

\$2M COVID-19 Community Support Program Progress

South Gippsland Shire Council noted progress of the \$2M COVID-19 Community Support Program at its meeting this week.

Through this phase of the program Council has:

- Provided \$126,000 through Recreation Reserve Income Offset grants to support 22 recreation reserve committees;
- Waived \$192,475 of business registration and permits to provide relief to 710 local businesses;
- Printed and distributed 5,000 updated Community Information Brochures to keep the community informed of available support services; and
- Provided \$30,000 in grants to assist home-based businesses.

A further \$504,390 remains in the budget for further phases of the program and Council reports will be provided in the future for endorsement of each phase.

Quotes attributable to South Gippsland Shire Chair Administrator Julie Eisenbise:

South Gippsland Shire Chair Administrator Julie Eisenbise was pleased to see the \$2M COVID-19 Community Support Package provide welcomed relief for the South Gippsland community.

“This year has been difficult for many, which is particularly true for our local businesses and community groups. As a Council we are proud to be able to provide the \$2M COVID-19 Community Support Package as a means to remove some of the financial burden the pandemic has caused.

“While we hope that 2021 will be more favourable to us than 2020 has been, we are grateful to know that remaining funds are still available through the program and we have the opportunity to provide more support to those who need it most as we continue into recovery,” said Ms Eisenbise.

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