



## Final Preparations for Sustainability Festival

South Gippsland Shire Council and Bass Coast Shire Council are completing final preparations for the Southern Gippsland Sustainability Festival being held next week.

All are welcome to attend the free event at the Coal Creek Community Park and Museum carpark from 10.00am to 3.00pm on 3 April 2016.

The festival provides sustainable living options for residents and visitors to use in their local community that supports minimising environmental impact.

Over 50 stall holders will be available on the day to provide practical information on energy, food, water and land management products.

A number of informed speakers and demonstrators will provide advice on bee keeping, bottling and preserving, solar power, verge planting and other sustainability practices.

Council's Manager of Sustainable Communities Chris Van Der Ark said the festival was a fantastic opportunity for those who wish to minimise their impact on the environment.

"The Southern Gippsland Sustainability Festival provides residents and our visitors with the advice they need on how to make lifestyle choices that are environmentally friendly.

"Our stall holders and guest speakers have a number of displays to suit any interested individuals; for those just starting to be sustainable through to those looking to extend their efforts.

"South Gippsland Shire Council encourages all residents to attend as sustainable living is vital for the protection of the natural landscape that we all cherish," said Ms Van Der Ark.

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