



## New Community Cluster for Western District

South Gippsland Shire Council will be establishing a new way of working with community groups and associations across the western district this year, following a successful trial in the Eastern and South/Central areas. Cluster meetings – as they are colloquially called – will be convened to bring together groups in Loch, Bena, Nyora, Poowong and the surrounding rural districts in the western area.

Four cluster meetings will be held during 2020, with locations rotated throughout the year. The meetings will provide an opportunity for groups to come together to meet with Council representatives and each other, to discuss local issues and priorities.

Council's Community Strengthening Officer Barbara Look is excited to see the new western district cluster established.

“Cluster meetings are a great way for community groups and associations in neighbouring areas to come together and hear and share ideas and to provide advice to Council on issues affecting their respective areas.

“Each meeting will also feature different presentations by a variety of speakers. Our first western cluster meeting will include a presentation by Council staff on the Great Southern Rail Trail extension and the L2P Learner Driver Program,” said Ms Look.

The first meeting for the Western District Cluster will take place at the Bena Hall on Tuesday 4 February, commencing at 6.45pm. Community groups and organisations from Bena, Loch, Nyora and Poowong and district are invited to attend.

To register your interest or to find out more, please contact Barbara Look on 5662 9200 or email [barbara.look@southgippsland.vic.gov.au](mailto:barbara.look@southgippsland.vic.gov.au)

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