



## South Gippsland Welcomes *mecwacare*

South Gippsland Shire Council is pleased to welcome *mecwacare* to the region, following the decision last year to cease provision of Home Care services. *mecwacare* has established a base in Inverloch and has employed quite a number of local workers who will commence providing services to South Gippsland clients on Monday (1 April).

South Gippsland Shire Council's Director of Corporate and Community Service, Faith Page, is delighted that that *mecwacare* is starting work in South Gippsland.

"Behind the scenes there has been so much going on to ensure that the Federal and State Governments endorsed *mecwacare* as the provider of services in our region. Thankfully, with Council ceasing its provision of services on Sunday, *mecwacare* is poised and ready to kick off on Monday morning.

"The decision to exit the service was not one that Council took lightly. In fact, it was the culmination of a couple of years of research and discussion. With *mecwacare* providing services to our most vulnerable community members, though, we feel as though they'll be in good hands. *mecwacare* has 60 years of experience caring for clients right across the state. They're a not-for-profit organisation who we believe will be a good fit in our community.

"I'd like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the Home and Community Care staff who finish their employment with Council today. Their dedication to their clients has never wavered. In fact, they have worked harder than ever to help reassure our customers about the impending changes and have made sure that our clients are fully considered in every important decision. This is one of the reasons the team is so well respected both in the community and within our organisation," said Ms Page.

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