

## Round Two Community Leadership Program Participants Announced

The participants for round two of South Gippsland Shire Council's Community Leadership Program have been announced following a competitive short-listing process.

The successful applicants are Joshua Baker, Kim Cross, Jeremy Curtis, Susan Fleming, James Forbes, Penny Hamlett, Jamie Hutchison, Jessica Johnson, Peter Jones, Alexandra Lieb, Lisa O'Brien, Angelo Saridis, Jillian Staton, Vernon Suckling, Jenny Taylor, John Tebbutt, Bregje van Waterschoot, Imogen Whittaker, Sarah Wickman and Clare Williams.

The twenty applicants were selected from a particularly strong field. They were assessed on their submission - which included set selection criteria - and an interview. All of the applicants either live, work or are active in the South Gippsland community and hail from a wide range of local townships including: Leongatha, Berrys Creek, Poowong, Foster, Korumburra, Poowong, Yanakie, Walkerville, Nyora, Tarwin Lower, Port Welshpool, Jumbunna, Inverloch and Meeniyan.

The Community Leadership Program aims to equip participants with a set of skills that will enable them to effectively work with other people, strengthen their leadership capability, manage conflict and meet objectives.

Participants will partake in an intensive nine-session skills development program held between July and November in locations across South Gippsland. The development of a Community Leadership program was part of a suite of Ministerial recommendations made when Councillors were dismissed in 2019.

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

"We would like to thank everyone who nominated for round two of the Community Leadership Program. The program offers participants an opportunity to increase their leadership skills which can be used to inspire cooperation in others. It also helps to provide an understanding of the role of Councillors and Council and how people can work together for the benefit of their local community. The first round of the Community Leadership Program was very successful and we are confident that our second intake of participants will also enjoy the program and learn from it."