

1. Child friendly spaces and places

Outcomes

- A child friendly built environment
- A natural environment accessible to children and families
- Multi-use buildings catering for children and families

2. Belonging and connecting

Outcomes

- The voice of the child is reflected in the community
- Children and families are active participants in their community
- Children are connected to services from birth
- Children and families connected to learning
- The diversity of children and families is supported

3. Happy and well, safe and secure

Outcomes

- Children and families are healthy and well
- Children and families can be safe and feel safe
- Children and families have mental health support

4. Access to services

Outcomes

- Integrated services and practices
- Creative, flexible services outside main towns
- A workforce with capacity and energy
- Better access, equity and inclusion for all

5. Partnerships support children and families

Outcomes

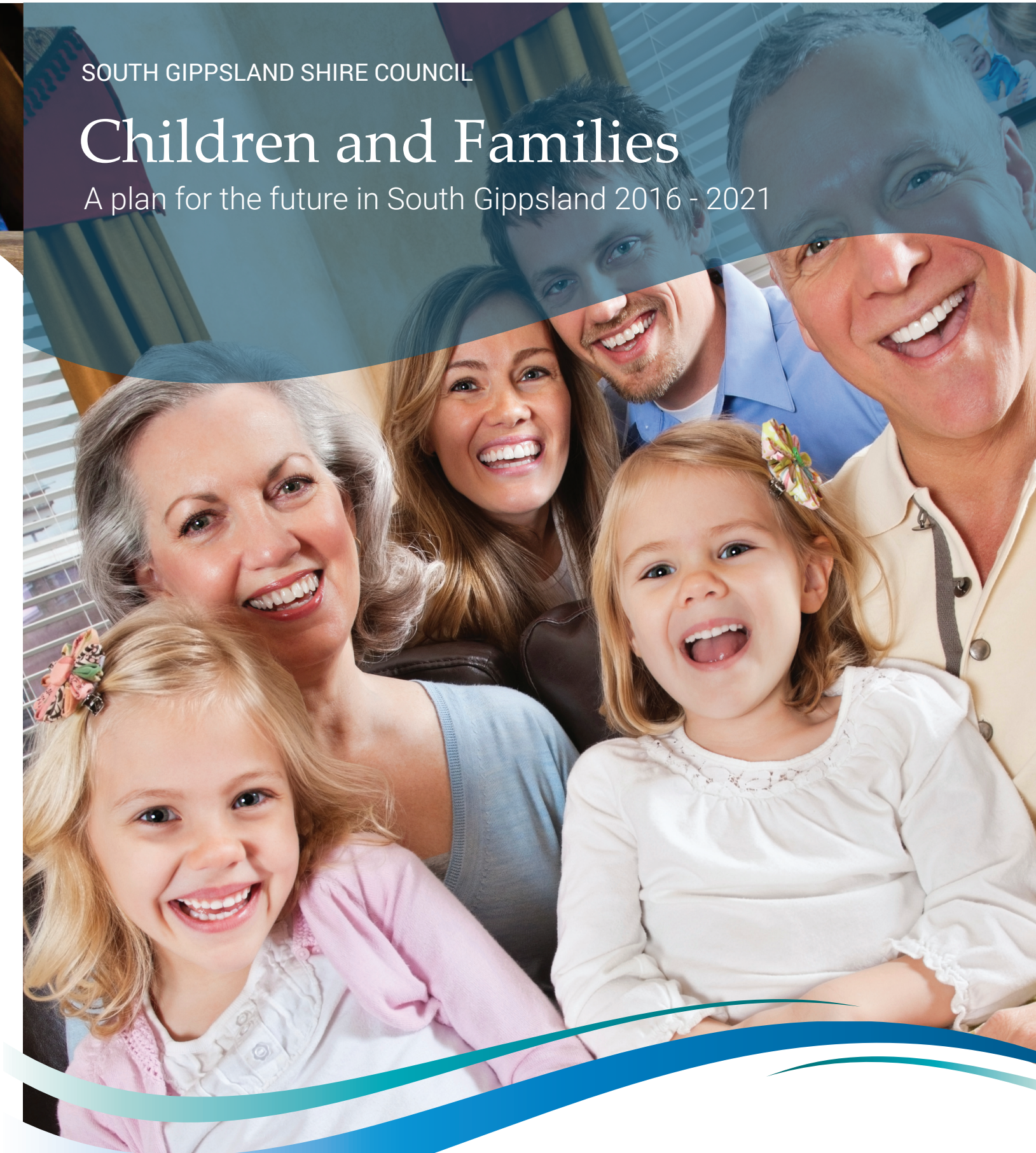
- Strong links with local partners in the region
- Connect and work with children and families



SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

Children and Families

A plan for the future in South Gippsland 2016 - 2021



Monitoring and reporting on our progress

Council, in conjunction with its project partners, will review the progress and impact of the plan annually and at the end of the five years in 2021.

The implementation action plan will be reviewed annually and will consider:

- progress on strategies and actions in the implementation plan
- relevance to current and emerging needs
- influential State and Federal Government policy and planning
- emerging research and practices

An annual report will be provided to Council, plan partners and relevant government departments. The final review will consider the extent to which the outcomes have been achieved through the actions of the plan and other influencing factors. The final review will inform the development of the next Early Years Plan for children and families in South Gippsland.

Thank you

We acknowledge and thank our partners for their ongoing support and work in developing Children and Families – A plan for the future in South Gippsland. Our partners in planning include: Children, families, education and care providers, family committees of management, service providers for children and families, State and Federal government department representatives, carers and volunteers and Council staff.

