

South Coast Community Leadership Program Begins

The South Coast Community Leadership Program cohort for 2025 have started their learning journey.

The group of 25 participants from across Bass Coast and South Gippsland Shire came together for the first time on Saturday 15 March at the Korumburra Community Hub and relished the opportunity to connect. The successful participants are listed below:

- Nikole Schellekens
- Jessica Egglestone
- Claire Chitty
- Liza Lee
- Anita Reid
- Christina Charge
- Holly Foster
- Amanada Watts
- Stephen D Gow
- Donalda Oliver
- Samara Hodgson
- Heather Wright
- Sandy Norton
- Nicole Creaser
- Glenn Odgers
- Lily Akers
- Sarah Paynter
- Mary-Jayne Drury
- Mandy Chancellor
- Kim Storey

- Nicole Treloar
- Don Turner
- Jerrie Liberati
- Harry Freeman
- Edward Allis

The South Coast Community Leadership Program aims to equip participants with a set of skills that will enable them to effectively work with other people, strengthen their leadership capability, manage conflict and meet objectives.

Participants will take part in a further 10 sessions between now and August in locations across South Gippsland and Bass Coast.

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

“It was a pleasure to meet the participants for the 2025 South Coast Community Leadership Program on Saturday and participate in some activities together. I look forward to watching these participants develop over the next five months and the effectiveness of delivering the Program alongside our neighbours at Bass Coast Shire Council.”

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

“This program is a fantastic opportunity for emerging leaders to build their skills, connect with like-minded individuals, and make a real difference in their communities. Leadership takes many forms, and simply stepping forward to be part of this journey is an important first step. I have no doubt that each participant will bring something unique to the program, and I look forward to seeing the positive impact they will have across our region.”