

Time for Young People to Have Their Say

South Gippsland Shire Council is encouraging young people to share their views on their opportunities to engage, participate and feel included in the community for the Youth Strategy.

Council will hold two youth focused forums, facilitated by YLab, to direct young people's time and talent at reviewing the issues that matter to them and the systems which shape their lives and their communities.

YLab is a social enterprise that is a youth-led design service and global education provider launched by the Foundation for Young Australians.

YLab will design the forums to:

- Bring young people, Council and community organisations together, creating a space to co-design a Youth Strategy that is relevant to all young people in South Gippsland
- Develop a clear understanding of the experiences and challenges facing young people in South Gippsland
- Identify past and existing obstacles to youth engagement with local government and their local community
- Enable young people to articulate ways in which they would like to participate in the community and local government and have influence over the issues that matter to them

Council will be co-hosting the Mirboo North forum with the Mirboo North and District Community Foundation.

Council's Community Strengthening Support Officer Sophie Dixon is looking forward to listening to the knowledge shared at the forums.

"Facilitating these forums recognises that young people are experts on their own lives.

"They will also be a learning experience for Council to work alongside and engage young people using the latest tools, knowledge and practice in this area," said Ms Dixon.

The Youth Strategy Forums will be held on 6 September 2017 from 4.00pm to 8.00pm at Baromi Centre Mirboo North and 21 September 2017 from 4.00pm to 8.00pm at Council Chambers, Leongatha.

If you would like to be involved in the project or more information please contact Sophie Dixon on 5662 9200, sophied@southgippsland.vic.gov.au or visit the Facebook page SGYouthStrategy.

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