



## Council Seeks Feedback for Early Years

South Gippsland Shire Council is inviting families, children and service providers to help inform the Municipal Early Years Plan 2016-2021.

The Municipal Early Years Plan 2016-2021 will guide Council in its delivery of programs, services and spaces that support children eight years or younger and their families.

The aim of the plan is to create an environment that provides young children with opportunities to grow to their full potential and supports their families in fulfilling their parental duties.

The plan will identify ways for Council to work in partnership with the community, other levels of government and early years' service providers to achieve this goal.

Online surveys for families and service providers and a printable survey designed for young children are available on Council's website [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/earlyyearsurvey](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/earlyyearsurvey)

The short surveys are designed to assess the child-friendliness of a community from the family's perspective and from those interested in the wellbeing of young children.

Council's Coordinator of Children and Family Services Sally Baker said the insights provided in the surveys are vital for developing the plan.

"This is a great opportunity for the community to have their say and we encourage our youngest citizens to also make a contribution to this important plan for South Gippsland.

"Community engagement for the Municipal Early Years Plan will ensure that an integrated approach between the community, Council and other levels of government is successful," said Ms Baker.

All surveys must be submitted by 17 March 2016 for consideration.

Any individuals wanting more information or assistance with the survey can contact Sally Baker on 5662 9200.

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