

Guidelines in Place for Liquor and Gambling

South Gippsland Shire Council adopted South Gippsland Liquor and Gambling Strategy at its meeting this week.

The Strategy provides direction for Council in planning for the health and protection of people in South Gippsland in relation to liquor and gambling.

The Strategy provides a range of recommendations including:

- Facilitation of an annual stakeholder forum.
- Support for training and events in gambling and alcohol harm prevention.
- Extensive community consultation to gain opinion regarding liquor and gambling in South Gippsland.
- A review of the South Gippsland Planning Scheme to include protective factors for liquor and gambling.
- The development of applicant guidelines outlining good practice in harm reduction.
- Inclusion of harm reduction strategies in the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021.

Significant consultation was undertaken with Victoria Police, local venue operators and health services who identified alcohol and gambling harm as an issue for our communities and licensees.

South Gippsland Shire Mayor Councillor Ray Argento said it was important that Council assisted the State Government with alcohol and liquor regulation in our local area.

“The strategy identifies the potential for changes to the South Gippsland Planning Scheme and further community consultation as methods for strengthening Council’s role in monitoring liquor and gambling applications.

“We want to ensure all of our community members have a high quality of life and we are taking these measures to ensure liquor and gambling are used in a safe manner,” said the Mayor.

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