

## Plan Ahead for Safer Events

South Gippsland Shire Council would like to encourage all community groups and organisations holding an event to advise Council and complete an Event Guide to assist with their own planning.

The Event Guide is a vital step in event planning as it helps to ensure that Council and emergency service providers are aware of the event.

The Event Guide is available on Council's website and is designed to help event organisers plan to ensure their event runs smoothly and that they are prepared in case of an emergency.

Council's Coordinator Grants/Emergency Management Penni Ellicott said it was vital that Council had advice of local events to ensure that emergency services were aware of potential risks.

"Many of South Gippsland's local events may not need a permit but that does not mean they are less likely to encounter an emergency.

"By using the Event Guide, organisers can help ensure their event has been planned with consideration for most circumstances, and can assist Council with notifying emergency services if necessary.

"Council wants to ensure all events held in South Gippsland are a success; keeping Council aware of any potential events will assist with their safety and success on the day," said Ms Ellicott.

Council's Event Guide is available at: http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/downloads/file/643/event\_guide

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