



Progress Update for COVID-19 Community Support Package

South Gippsland Shire Council endorsed Phase One of the \$2M COVID-19 Community Support Package at its meeting today.

The \$2M COVID-19 Community Support Package was created in response to the pandemic and aims to help support local communities and business to recover from challenges the crisis has presented.

The total cost of Phase One is estimated at \$740,614 and delivers a free influenza vaccination program, community and business grants, waiving of fees and charges and development and distribution of a community information brochure relating to support services.

Commencement of Stage One is subject to formal approval of the Annual Budget in June 2020. A future progress report is expected at the August Council Meeting.

South Gippsland Shire's Chair Administrator Julie Eisenbise is pleased to see the first stages of the support package take shape.

"Council is proud that due to our strong financial position we are able to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and put measures in place that will support our local community.

"This crisis has had a significant impact on everyone across South Gippsland and we want to ensure that the right measures are in place to get us back on our feet.

"To do this we are committed to investing \$2 million in our local community and in our local economy to help minimise some of the long term effects COVID-19 will have," said Ms Eisenbise.

Those wanting more information about the \$2M COVID-19 Community Support Package and the implementation of Phase One are encouraged to read the Council Meeting Minutes at www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/meetings

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