



Council Endorses the Business Friendly Charter

South Gippsland Shire Council will become a signatory of the Victorian Small Business Commission's Business Friendly Charter following its endorsement yesterday.

The Victorian Small Business Commission worked with 12 councils to develop the Business Friendly Charter and its six key elements. The Charter outlines the commitment from the Commission to work with Small Business Victoria and Council, whilst also outlining its expectations of Council to support small business needs.

Council's Manager of Economic Development and Tourism, Renae Littlejohn, is pleased that Council has endorsed the Charter.

"The Charter is an initiative of the Victorian Small Business Commission, which was set up by the Victorian Government to assist small businesses with a wide range of issues including dispute resolution and retail leases.

"The Charter will help create a fairer and more competitive trading environment for South Gippsland small businesses and effectively signals Council's leadership role in our dealings with small businesses and demonstrates our commitment to the sector.

"Some elements of the Charter will require work by Council over the next 12 months, such as streamlining permit processes but most others will occur quickly. We will work closely with local small businesses and the VSBC to highlight success stories that occur through the initiative," said Ms Littlejohn.

Those wanting more information on the Business Friendly Charter can visit the Commission's website www.vsbv.vic.gov.au/small-business-support/small-business-friendly-councils

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