



## Community Leadership Program: Applications Closing Soon!

Applications for the 2025 South Coast Community Leadership Program are closing Sunday 2 February. Don't let this rare opportunity to level up your leadership skills pass you by.

The Community Leadership Program is a free program led by South Gippsland and Bass Coast Shire Councils, open to people aged 18 and over, who live, work or volunteer in the region. Participants will learn how to build their leadership skills, explore new ways of leading and connect with other like-minded local people.

Throughout the program you will learn to think critically, set goals, promote constructive and healthy communication, solve problems, make decisions and even motivate others. The workshop topics include:

- Project planning.
- Understanding how Council works.
- Emotional intelligence and understanding in leadership.
- Culture and inclusion.
- Board/committee governance.
- Values.
- Public engagement and storytelling.
- Strategic leadership.
- Networking and getting to know your local government area.

Selected participants will take part in 11-sessions held between March and August and pre-session activities.

Connect with like-minded people and unlock the leader within by applying for the South Coast Leadership Program. For more information and to apply, please visit:

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

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

*"I would encourage anyone who wants to become an inspiring leader to sign up for the South Coast Community Leadership Program.*

*"This Program offers practical skill development in a supporting environment. There are many benefits in upskilling and through this Program I've seen people start their own businesses, take on roles with more responsibility in community groups, and even become councillors.*

*I can't recommend this Program enough!"*

**Quote attributable to Bass Coast Shire Council Mayor, Rochelle Halstead:**

*"Time is running out to submit your application to participate in this fantastic program!*

*"Supporting leadership skills and development is a win-win. It's great for the person involved and it is fantastic to have those skills in our communities. We're looking for applications from anyone who has a real passion for their community and would benefit from this program.*

*"If you know someone who would be well suited to this amazing opportunity, then please encourage them to get in quick and submit an application before 2 February 2025."*

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