

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

Expression of Interest: Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee



South Gippsland
Shire Council

South Gippsland Shire Council is working to ensure that everyone in our community has equal access to public spaces, goods, services and facilities. To achieve this goal, Council is creating an Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee to provide guidance on the creation of a South Gippsland Access and Inclusion Action Plan.

The Access and Inclusion Action Plan is part of the South Gippsland Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025 to 2029, which aims to improve the health and wellbeing of the community. The implementation plan outlines different actions and activities to reduce and eliminate barriers to inclusion.

The Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee will provide advice to South Gippsland Shire Council on:

- Access and inclusion issues.
- Promoting inclusion, access and equity.
- Development of the Access and Inclusion Action Plan.

About the Committee

The Committee will be made up of 15 members – nine community representatives with lived experience of barriers to access and inclusion, and five organisational members who work with access and inclusion issues.

Who Are We Looking For?

We are looking for organisation representatives who have an access and inclusion focus. This may be organisations that work with:

- People who have a lived experience of disability or have experience caring for someone with a disability.
- People who experience barriers to inclusion due to their gender identity, ethnicity or sexual orientation.
- The LGBTQI+ community.
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- People who are neurodivergent.
- Older Australians.

We are also excited to hear from organisations:

- Who are keen to help make South Gippsland more accessible and inclusive.
- That have experience working with other groups outside of their organisation.
- Who want to contribute to the creation of the Access and Inclusion Action Plan.

How to Complete this Form

We will ask you questions to help us understand the work you and your organisation does.

There is space available where you can write your response to each question.

If you have any questions about filling in this form, please contact Emma Foley (Community Health and Wellbeing Officer) on 5662 9200 or via email to emma.foley@southgippsland.vic.gov.au.

Organisation Details

Organisation Name: _____

Organisation Number: _____

Organisation Email: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person at Your Organisation

Contact Name: _____

Contact Number: _____

Contact Email: _____

About You

Question 1: Please briefly describe the work your organisation does and your goals.

Please keep your response to a maximum of 200 words.

Question 2: What barriers to access and inclusion does your organisation seek to address?

Please keep your response to a maximum of 500 words.

[illegible]

Question 3: How does your organisation seek to overcome these barriers?

Please keep your responses to a maximum of 500 words.

[illegible]

Question 4: What does your organisation see as the primary access and inclusion barriers within South Gippsland?

Please keep your responses to a maximum of 500 words.

[illegible]

Question 5: What knowledge, skills and experience can your organisation bring to this group?

Please keep your responses to a maximum of 500 words.

[illegible]

Question 6: Has your organisation worked with other groups and individuals in a group like this before?

Please described the group and what the outcomes of the group were.

Question 7: Please list any relevant groups that your organisation is currently involved with.

Meeting Procedures

Question 1: Can you attend four meetings per year?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Question 2: Which days work best for you? Please select any that work.

☐ Monday ☐ Thursday

☐ Tuesday ☐ Friday

☐ Wednesday

Question 3: What is the best time for you to meet?

☐ Morning

☐ Afternoon

☐ Evening

What Happens Next?

The Community Development team at South Gippsland Shire Council will review the Expressions of Interest. From this list, Council will narrow it down to those who might be considered as Committee members.

The Community Development team will be in touch with you by **16 February 2026** to let you know if you were successful or not.

What Do I Do with my Form?

Once you have finished this form, you can return it via:

- Email to: emma.foley@southgippsland.vic.gov.au
- Dropping it off at Council reception: 9 Smith Street Leongatha.
- Posting to: South Gippsland Shire Council, Private Bag 4 Leongatha VIC 3953.

If you have any trouble completing this form, please call Emma Foley on 5662 9200.

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