

## Early Years planning in full swing

The deadline for children, parents and service providers to have their say on the future wellbeing of local families is drawing near.

Participants have until Thursday 17 March to submit the Municipal Early Years Plan 2016-2021 survey. The results will guide Council in its delivery of programs, services and spaces that support children eight years or younger and their families.

Online surveys for families and service providers and a printable survey designed for young children are available on Council's website at www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/earlyyearssurvey.

The short surveys are designed to assess the child-friendliness of a community from the family's perspective and from those interested in the wellbeing of young children.

Families and service providers will then be able to extend their involvement by taking part in one of three Municipal Early Years Plan focus groups. These will be held on;

## Monday 21 March, Foster Tuesday 22 March, Leongatha and Korumburra

Registrations must be made by calling Social Planning Officer, Vicki Bradley, on 5662 9809 or email <u>vicki.bradley@southgippsland.vic.gov.au</u>.

"We are really pleased with the responses to date from children, families and service providers to our survey," Mrs Bradley said.

"The focus groups will now give families and children the opportunity to go into further detail about the positives and/or negatives they experience in South Gippsland, which will help make our Municipal Early Years Plan relevant and sustainable."

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