

## District Forums for South Gippsland

Throughout 2019 South Gippsland Shire Council is organising more opportunities for the wider community to meet with Councillors and staff to discuss local issues and priorities. One key way this will be undertaken is by holding local community forums across South Gippsland.

This process gets underway in late February with the first meeting to be held in Jumbunna Hall on Monday 25 February, commencing at 7.00pm. The purpose of the Forum is for people in the area around Jumbunna, Kongwak, Outtrim, Bena and Leongatha South to come and discuss matters that are important to the community. Council staff will also make presentations about projects that affect these particular areas.

Council will be holding forums of this nature in different locations across South Gippsland every month, with a forum at Tarwin Lower on 18 March and Poowong on 1 April. Community forums provide the local community with a great opportunity to share information with each other and work together on projects that need more than one town/district to complete. A full listing of the dates and districts will be available on Council's website.

Ned Dennis, Council's Coordinator of Community Strengthening, is positive about the prospects of the clusters.

"These community forums will provide an excellent opportunity for a wide cross section of our community to discuss local issues with Councillors and Council staff. It is important for communities to share information on local activity and issues with other neighbouring areas as well," said Ned.

For more information can be found on the Council website or be calling Ned on 5662 9200.

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