



South Gippsland  
Shire Council

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# COVID-19 Visitor Economy Grants Open!

Local tourism businesses in South Gippsland that have experienced a downturn due to COVID-19 may be eligible for assistance under our new COVID-19 Visitor Economy Grants.

The grants are part of Council's \$2M COVID-19 Community Support Package and aim to assist tourism businesses that are open to the public and rely on the visitor economy (such as accommodation premises, tour operators or farm gate experiences).

Eligible businesses will receive a grant of \$1,000 (ex GST) that can be spent on essential business fees, services or materials.

Grant funding should be spent in South Gippsland to further support our local

economy. Spending locally means that other people and businesses in our community can also benefit.

We know our tourism sector is doing it tough right now with COVID-19 restrictions impacting visitor numbers. Our hope is that these grants will provide some immediate relief at this difficult time.

To check your eligibility and make an application please visit:  
[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/covidsupport](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/covidsupport)

Visitor Economy Grants close on 18 September or earlier if the funding allocation is exhausted.

### SOUTH GIPPSLAND COVID-19 Community Grants NOW OPEN



**COVID19 Community Grants and Support Program Grants** provide funding for the delivery of projects and activities that will support our region to respond to, and recover from, the impacts of COVID-19. Community groups, clubs, service providers and not-for-profit organisations are encouraged to review the criteria and submit an application. To find out more, please visit:

[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/covidsupport](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/covidsupport)

**Applications open 1 August and close when funding is exhausted.**

Whilst COVID-19 pandemic restrictions are in force, Council Meetings will be conducted virtually and access to the live stream will be the 'open' component of Council Meetings.

Please contact the Council Business team should you require assistance with any aspect of Council Meetings.

#### **COUNCIL MEETING (Virtual)**

Wednesday 23 September 2020 (Meeting No.449)  
2.00pm

#### **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO PRESENT TO AND SUBMIT QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL**

Expressions of Interest to present to and submit questions to Council are still invited. During the COVID-19 restrictions Council has adapted its usual open sessions, the Council Business Team will make contact with those parties who register an Expression of Interest.

Refer to our website:

[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/councilmeetings](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/councilmeetings)

#### **SUPPORTING SOCIAL CONNECTION DURING COVID-19**

For many Victorians, physical distancing and social or work-related restrictions have led to feelings of loneliness and disconnection. For people who were already feeling lonely or isolated before the pandemic, it's been even harder to get help.

Support is available to those who need assistance through Council's Community Connector who can be called on 5662 9370.

Our Community Connector will organise supports available in our region. The supports themselves can be provided from a range of organisations such as multicultural organisations, universities of the third age, neighbourhood houses, men's sheds and volunteer groups to name a few. They might include:

- Emotional support such as regular chats with a like-minded local.
- Practical help such as running errands or helping people to video chat with friends and family.
- Social activities such as linking into online book clubs, fitness groups or volunteering opportunities.

The Australian Red Cross also is available for social support on the COVID-19 hotline on 1800 675 398.

#### **IMPOUNDED VEHICLE**

Council impounded the following vehicle in accordance with Schedule 11 of the *Local Government Act 1989* on 2 September from Moncur Court, Venus Bay:  
2002 White Ford Utility 6FPAAJGCM2J58943  
Unless the vehicle is collected and relevant fees paid within 14 days of the date of this notice, the vehicle will be offered for sale to the public. For enquiries, please contact Local Laws.

#### **WORKS THIS WEEK**

To see a list of works that Council will be undertaking this week, please visit our website:  
[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/works](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/works)

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**Please note: Our customer service centre is currently closed due to COVID-19. Payments are not available to be taken over the phone at this time. BPAY and online payments are still available.**