

Feedback sought on Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan

At yesterday's Council meeting the draft Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan was endorsed for community consultation.

The Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan is an important document for South Gippsland as it sets out broad strategic directions, priorities and actions to support improving the health and wellbeing of local residents. It identifies five key themes:

- *Equity*
- *Improved Mental Wellbeing*
- *Increasing Healthy and Active Living*
- *Increasing Healthy Eating and*
- *Tackling Climate Change*

Extensive community consultation was undertaken to develop the draft plan, including conversations with key stakeholders such as local community groups and health and wellbeing service providers. It also incorporates information from other research projects and community surveys that were completed earlier this year.

The draft plan references priorities of the *State Health and Wellbeing Plan 2019–2023*, which is a requirement under the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008*, including strategies to address climate change and prevention of family violence.

The draft Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan can be viewed online at:

<https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/>

The consultation period closes 3 August, 2022.

Quotes attributable to South Gippsland Shire Council Mayor, Mohya Davies

"The Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan outlines priorities and actions that will provide guidance to Council and other health and wellbeing agencies that service the South Gippsland community. It is important that the plan identifies any issues currently facing our residents and actions to address them. It is also important that it considers areas we may need to concentrate on in the future. Feedback on this draft plan is encouraged - we would love to hear your thoughts and to know if there is anything else that

should be considered.”

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