

## Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee

South Gippsland Shire Council is excited to announce Expressions of Interest for a new Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee is now open.

The formation of this Committee has come out of the *South Gippsland Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2022-2025*, which prioritises actions to ensure equal access for our community.

The Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee's first priority will be the development of a comprehensive South Gippsland Access and Inclusion Action Plan.

The Committee will be comprised of up to 15 members, including a minimum of five individuals who have lived experience of barriers to access and inclusion. It will aim to address the unique challenges faced by different groups, fostering communities where everyone can lead active and engaged lives.

The Committee will provide necessary advice to Council on issues of access and inclusion, promote inclusive practices, and contribute to the development and implementation of policies, strategies and plans. Regular Meetings will be held at least four times a year to ensure an ongoing dialogue.

Council will be hosting five information sessions across the Shire and online during April to provide information to community members who would like to be part of this Committee.

For more information, please visit: https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/eoi-access-inclusion-committee

## Quote attributable to Councillor Clare Williams, Mayor South Gippsland Shire Council:

"With the formation of the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee, we embark on a journey towards a more inclusive community. This Committee will co-design a comprehensive Access and Inclusion Action Plan reflective of our diverse community. I look forward to meeting those who make up this new Committee and the amazing work they do together."

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