

## COVID-19 Community Support Program Grants Awarded

South Gippsland Shire Council has successfully expended its \$100,000 COVID-19 Community Support Program Grants.

Twenty-four grants were awarded to local not-for-profit groups and service providers to aid the local community over the past six months in response to the impact of COVID19. Grants for amounts between \$1,000 and \$5,000 were awarded in the following categories:

- Community Adaptation and Participation
- Technology Support
- Quick Response
- Community Connection.

Successful grant recipients included The Salvation Army – Leongatha, Manna Gum Community House, Lions Club of Mirboo North, Venus Bay Community Centre, Leongatha Community House and others.

Although the Community Support Program Grants have been exhausted, the COVID-19 Community Grants remain open with \$50,000 in funding still available. COVID-19 Community Grants are open to community groups and clubs in South Gippsland and can be used to offset operational costs due to COVID-19 disruption, to help with the purchase of COVID-Safe materials or to assist clubs to recover and re-open.

To find out more, please visit: <a href="www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/covidsupport">www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/covidsupport</a>

## Quote attributable to South Gippsland Shire Council Chair Administrator, Julie Eisenbise

"We are pleased to be able to provide funding to service providers to help them support others in our local community. South Gippsland service providers really stood up to the challenges presented by COVID-19 this year; implementing new support programs when needed and by simply being there for people. We are extremely thankful for the work they do to help South Gippslanders."