



Community Clusters for South Gippsland

Throughout 2019 South Gippsland Shire Council will organise more opportunities for the wider community to meet with Councillors and Council staff to discuss local issues and priorities.

Part of this will be a trial of two clusters of communities who can meet on a regular basis – currently every three months – to help each other and provide local advice to Council on issues that they think Council can assist with.

The first meeting for the Eastern District will be held at Toora Hall on Thursday 21 February at 7.00pm. Including the communities of Port Franklin, Toora, Mount Best, Agnes, Welshpool, Port Welshpool, Hedley and all rural surrounding districts, the Toora meeting will feature a presentation by Council staff on Council's Gravel Roads Maintenance Plan.

The South Central Cluster includes Foster, Fish Creek, Yanakie and Sandy Point and all surrounding rural districts. The initial meeting in Foster is planned for 28 March – after the local community has recovered from the Prom Coast Festival.

South Gippsland Shire Council's Community Strengthening Officer Sophie Dixon will be coordinating the clusters.

"These cluster meetings will provide local communities with a great chance to share information with each other and work together on projects.

"Councillors and Council staff will be present at all meetings so that community members can provide direct advice to Council on local issues with the potential to develop stronger partnerships with Council," said Sophie.

The second meeting for the Eastern Districts will be held in Welshpool on 2 May and the second meeting of the South Central Cluster will be held at Sandy Point on 23 May. Further information is available by contacting Sophie on 5662 9200.

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