

# Employment

## Mirboo North - Live. Work. Invest

South Gippsland's steady population growth and enviably low unemployment rate is supported by a dynamic business climate that offers plenty of opportunity for employers and employees alike. The vast majority of South Gippsland's residents work within the Shire and whilst the region's rich natural resources have helped establish the agricultural sector as its biggest employer, there are opportunities in a wide range of industries including retail, health care and community services, education & training and tourism.

### South Gippsland Snapshot - Industries Worked in

The 2006 Australian Bureau of Statistics identified the six most popular industries amongst South Gippsland Shire residents as:

|                                 |       |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Agriculture, forestry & fishing | 19.9% |
| Retail trade                    | 10.5% |
| Manufacturing                   | 10%   |
| Health Care & social assistance | 9.8%  |
| Construction                    | 8.2%  |
| Education & training            | 7.1%  |



Mirboo North's vibrant local economy offers a variety of employment opportunities and the township also has the advantage of being just a short distance from the major centres located in South Gippsland (Leongatha & Korumburra), Latrobe City (Morwell & Traralgon) and Baw Baw (Warragul) which are home to some of the largest employers in the region.

### Mirboo North Snapshot - Occupation Profile

The 2006 Australian Bureau of Statistics identified the occupations most common amongst Mirboo North residents as:

|                                      |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Managers                             | 20.2% |
| Professionals                        | 19%   |
| Technicians & trade workers          | 16.5% |
| Labourers                            | 9.9%  |
| Clerical & administrative            | 9.2%  |
| Community & personal service workers | 9%    |
| Sales workers                        | 8.5%  |
| Machinery operators & drivers        | 6.1%  |



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There are number of employment agencies located near Mirboo North that can help those wanting more specific information on employment and training opportunities in Gippsland:

Employment Innovations Victoria - 14 to 16 Smith Street, Leongatha Ph (03) 5662 5325

Workways Association Inc - 1A Church Street, Leongatha Ph (03) 5662 5264

Centrelink - Cnr Michael Place, Leongatha Ph (03) 5662 2236

Campbell Page - 61 Bair Street, Leongatha Ph (03) 5662 2355

Apprenticeships Group Australia - Kurrle St, Korumburra Ph (03) 5655 2811

Many employers advertise their vacancies in regional newspapers including:

The Great Southern Star ([www.thestar.com.au](http://www.thestar.com.au))

The South Gippsland Sentinel Times ([www.sgst.com.au](http://www.sgst.com.au))

Mirboo North Times ([www.mirboonorth.vic.au/times](http://www.mirboonorth.vic.au/times))

The Latrobe Valley Express ([www.latrobevalleyexpress.com.au](http://www.latrobevalleyexpress.com.au))

Online sites such as [www.seek.com.au](http://www.seek.com.au), [www.mycareer.com.au](http://www.mycareer.com.au) and [www.jobseeker.com.au](http://www.jobseeker.com.au) are also useful for identifying local job opportunities.

## Mirboo North Residents Employment Profile - Top Ten Industries

|    |   |       |
|----|---|-------|
| 1  | Agriculture, forestry and fishing               | 14.6% |
| 2  | Health care and social assistance               | 13.6% |
| 3  | Education and training                          | 11%   |
| 4  | Retail trade                                    | 9.8%  |
| 5  | Manufacturing                                   | 9.3%  |
| 6  | Construction                                    | 8.2%  |
| 7  | Public administration and safety                | 4.9%  |
| 8  | Electricity, gas, water and waste services      | 4.8%  |
| 9  | Professional, scientific and technical services | 4.3%  |
| 10 | Accommodation and food services                 | 4.0%  |

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, census of population and housing 2006

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Mirboo North offers residents easy access to a range of quality educational facilities. The Primary School and Secondary College are situated in the town, along with a purpose built child care centre and kindergarten. Additional educational options are located just a short distance away from Mirboo North and include independent, Catholic and specialist schools. Tertiary, higher and adult education programs and courses are also available nearby.

### Families With Young Children

Mirboo North's centrally located kindergarten offers both three and four year old kindergarten programs. The local playgroup and toy library located at the community centre in Baromi Park, holds two sessions a week for children and babies under five.

St Andrews Child Care Centre located on Ridgway and operated by UnitingCare Gippsland, is an early learning and care centre offering Long Day Care services.

### School Aged Children

Mirboo North's Primary School and Secondary College are co-located in an Education Precinct located just off the Strzelecki Highway and within walking distance of the town centre. In addition to sharing a number of facilities, the schools work closely together with the aim of making education seamless in Mirboo North from Prep to Year 12. The Mirboo North Primary School's motto is 'Working Together' and the school encourages its students to be active members of their local community. The Secondary College places great emphasis on the development of skills to equip students to adapt to their future roles in society and its innovative Year 9 program is a recent winner of the Gippsland Curriculum Innovation Award.

