

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## RFCS GIPPSLAND CONTINUE VALUABLE SERVICE

RFCS Gippsland are pleased and extremely proud to be awarded funding to continue providing Rural Financial Counselling Services to 2024; recently announced by the Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment.

For over 35 years RFCS Gippsland have supported rural communities, improved the lives of thousands of farmers, and helped clients navigate out of financial hardship and recover from crisis and natural disasters. Funding has been secured to ensure RFCS Gippsland continues to deliver this valuable service.

Chair, Aubrey Pellett expressed his gratitude for the continued funding and support to deliver the vital service to our rural communities, stating “We thank the Government for recognising our significant contribution in improving the livelihoods and sustainability of agribusiness; immensely important to the ongoing productivity of Gippsland and the other rural communities that we support throughout south eastern Victoria.

“We are focused on delivering an enhanced RFCS program that meets the needs of our stakeholders as well as our client needs. With additional resourcing, we are determined to facilitate more positive change, focusing on resilience and long-term viability of farmers, small businesses and the wider community”.



RFCS Chair, Aubrey Pellett

Executive Officer, Kylie Holmes is extremely thankful that the RFCS Gippsland team can seamlessly continue improving the lives and financial futures of their clients and families. “Our experienced team are passionate about helping others, with unwavering commitment to reducing their client’s financial stressors and improve their personal wellbeing. I am proud of them and I am proud of what we do.

“We have put in a lot of time and resources over the years to continuously enhance our systems and services to benefit both our clients and our team. The recent appointment of our Wellness Support Officer and soon to be appointed Rural Skills Coordinator will also further enhance our holistic approach to client support and wellbeing.

Our organisation recently led a major project with members of the National RFCS Network to develop and implement a bespoke client management system tailored to the provision of the RFCS program, and I am pleased to be able to continue the roll out; experiencing the greater benefits, operational and financial efficiencies it will provide”.

Farm and small business operators currently experiencing or at risk of financial difficulties are encouraged to utilise the services of the RFCS program, designed specifically to help you achieve your financial goals. Call 1300 045 747 or for more information visit [rfcsgippsland.org.au](http://rfcsgippsland.org.au)

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