

# THE FACTS



## GIPPSLAND'S HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS CRISIS 2024.

### Homelessness in Gippsland is real.

We see it every day; people sleeping in doorways, in cars, pushing shopping trolleys full of their worldly belongings, seeking help. Private rental vacancy rates are low, rents are skyrocketing, social housing waitlists are long. Family Violence remains intolerably high and all set against a backdrop of a global cost of living crisis.



**1.7%**

Gippsland's private rental vacancy rate is **1.7%** June, 2024



In March, 2024 there were **7179 households** on the Victorian Housing Register Priority Access broadband lists for Gippsland.

**132 Young people** were referred to Youth Homelessness Refuges in 2023/24 and **265** received outreach support in the community.



**469 people** who accessed homelessness Entry Points were **employed**.

A total of **432 households** or **11%** were sleeping rough in cars, tents, in the open . . .



**17.4%** who accessed the Bairnsdale Entry Point were **rough sleepers**. **23%** who accessed the Yarram Entry Point were **rough sleepers**.



Gippsland has **2 Youth Refuges** with a total of **16 beds**.



**19.8%** of Gippsland's total dwellings were **unoccupied on Census night 2021**.



3 Gippsland Local Government Areas remain in the **top 5** highest rates of Family Violence in Victoria.



Big Housing Build in Gippsland - **246 homes have been completed, 211 homes are under-way** & \$193 million has been spent. *May, 2024*

The number of new lettings in Gippsland decreased by **13%**. The biggest decrease in regional Victoria. *(March, 2023 -24)*



**3,920 households** accessed homelessness entry points in Bairnsdale, Leongatha, Morwell, Orbost, Sale, Warragul & Yarram in 2023/24.

**236 Young People** leaving care or post care receive **Better Futures** with a further **151** on active hold.