There are also a number of independent and Catholic schools located nearby in Leongatha. These include Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College (Years 7 to 12) and the South Coast Christian College (Prep to Year 12). South Gippsland Specialist School, also located in Leongatha, is a special school for people with mild to severe learning difficulties

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### Tertiary, Higher and Adult Education

Mirboo North is close to a number of high quality facilities for young people and adults wishing to pursue tertiary and higher education. GippsTAFE's new Leongatha campus opened in 2011 and offers a wide variety of training and educational programs supporting the needs of industries and individuals. Community College Gippsland provides locally based high quality learning opportunities from a number of regional campuses including Leongatha.

Monash University Gippsland offers a wide range of undergraduate, postgraduate, off-campus and alternative pathways programs. Located at Churchill, only 30 minutes drive from Mirboo North, the campus is home to several faculties and departments, including the well respected Gippsland Medical School.

Apprenticeships Group Australia, located in Korumburra delivers industry based training for apprenticeships and assists individuals achieve nationally recognised qualifications in a hands-on practical environment.

### Directory

#### Pre-School

St. Andrew's Childcare Centre  
32 Ridgway, Mirboo North, VIC 3871  
Phone: (03) 5668 2450

Mirboo North Kindergarten  
Brennan St, Mirboo North, VIC 3871  
Phone: (03) 5668 1223

#### Primary

Mirboo North Primary School  
(Co-Ed, Prep to Grade 6)  
Balook St, Mirboo North, VIC 3871  
Phone: (03) 5668 1375  
[www.mnps.vic.edu.au](http://www.mnps.vic.edu.au)

#### Secondary

Mirboo North Secondary College  
(Co-ed, Year 7 to Year 12)  
Castle Street, Mirboo North, VIC 3871  
Phone: (03) 5668 1203  
[www.mnsc.vic.edu.au](http://www.mnsc.vic.edu.au)

#### Other

South Gippsland Specialist School  
(programs for people with learning difficulties)  
13 Horn Street, Leongatha, VIC 3953  
Phone: (03) 5662 4496

#### Tertiary, Higher and Adult Learning

GippsTAFE, Leongatha  
Nerrena Road, Leongatha, VIC 3953  
Phone: (03) 5662 6800  
[www.gippstafe.vic.edu.au](http://www.gippstafe.vic.edu.au)

Community College Gippsland, Leongatha Campus  
38-40 Horn St Leongatha, VIC 3953  
Phone: (03) 5662 6700  
[www.ccg.asn.au](http://www.ccg.asn.au)

Monash University, Gippsland Campus  
Northways Road, Churchill, VIC 3842  
Phone: (03) 5122 6200  
[www.gippsland.monash.edu.au](http://www.gippsland.monash.edu.au)

Apprenticeship Groups Australia - Korumburra  
Lot 1 Kurrle Street, Korumburra, VIC 3950  
Phone: (03) 5624 3060  
[www.agaustralia.com.au](http://www.agaustralia.com.au)

South Gippsland Bass Coast Local Learning  
and Employment Network  
26 Jeffrey Street (Corner of Hasset Street)  
Leongatha, VIC 3953  
Phone: (03) 5662 5500  
[www.sgbcllen.org.au](http://www.sgbcllen.org.au)

# Health, Aged & Child Care

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## Health Care Services

Living in Mirboo North doesn't mean compromising your access to quality health care and there are a wide range of services available in the town including:

- General Practice Services
- Maternal & Child Health
- Women's Health
- Generalist Counselling
- Physiotherapy
- Podiatry
- Alternative Therapies and Fitness
- Natural Therapies and Chiropractic

The Mirboo North Medical Centre provides General Practice services combined with visiting specialists, allied health professionals and community health services.

Gippsland Southern Health Service (GSHS) is the major public healthcare provider in South Gippsland and operates from a number of sites in the Shire. A limited range of GSHS's Community Health Services can be accessed at the Mirboo North Community Health Centre.

Maternal & Child Care is available in Mirboo North and provides new mothers with advice and information on a range of topics including breastfeeding, nutrition, family planning and child development.

## Aged Care

Aged Care Services Australia Group (ACSAG) operates two residential Aged Care facilities in Mirboo North. Grandridge Lodge, ACSAG's high care facility, has 2 single rooms and 14 double rooms. Low care is provided at Strzelecki House which has 30 beds. Respite care is available in both facilities and all residents have access to 24 hour registered nursing care, a co-located medical clinic, visiting podiatry, physiotherapy, dental, mental health services and dietician services.

