

Continued Support for Active Ageing

At its meeting yesterday, South Gippsland Shire Council endorsed An Age-friendly South Gippsland 2017-2021 – promoting active ageing in our community.

The plan ensures policies, services and structures related to the physical and social environment are designed to support and enable residents to age actively.

Council is committed to the older residents of our community and encourages participation in community life and values their knowledge, wisdom and life experiences.

An extensive consultation process was undertaken for the development of the plan as the Active Retirees Advisory Committee assisted with its development alongside 330 people who presented their views to help shape the plan.

South Gippsland Shire Council's Social Planning Officer Vicki Bradley was pleased that the plan had been finalised and would assist with future implementation of services.

"The plan aims to promote active ageing by removing barriers that people encounter as they grow older.

"We envision that the plan will strengthen and build effective partnerships between local agencies, levels of government and the community to support our older residents.

"This integrated approach has been identified as crucial to achieve an age-friendly South Gippsland," said Ms Bradley.

Those interested to view the plan can visit Council's website at www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/activeageing.

Further consultation will occur to develop the implementation plan that identifies partnerships and actions to meet the outcomes of the plan.

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