

## Respectful Relationships Artwork Displayed

South Gippsland Shire Council will transform the alley beside Memorial Hall, Leongatha into an outside gallery to showcase local students' respectful relationships artwork this coming week.

The project is part of the 16 Days of Activism Campaign (27 November to 10 December) run by Respectful Relationships teams across Gippsland in partnership with Gippsland Women's Health. The campaign asks people to draw a link between gender inequality, sexist jokes, traditional gender roles and men's violence against women.

Students from Gippsland schools participating in the Department of Education and Training's Respectful Relationships initiative were invited to take part in the poster design competition.

Ten posters have been selected from the categories of Primary, Secondary and Specialist Schools that display the following themes:

- What do respectful relationships look like?
- What does gender equality mean?
- Challenging gender stereotypes

Local winning entries have come from Fish Creek Primary, Inverloch and Kongwak Primary and Mirboo North Primary and Secondary Schools.

Further artworks are being displayed across Gippsland in various sites and formats (including Bass Coast, Wellington, Latrobe, East Gippsland and Baw Baw Shires).

South Gippsland Shire Council is an active supporter of community led projects that encourage respectful relationships.

South Gippsland Shire Council's Arts Development Officer Mary Sullivan was pleased to see the artwork displayed.

"We are very proud of all the students who have contributed these artworks to the project; their creativity sends a powerful message to the community," said Ms Sullivan.

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