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## Child Care

St Andrews Child Care Centre, located on Ridgway and operated by UnitingCare Gippsland, is an early learning and care centre located close to the centre of town. The Centre offers Long Day Care for 42 children.

UnitingCare Gippsland provides quality, accredited, affordable and flexible child care at various locations for children aged 0-12 years in the home of a carer.



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### Health Care Services

#### Mirboo North Medical Centre

27a Giles Street, Mirboo North, VIC 3871  
Phone: (03) 5668 1234

#### Gippsland Southern Health Service

Koonwarra Road Leongatha, VIC 3953  
Phone: (03) 5667 5555  
[www.gha.net.au/gshs/](http://www.gha.net.au/gshs/)

#### Mirboo North Community Health Centre

71 Ridgway  
Mirboo North, VIC 3871  
Phone: (03) 5668 2904

#### Mirboo North Maternal & Child Health Centre

Library Complex, Brennan Street,  
Mirboo North, VIC 3871  
Phone: (03) 5668 2280

#### Latrobe Regional Hospital

Princes Highway, Traralgon West, VIC 3844  
Phone: (03) 5173 8000  
[www.lrh.com.au](http://www.lrh.com.au)

#### Leongatha Memorial Hospital

66 Koonwarra Road, Leongatha, VIC 3953  
Phone: (03) 5667 5555

### Aged Care

#### Grandridge Lodge & Strzelecki House

4-6 Brennan Street, Mirboo North, VIC 3871  
Phone: (03) 5668 1202

### Child Care

#### St. Andrew's Childcare Centre (*Long Day Care*)

32 Ridgway, Mirboo North, VIC 3871  
Phone: (03) 5668 2450

#### UnitingCare Gippsland

3 Church Street, Leongatha, VIC 3953  
Phone: (03) 5662 5150  
[www.ucgipps.org.au](http://www.ucgipps.org.au)

### Other

#### Mirboo North Senior Citizens Centre

38 Couper Street, Mirboo North, VIC 3871  
[www.mirboonorth.vic.au/baromicentre](http://www.mirboonorth.vic.au/baromicentre)

### More Information

[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au)  
[www.health.vic.gov.au](http://www.health.vic.gov.au)

# Council Services

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## Home & Community Care

South Gippsland Shire Council's Home and Community Care (HACC) Program provides basic support services for people who are aged, people with disabilities and their carers, assisting them to continue to live independently in their community.

An assessment is required to determine a person's eligibility for HACC services.



**Home Maintenance** provides basic assistance to clients with the maintenance of their home to ensure a safe environment.

**Home Care** services assist clients to maintain a safe, healthy and hygienic home environment.

**Personal Care** services provide support for older people and people with a disability who have difficulty with daily personal care tasks.

**Respite** enables carers to have a break from their caring responsibilities.

**Meals on Wheels** provide nutritious and diet specific meals delivered to the client's homes by volunteers.

**Community Transport** provides transport assistance to medical appointments.

## Youth Services

The South Gippsland Shire Council provides a number of services to help engage, inspire and motivate young people. These include:

### South Gippsland Youth Council

A Council comprising approximately 15 people aged between 12 and 25 years. The core function of the Youth Council is to help direct and develop youth activity in South Gippsland. Examples of Youth Council activities include assessing and making decisions on grant applications, and participating in team-building and leadership programs.

They also organise forums and events such as live music and dance parties aimed towards 14 -18 year olds.

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## Economic Development

The Economic Development team provides support and investment advice for prospective and established businesses. Business development workshops are held regularly, providing helpful information and professional development for employers and employees. Economic Development Officers provide assistance to potential investors, developers and businesses in identifying or capitalising on regional opportunities.

## Council Services Directory

### Main Office

South Gippsland Shire Council - Reception  
9 Smith Street, Leongatha, 3953  
Phone: (03) 5662 9200

### Visitor Information Centres

Leongatha Community & Visitor Information Centre  
McCartin Street (Memorial Hall), Leongatha, 3953

#### Prom Country Visitor Information Centres

*Korumburra:* South Gippsland Highway, Korumburra (Coal Creek), 3950  
Phone: 1800 630 704

*Foster:* Cnr Main & Station Streets, Foster, 3960  
Phone: 03 5682 2469

Email: [infocentre@southgippsland.vic.gov.au](mailto:infocentre@southgippsland.vic.gov.au)  
Web: [www.visitpromcountry.com.au](http://www.visitpromcountry.com.au)



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