



Community Engagement Conference

'Plan, Grow, Thrive - Future Proofing Community Organisations' is the theme of this year's South Gippsland Community Engagement Conference.

Now in its 10th year, the conference provides practical knowledge for community groups which can help with day-to-day operation and help ensure future sustainability. The conference will feature a broad range of workshops and will provide attendees with the chance to find out more about what other groups do within our local community.

"The Conference is a fantastic opportunity to meet others working within the community with similar goals," said Sophie Dixon, Council's Community Strengthening Support Officer. "Not only do you gather really practical information, the networking and exchange of experience and ideas are excellent."

The conference will open with a panel discussion with expert presenters discussing the importance of planning, what success can look like, the point of partnerships and how to bring others along. There will also be time to ask questions, so come prepared!

After morning tea, attendees will head off to a great selection of workshops which will provide information on strategic planning, project planning, position descriptions, inclusion, insurance, risk, safety and more. To get the most from the day organisers suggest at least two people from your organisation or group attend the conference to make sure all workshops can be covered.

"The Community Engagement Conference is an important, and popular, event in our community calendar," said Ms Dixon "Some workshops may be limited, so please pre-register to avoid disappointment."

This year's conference will be held on Saturday 25 June from 8:30am to 5.00pm at the Salvation Army, Long Street, Leongatha. Cost is \$10 per person which includes morning and afternoon tea and lunch. Registration opens at 8.45am for a 9.00am start.

To book, phone Sophie on 5662 9200 or download a registration form at www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/communityengagementconference

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