

'How to' session for election hopefuls

Council will host a free public information session for residents interested in understanding more about being a councillor or considering standing for South Gippsland Shire Council in the upcoming elections in October.

Coordinator Corporate Planning and Council Business, June Ernst, said standing for Council could be a bit daunting for those not certain what is required or how to nominate and campaign.

"This early information session will outline the roles and responsibilities of a councillor, describe the election process and provide useful advice for getting elected," she explained.

"I strongly encourage any residents contemplating standing for election to attend this information session. It will certainly provide you with some valuable information from a variety of experts that will help you in so many ways."

The South Gippsland Shire Council Candidate Information Session will be held on Monday 18 July from 12.00 – 2.00pm at the Council Chamber, Leongatha.

Guest speakers will include Bass Coast Shire Council Chief Executive Officer, Paul Buckley, and representatives from the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) who will provide information about the area and advice on who can nominate, how to nominate and what is required of a councillor.

A video presentation Q&A with councillors from various municipalities will assist prospective candidates to gain an understanding of what the public will expect of you as a councillor, time commitments, challenges and rewards.

For further information and to register, contact June Ernst on 5662 9200 by Friday 15 July. In keeping with Council's Privacy Policy, all registrations and enquires will be treated in the strictest confidence.

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