South Gippsland Shire Council News
Are You Fire Ready?

Fire season is almost upon us. To get our community ready, Council is providing a Green Waste Amnesty period that concludes on 31 December 2020.

Within the amnesty period, residents can dispose of their green waste for free at any of Council's transfer stations.

Council is offering this service to assist residents to remove potential fire hazards on their properties.

Hazard reduction is not a new concept to many of us, but it is a vital step to keep us and our community safe.

There are some species of plants that are not included during this amnesty period. If a species is not included, they must be disposed of in general waste and the applicable disposal fees paid. Some of the species not included are Blackberry, Ragwort and Cape Weed species.

For a full list of excluded species, please visit our website:
www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/greenwasteamnesty

You can view your local tips operating hours and locations at:
www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/tips

Share your views on Community Engagement

Council is committed to understanding the needs of its community and we believe that our decisions are improved through the process of community engagement.

Our Community Engagement Policy is currently under review and we want your feedback. This is also an opportunity for you to share how you want to be engaged with in the future.

Participate in our online survey and forum before 2 December at: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/engage

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Whilst COVID-19 pandemic restrictions are in force, Council Meetings will be conducted virtually and access to the live stream will be the 'open' component of Council Meetings. (**www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live**) Please contact our Council Business team on 03 5662 9200 should you require assistance.

COUNCIL MEETING (Virtual)
Wednesday 25 November 2020
(Meeting No.451) 2.00pm

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO PRESENT TO AND SUBMIT QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL
Expressions of Interest to present to and submit questions to Council and are still invited. During COVID-19 restrictions Council has adapted its usual open sessions, the Council Business Team will make contact with those parties who register an Expression of Interest. Refer to Council's website:
www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/councilmeetings
Please note: These sessions are virtual but not livestreamed.

FREE QPR TRAINING
QPR stands for: Question. Persuade. Refer. Three simple steps anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide.
Just as people trained in CPR help save thousands of lives each year, people trained in QPR learn how to recognise the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade, and refer someone to help.
Sessions are being held during November virtually and are free. For further details please visit:
www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/qpr

WORKS THIS WEEK
To see a list of works that Council will be undertaking this week, please visit our website:
www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/works

COUNCIL JOB OPPORTUNITIES
There are a number of career opportunities open at South Gippsland Shire Council. Interested to see what we have going? Check out our careers page here:
www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/employment

HELP IS AT HAND IF YOU ARE STRUGGLING TO PAY YOUR ENERGY BILLS
The Victorian Government has partnered with community organisations to deliver three support programs available now to all Victorians, free online and over-the-phone:
- Online events for households (accessible by computer, smartphone or tablet) at **energyinfohub.org.au/webinars**
- One-on-one bill support at: **bsl.org.au/services/energy-assistance/energy-assistance-and-brokerage/** or you can contact 1800 830 029
- Financial counselling providing confidential assistance at **moneysmart.gov.au/managing-debt/financial-counselling/** or contact the National Debt Helpline on 1800 007 007.

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