



South Gippsland Grant Success

South Gippsland Shire Council will receive \$50,000 under the Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation's Prevention Grants for Regional and Rural Victoria.

The project aims to work with community volunteers in local clubs, schools and organisations to spread the word and develop activities to prevent gambling harm.

Council will work in collaboration with Gambler's Help and the communities of Mirboo North and Leongatha on gambling harm prevention activities.

Ideas to be investigated with the communities as part of the project will include:

- Bringing information sessions to sporting clubs, schools and workplaces
- Supporting development of club, school and workplace policies that limit exposure to harmful levels of gambling
- Identifying and promoting activities that are gambling free
- Creating marketing messages to prevent gambling harm.

The project adds to the actions of the Liquor and Gambling Strategy adopted by Council in June 2017.

South Gippsland Shire Mayor, Councillor Lorraine Brunt, is encouraging the community to get involved.

"We will help communities to identify interventions and messages that are relevant, appropriate and accessible to the local community, club or workplace" said the Mayor.

Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation CEO Louise Glanville said that it made sense to partner with local organisations on gambling harm prevention activities to ensure community needs would be met.

"We are pleased to collaborate with South Gippsland Shire Council to raise awareness in the region of the risks and harms associated with gambling through a range of relevant, appropriate and accessible initiatives," Ms Glanville said.

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