

Walk Against Family Violence

South Gippsland Shire Council hosted a Walk Against Family Violence today as part of the 16 Days of Activism campaign which aims to raise awareness about gender inequity and to prevent violence before it starts.

The walk started from Memorial Hall in Leongatha and headed down both sides of McCartin and Bair Streets before ending at the back of the Council offices in front of a banner reading 'Let's Chat'. The walk was attended by a large group of people wearing the colour orange to symbolise a bright future, free from violence.

Amongst the crowd were South Gippsland Shire Councillors Davies, Hersey, Rae, Keerie, Felton and Gilligan as well as CEO, Kerryn Ellis. The Council team joined representatives from local community houses as well as members of the public who came along to show their support. Approximately 40 people joined the walk.

The Walk Against Family Violence was just one of many campaigns that is being held across Gippsland as part of the 16 Days campaign. This year's theme is "Let's Chat Gippsland" which encourages people to have open conversations around issues - such as gender-based violence and inequity – to reduce stigma and raise community awareness.

For more information about the campaign, please visit: 16daysgippsland.com.au or www.respectvictoria.vic.gov.au

Quotes attributable to South Gippsland Shire Council Mayor Mohya Davies:

"Unfortunately family violence impacts every region, including South Gippsland. Today's walk was helping to send a message that it will not be tolerated. I would like to thank everyone who came along today and would encourage you to keep an eye out for other events that will be occurring as part of this year's 16 Days of Activism campaign."

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