



Council to Withdraw From Community and Home Care Services

At its meeting this week South Gippsland Shire Council resolved to withdraw from the provision of Community and Home Care Services effective 1 October 2018 on the proviso that another suitable alternative service provider is able to continue to provide the service.

The change is a result of the impact on funding models of State and Federal Government reforms.

Client services will continue as normal at least until the 1 October and until such time as a new suitable provider is able to continue service provision. When a new provider is identified Council will work with them to ensure the smooth transition of the high quality service.

South Gippsland Shire Mayor Councillor Lorraine Brunt said the decision was the best course of action to balance the needs of the community and the capacity of the organisation.

“This has been a hard decision for those involved and I hope everyone can understand that it has not been made lightly. This affects some of the most vulnerable people in the community and highly regarded staff members.

“Unfortunately under future funding models Council could not continue to provide the service adequately. If we continued it would risk the quality of care for clients and our financial stability,” said the Mayor.

South Gippsland Shire Council’s Chief Executive Officer Tim Tamlin acknowledged the exemplary service provided by Community and Home Care Services staff.

“We will do our utmost to help our affected staff during this change; they have provided a fantastic service to our community which has not gone unnoticed.

“It is our intention to recommend these staff to the alternate service provider. This will help ensure that the local knowledge and expertise in this area isn’t lost,” said Mr Tamlin.

Council expects that clients will likely have further questions regarding the service and how these changes could impact them. These clients are encouraged to contact Council on 5662 9200 to ask questions and provide any feedback.

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