

Consultation Report – South Gippsland Healthy Communities Plan 2021 – 2022

Consultation for the Healthy Communities Plan 2021 – 2022 was undertaken with a broad range of stakeholders, staff and the community between November 2020 and June 2021.

Consultations were undertaken with health and wellbeing stakeholders, community members in face-to-face workshops and via survey available on Council's website. Our Story, a detailed population data resource and 5 minute animated video was developed to support consultations.

Preparing Our Story – Community Health and Wellbeing Profile

Our Story is a detailed set of health and wellbeing data for South Gippsland and Bass Coast now available on Council's website [Public Health Plans and Events | South Gippsland Shire Council](#)

Our Story – animated video. To support consultations a summary of Our Story was developed into a 5 minute animated video [Our Story - Health and Wellbeing - YouTube](#).

South Gippsland Shire Council joined Bass Coast and South Coast Primary and Community Partnership to develop a community health and wellbeing profile Our Story. Our Story was updated with the most current health and wellbeing data and will be kept up to date as data is released over the next four years.

Our Story animated video was used to introduce each consultation session with health and wellbeing stakeholders and community members. Our Story animated video was also used as an introduction an online consultation survey.

Stakeholder workshops

A series of two stakeholder workshops were held in November 2020. Due to COVID-19 restrictions each workshop was held online via Zoom. Participants include Council staff from South Gippsland and Bass Coast Shire Councils, partners from current health and wellbeing action plans for South Gippsland and Bass Coast. A total of 30 participants contributed to the workshops online or via email if unable to attend.

In the first workshop participants viewed Our Story animated video and discussed the priority issues relating to South Gippsland and Bass Coast. The Victorian Health and Wellbeing Plan priority areas were discussed and the most important State priorities identified for our community. The second workshop included a poll of participants based on the priorities identified in the first workshop and outcomes for each priority identified by participants.

Affordable housing, mental health, prevention of family violence and climate change and its influence on health and wellbeing were clear priorities for health and wellbeing stakeholders. This group will be re-engaged to establish participation on the 2021 – 2022 healthy communities action plan.

Community Workshops

Workshops were advertised via an advertisement in local newspapers via Council publications and distribution of flyers across the Shire. Flyers were displayed from April to June in five libraries, on

noticeboards or shop windows in Koonwarra, Korumburra, Leongatha, Loch, Meeniyah and Poowong. Flyers included a link and QR code to allow people to connect to an online survey.

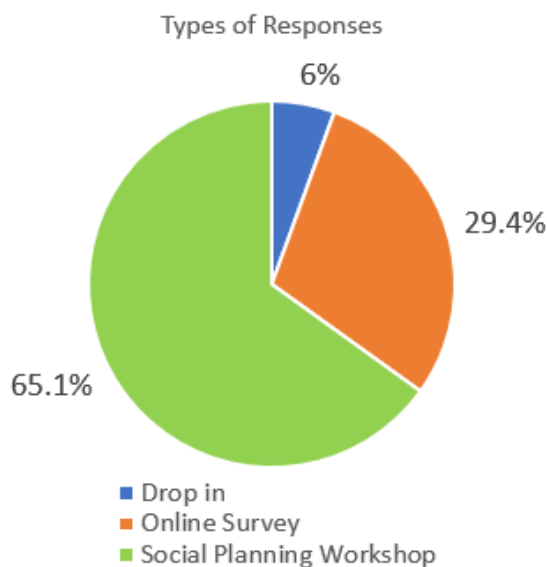
Direct contact was made with a broad range of community groups including community houses, men's sheds, primary and secondary schools, TAFE Gippsland, Yooralla and a supported playgroup.

Community consultation drop in sessions and workshops took place during May 2021 in Nyora, Korumburra, Leongatha, Meeniyah, Tarwin Lower, Venus Bay, Foster and Mirboo North. Social planning staff visited 14 groups across a range of towns. A total of 74 people attended workshops. Our Story animated video was shown at each consultation prior to asking participants to respond to two questions. 1. What health and wellbeing issues are you concerned about? 2. What do you think would improve health and wellbeing in our community?

