

Community Reducing Gambling Harm

South Gippsland Shire Council has partnered with Leongatha Community House and Gambler's Help Gippsland to host a Responsible Gambling Awareness Week event this month.

The event will highlight how the community can take responsibility to minimise and prevent gambling related harm.

Gambling harm is having a negative impact on not only individuals but the broader South Gippsland community.

South Gippsland Shire Council's Social Planning Officer Vicki Bradley encourages anyone interested in working towards reducing the impact of gambling on our community to attend.

"Gambling is more promoted and accessible than ever before. This is making gambling seem to be a normal part of sport and other activities, thus often making it harder for people to recognise the potential harms.

"For every one individual affected by gambling harm another seven to 10 people are also impacted.

"This makes gambling harm a wider issue than just for individuals to manage. We encourage all community members to attend and discuss how this issue can be reduced in South Gippsland," said Vicki.

The Responsible Gambling Awareness Week Event will be held from 10.00am to 2.00pm on 27 October 2017 in Council Chambers, Michael Place, Leongatha. A two course hot and cold lunch will be provided with tea and coffee.

To register for this free community event contact Vicki Bradley on 5662 9200 or vicki.bradley@southgippsland.vic.gov.au

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