



## Creating Positive Change in Your Community

South Gippsland Shire Council is excited to announce the arrival of the Change Makers Program. Change Makers is a 10 day program spread over nine months developed to support community members to design and plan a community project that will create positive change.

The program, funded by the State Government and the South Gippsland Shire Council, will build the success of community projects across South Gippsland. “The aim is to teach participants the essential skills for growing and successfully implementing an idea for change or improvements in their community,” said Dana Hughes, South Gippsland Shire Council’s Volunteer Development Officer.

Change Makers will commence in March and finish in November 2019. Participants will attend one day a month over that time and the sessions will be held in different towns to enable the group to see what different towns have to offer the community.

“Change Makers is for anyone who has an idea for positive change in their community and who is interested to learn how to refine and deliver the idea. Places are limited so now is the time to apply.” said Dana.

South Gippsland Shire Council’s Coordinator Community Strengthening, Ned Dennis is encouraging interested community members to get involved.

“People don’t have to have fully formed ideas. This is their chance to test the idea and refine it into something that other people will join them as well. It makes for stronger communities,” said Mr. Dennis.

Expressions of Interest to participate in the program are open now and close on February 18. Details can be found on Councils’ website or phone Dana Hughes 5662 9384 or email [volunteer@southgippsland.vic.gov.au](mailto:volunteer@southgippsland.vic.gov.au)

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