie - Administration Officer
- Jody Neal - Data & Information Analyst
- Michelle Pryce - Cancer Service Improvement Coordinator
- Linda Burton - Cancer Service Improvement Coordinator
- Leah Savage - Cancer Service Improvement Coordinator
- Danielle Roscoe - Gippsland Cancer Survivorship Nurse

# GRICS Region



# Gippsland Region

- Chemotherapy sites across Gippsland
  - Bairnsdale Regional Health
  - Central Gippsland Health -
  - Gippsland Southern Health Service
  - Latrobe Regional Hospital
  - West Gippsland Healthcare Group



# Gippsland Cancer Care Centre

- Based at Latrobe Regional Hospital
- Chemotherapy Day Unit
- Gippsland Radiation Oncology – previously known as William Buckland Radiotherapy Group (Alfred Health)



# Medical Oncologists / Haematologists

- Work across the five Gippsland sites
- Medical Oncologists
  - » Dr Sachin Joshi, LRH, Bairnsdale & Sale
  - » Dr Shafaet Jamil, LRH & Leongatha)
  - » Dr Mahesh Iddawela, LRH
  - » Dr Ali Fallah, LRH
- Haematologists
  - » Dr Tricia Wright LRH & Leongatha
  - » Dr Amanda Ormerod LRH & Bairnsdale)
  - » Dr Michael Gilbertson, VMO at LRH
  - » Dr Sushrut Patil, VMO at LRH



# Multidisciplinary Care Meetings

Multidisciplinary care is an integrated team approach to healthcare in which medical, nursing and allied health professionals consider all relevant treatment options and collaboratively develop an individual treatment and care plan for each patient. There is increasing evidence that multidisciplinary care improves patient outcomes and is pivotal in providing patients with “Gold standard” care and treatment

# Multidisciplinary Care Meetings

- **Multi tumour** (Breast, Upper Gastrointestinal, Colorectal and Skin malignancies) MDM are held weekly on Friday's at 7.30am, hosted by LRH
- **Lung** MDM are held every first and third Tuesday of the month starting at 8am, hosted by CGH
- **Lymphoma** MDM are held fortnightly on Friday's commencing at 1pm, hosted by LRH
- **Advanced Disease** MDM held fortnightly on Friday's at 8.30am, hosted by LRH
- **Palliative Care** MDM weekly on Thursday at 1pm, hosted by LRH
- **Urology** MDM monthly on Thursday 5.30pm, hosted by BRHS

**All meetings have the facility for telephone and videoconferencing in order to be inclusive of remote participants.**

# GRICS contact details

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# Questions?

