Media Release

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UnitingCare Donation From Water Conference

UnitingCare Gippsland's important work within the local community attracted a recent donation via the Water Industry Operators Association of Australia (WIOA) conference held in early September.

As one of this year's WIOA conference co-hosts, South Gippsland Water was asked to nominate a charity to which a \$1,500 donation could be made to benefit the local community.

Philippe du Plessis, Managing Director, South Gippsland Water said, "We are conscious that a number of sectors of our community are facing significant challenges at the moment. When this opportunity presented itself, we were keen to channel the money provided by the conference into an area that would assist families in crisis."

Uniting *Care* Gippsland staff provide community-based services such as foster care, family counselling, family day care, youth work, family support, and financial counselling.

"Family Services, Child First and Family Violence deal with vulnerable families every day," acknowledged Tracey Gibson, CEO of Uniting Care Gippsland. "This money will go towards helping support these families when they are in crisis."



CEO of Uniting Care Gippsland Tracey Gibson and Executive Assistant Wendy McEachern will put a cheque presented by Ros Griggs, South Gippsland Water, to good use in their work supporting vulnerable local families in crisis. L-R: Ros Griggs, Tracey Gibson and Wendy McEachern.