

## Youth Strategy Implementation Plan Endorsed

South Gippsland Shire Council endorsed the Youth Strategy Implementation Plan 2019/20 at its meeting this week.

The implementation plan outlines the priorities for the first year of the South Gippsland Shire Council Youth Strategy 2019-2023. Initiatives aim to foster situations where young people are included under themes of environment, advocacy and representation, health and wellbeing and participation.

Over 200 young people were consulted during the development of both the Youth Strategy and the Implementation Plan. Discussions were held at community events and through the FReeZA Committee alongside surveys and local workshops.

South Gippsland Shire Council's Acting Chairman of the Panel of Administrators Christian Zahra AM was pleased to see an implementation plan underway.

"The strategy has been developed through the principles of co-design and has sought the voices of young people at every opportunity.

"Council staff are to be commended in particular for their outreach to connect with young people who are such an important part of the South Gippsland community but are often difficult to engage with in large numbers," Mr Zahra AM.

A report will be provided in August 2020 outlining the actions taken from this implementation plan. This will include notes from young people who are involved in the delivery of initiatives.

For more information and to view the Youth Strategy please visit Council's website

[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/strategies](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/strategies)

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