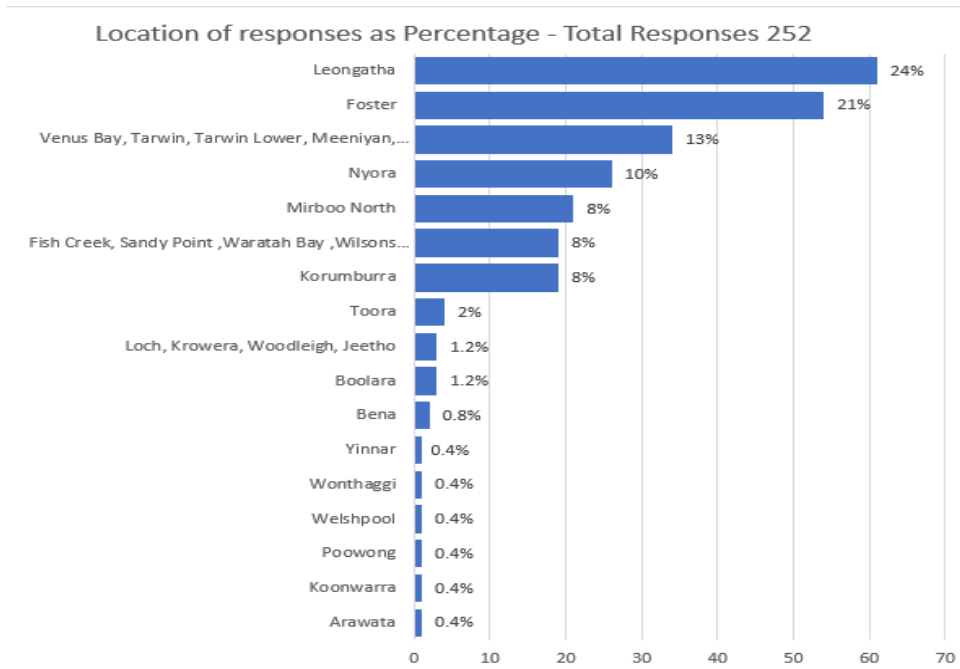
Consultation surveys

An online survey was available on Council's website for six weeks from April to mid-June. Our Story animated video was available for respondents of the survey. The survey asked respondents to provide their age, postcode and to answer the same two questions as those posed above with the workshop participants.

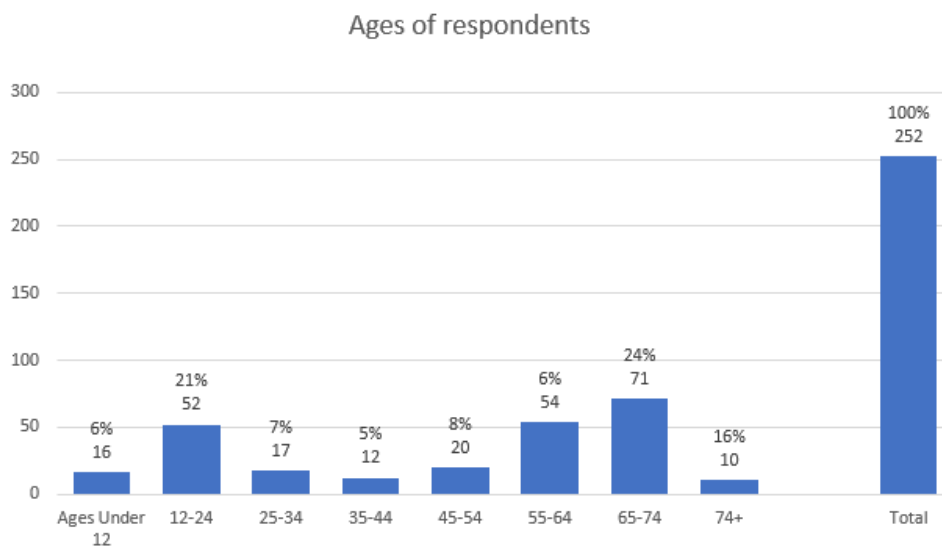
A total of 252 people participated in workshops or responded to the survey. Of these 6 percent responded in drop in sessions, 29.4 percent in online survey and 65.1 percent in face-to-face workshops.



Responses were received from residents living in towns across the Shire as outlined in the chart below.



A broad age range of responded to the consultations with the greatest proportion aged over 65 (40%) followed by 21 percent aged 12 – 24.



The Healthy Communities Plan 2021 – 2022 is an interim 12 month plan so was not presented for public exhibition.