

Community Based

Mental Health Care

Older People

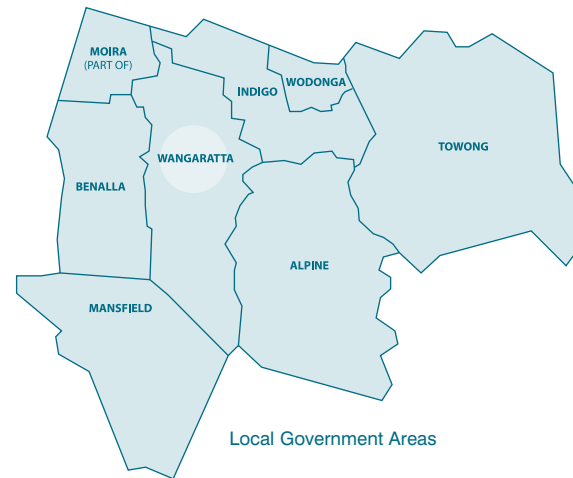
Assessment

Treatment

Support Advice

Referral

Service Area



Hours of Operation:

8.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday

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Other Psychiatric services at Northeast Health Wangaratta include

Community Mental Health Service • Phone: (03) 5722 0347

Kerferd Unit • Phone: (03) 5722 0430



North East Psychiatric Services

Aged Psychiatry Service

Mackie House
82A Murdoch Road Wangaratta

The Aged Psychiatry Service provides community - based psychiatric assessment and treatment for older persons over the age of 65 years living in North East Victoria.

The target group includes people who: develop a functional mental illness such as depression in later life; those with an organic disorder (eg. Dementia) who also exhibit behavioural problems; and people who may have had a mental illness for many years and who are now experiencing issues of growing older.

The Service offers consultation and education to families and carers, and to other service providers including General Practitioners, Aged Residential Care Facility Staff and agencies supporting older persons in the community.

In addition, the Service provides regional mental health education and promotion, focusing on the needs of older persons.

Enquiries regarding a referral may be made directly to the Service.

Most referrals come from General Practitioners and all treatment is undertaken in collaboration with the treating GP. Other health professionals, individuals or agencies are encouraged to seek advice and support.

Inpatient treatment for older persons is available at Kerferd Unit in Wangaratta. Admission is facilitated through the Aged Psychiatry Service.

Staff at the Aged Psychiatry Service are experienced in working with older people and include:

- Consultant Psychiatrist
- Registered Psychiatric Nurses
- Allied Health Staff
- Administrative Officer