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A Child Friendly South Gippsland

We believe in a South Gippsland where what we do and the spaces we provide consider the needs of children. In a child friendly South Gippsland, children's voices and opinions are taken into consideration and influence decision making processes. Children's rights are reflected in policies, laws, programs and budgets.





Introduction

South Gippsland Shire Council and its partners are committed to improving the outcomes for children and families by working in partnership with the community, service providers and local businesses.

Children and Families – A plan for the future in South Gippsland 2016 – 2021 (the Plan) builds on the work of the previous Municipal Early Years Plan 2011 – 2016 and will be supported by:

- An annual implementation plan providing details of projects and actions towards achieving outcomes of this plan.
- Annual reporting against the projects and actions.
- Monitoring on outcomes every five years.

Purpose of this plan

The plan focuses on partnerships between local agencies, levels of government, children and families, and the wider community to improve outcomes for children aged 0 - 8 years in South Gippsland.

It is supported by a shared vision between agencies working with children and families in South Gippsland. The strategic direction of this plan will be incorporated into detailed implementation plans and service plans resulting in a collective impact approach.

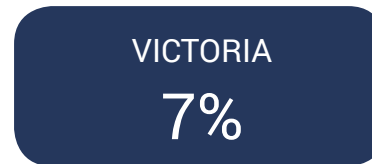
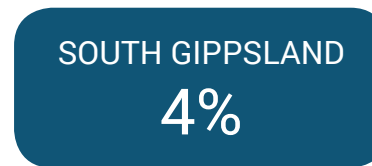
Our Vision:

We want a South Gippsland where children and their families have a sense of belonging in a safe community where they can be happy, healthy and develop to their full potential.

Our children and families

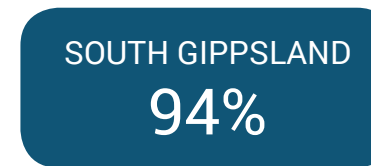


Low birth weight babies



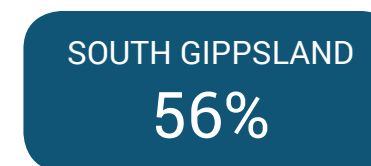
Birth Register

5 year olds fully immunised

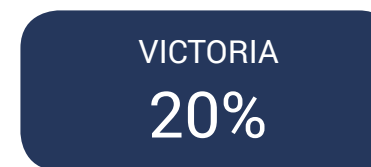
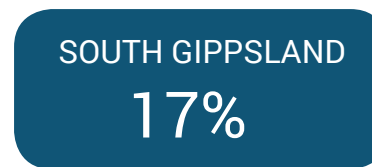


Immunisation Register

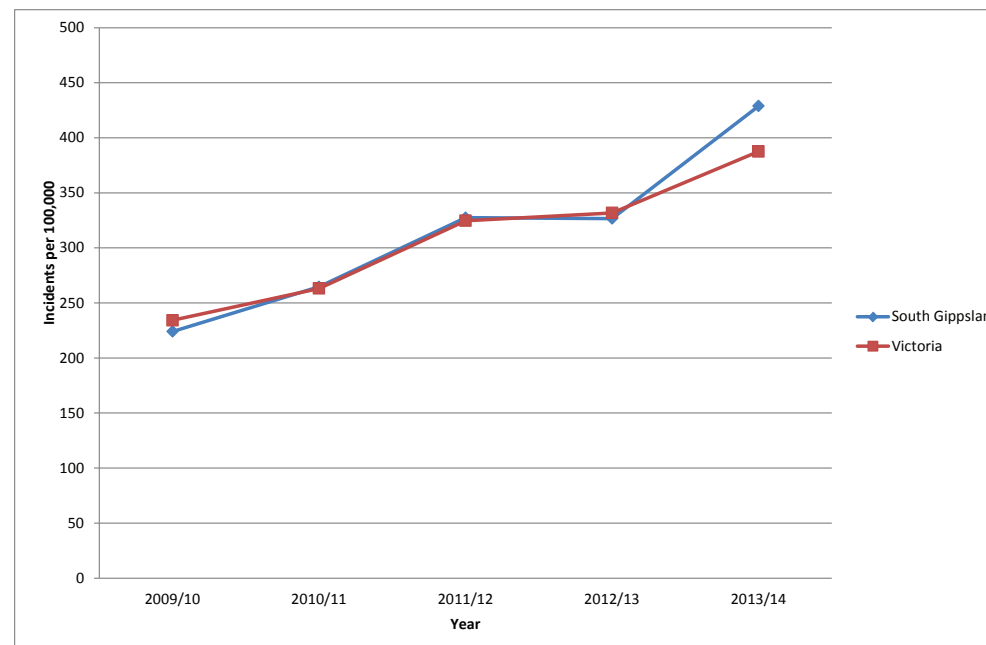
Children fully breastfed at 3 months



Children developmentally vulnerable in more than one domain



Family Violence where children are present South Gippsland



Victoria Police Family Incidence Report 2009 - 2014

Three towns with before and after school care
(out of 26)

6037
Unpaid Child Carers



How we developed the plan

The plan was developed in consultation with children, families and service providers in South Gippsland. Using surveys, drawings, interviews and discussions our community informed us about what would make South Gippsland more child friendly.

What children wished for in South Gippsland

Things to play with outside in the natural environment

- More rocks
- Sand at the park
- The beach

Things to support imaginative play

- Fairies
- Flying clouds
- A penguin
- Dump truck

Equipment to play on in parks and playgrounds

- A park
- A tunnel
- A bigger slide
- Bike trail in Korumburra