

Community unites to prevent gender-based violence

Services and organisations have joined forces to prevent gender-based violence in Gippsland.

Let's Chat Gippsland is this year's regional campaign as part of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence. Launching on 25 November and running until 10 December, Let's Chat Gippsland is a local approach to this global event.

Our community is not safe for everyone. Violence against women and girls is particularly widespread. Gender-based violence is rooted in gender inequality, the abuse of power and harmful norms and stereotypes.

The campaign theme of Let's Chat seeks to remind people that social and attitude change starts with a simple conversation.

Gippslanders are encouraged to start a conversation, whether it be with their family, friends, colleagues, students or neighbours.

"We know that violence against women can be prevented and the first step is having important conversations about the issue and what we can all do" said Kate Graham, CEO Gippsland Women's Health.

This year sees a great diversity of free events and activities on offer across Gippsland.

"It has been a truly collaborative effort," said Ms. Graham.

Visit the Let's Chat website www.16daysgippsland.com.au for more information, event details and bookings. Also, look out for our social media campaign #LetsChatGippsland

Quote attributable to Mohya Davies, Mayor South Gippsland Shire Council:

"The 16 Days campaign shines a light on violence against all people, particularly women. The statistics are horrifying and it is important that campaigns like this continue to encourage positive conversations to put an end to this violence. If you can, please join us at an event in South Gippsland to show your support for an end to gender-based violence."

Events scheduled to be held in South Gippsland

Date/Time	Event	Location	Bookings
Thurs Nov 24 3pm	Myli in Real Life: 16 Days of Activism Events	Mirboo North Library	Bookings via Eventbrite
Nov 25 – Dec 10	Spot the Logo	South Gippsland Various Locations	
Mon 28 Nov	Myli in Real Life: 16 Days of Activism Events	Leongatha Library, 1pm Korumburra Library, 3pm	Bookings via Eventbrite
Wed Dec 7 2.30pm	Let's Chat: Walk Against Family Violence	Meet in front of Memorial Hall, Leongatha	