

Reducing Harm from Alcohol and Gambling

South Gippsland Shire Council is inviting the Mirboo North community to join experts in the field, frontline workers and Council staff to discuss how to support residents and visitors to minimise harm from alcohol and gambling.

The event will be held at the Baromi Centre on 18 April 2018 from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Guest speaker Gabi Byrne from ReSPIN will share her experiences with gambling and her extensive research into programs supporting recovery from gambling addiction.

South Gippsland Shire Council's Social Planning Officer Vicki Bradley has spoken on the importance of the event.

“Communities have an important role to play in reducing harm from alcohol and gambling. When communities work together to raise awareness, influence policy and regulations, implement local programs or develop shared messages they have the power to protect vulnerable members of their community from possible harm.

“The event is one of a range of community engagement events recommended in the South Gippsland Liquor and Gambling Strategy.

“The strategy identifies that while alcohol and gambling can provide safe recreation for many, there are those in the community who are at risk of harm from these activities, these events aim to work with communities to tailor solutions for their town,” said Vicki.

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