

South Gippsland Shire Council Seeks Community Input on Pre-Prep Rollout

South Gippsland Shire Council is inviting parents, carers of young children, and people planning for a family to share their thoughts on the upcoming transition from Four-Year-Old Kindergarten to Pre-Prep. This community engagement opportunity aims to ensure the new program effectively meets local needs as it is implemented across the region.

As part of a Victorian Government initiative, Four-Year-Old Kindergarten will become Pre-Prep. From 2027, families will be able to access up to 20 hours of Pre-Prep each week.

The feedback gathered from the community will be vital in shaping how the program is delivered locally and will help support service providers in preparing for a smooth rollout.

Feedback can be provided via an online survey or attending one of the in-person focus groups scheduled across South Gippsland.

The focus group sessions are:

- **Korumburra:** Wednesday 8 October 4.30pm to 5.30pm at Karmai Community Children's Centre.
- **Loch:** Tuesday 14 October 10.30am to 11.30am at Loch Rec Reserve.
- **Leongatha:** Tuesday 14 October 4.00pm to 5.00pm at Leongatha Early Learning Centre.
- **Toora:** Tuesday 21 October 11.00am to 12.00pm at Toora Primary School.

Feedback closes on Monday 3 November.

To find out more information and complete the survey, please visit

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/pre-prep.

Quote attributable to Cr John Schelling, Mayor South Gippsland Shire Council:

"The transition to Pre-Prep is a significant change for early childhood education in Victoria, and we want to ensure it is introduced effectively here in South Gippsland. This is a unique opportunity for our community to help shape the future of early learning in our Shire.

"We're listening to parents, carers, and future families to understand their needs, so we can support a program that gives our children the best possible start. I strongly encourage everyone to share their feedback."

PR3004 30/9/25