

Leongatha Leadership Project Investigation

South Gippsland Shire Council wants to work with the Leongatha community to improve social, cultural, recreational and economic activity in Leongatha and surrounds.

Council already works closely with a wide range of local Leongatha-based groups including the Leongatha Business Association, service clubs, sporting clubs and Lyric Theatre. While many Leongatha organisations already share information and work together on a regular basis, this is often an informal process.

South Gippsland Shire Mayor Councillor Lorraine Brunt said that Council is keen to hear from the community about how to proceed. “Before we do anything we need to understand what the people of Leongatha want.

“Many people belong to business groups or service clubs or sporting organisations and the last thing we want to do is come in over the top of them and devalue their work. However, if we can assist to establish a network that helps them work better together, then that has the possibility to generate better outcomes for everybody – including Council.”

Council wants community feedback on the following questions:

- *Does Leongatha need a new network to build cooperation between local groups?*

OR

- *Do you think that the local groups already work well together without a new network?*
- *If you think a new network is required what form could it take?*
- *Should Council be directly supporting better networking between groups in Leongatha?*

There will be a number of ways for people to provide feedback:

- Online via the OurSay platform: oursay.org/southgippsland/leongatha-network
- In person:
 - Thursday 9 August, 7.00pm to 9.00pm, Council Chambers, Michael Place Leongatha
 - Tuesday 14 August, 10.00am to 2.00pm (drop-in session) Council Chambers, Michael Place Leongatha
- By email: council@southgippsland.vic.gov.au
- By letter: Private Bag 4 Leongatha 3953
- By calling 5662 9200 and speaking with one of the Community Strengthening team

Council staff will consider the ideas and comments collected through this process and provide a report to Council on 26 September.

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