

Community Champions Go Gambling Free

South Gippsland Shire Council is launching the Community Champions Go Gambling Free project to support the communities of Mirboo North and Leongatha to prevent gambling harm.

Project Support Worker Heather Butler will work in partnership with Gambler's Help to support schools, sporting clubs, community organisations and workplaces to develop policies and raise knowledge about harm from gambling.

Heather is a member of the Mirboo North community and knows Leongatha well; her marketing skills will support communities to develop messages to promote gambling free activities, policies and behaviours.

Community volunteers will be invited to get involved with the project, and will receive free training and travel costs, with the aim of building the capacity of the local community beyond the project end in June 2019.

The Community Champions Go Gambling Free project is a result of the South Gippsland Liquor and Gambling Strategy and has been supported with a grant from the Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation.

South Gippsland Shire Council's Social Planning Officer Vicki Bradley said she was pleased to be involved in such an influential project.

"There are residents in Leongatha and Mirboo North already passionate about reducing gambling harm so a grant to run this pilot program in Leongatha and Mirboo North is a great opportunity.

"We look forward to harnessing people's passion to develop a range of activities, policies and behaviours that reach the whole of the population and then promote gambling free activities to the broader community," said Vicki.

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