

SOUTH WEST KIDS



AUGUST 2020 UPDATE

WHY THIS PROJECT?

Coming off the back of COVID-19, South West Kids' aim is to establish an organisation that repurposes and distributes donated children's goods to families in need across South West Victoria using the existing St Kilda Mums* model.

STAGE ONE of this three-stage project will see the **Leadership Great South Coast 2020** team deliver a scoping report to demonstrate the need for the local organization, recommend an organizational structure and establish a functioning steering committee.

OUR PROGRESS TO DATE

After an extensive project planning phase, we have been working on a scoping report to demonstrate the need for a local organisation.

We developed surveys for three different interest groups, and surveyed people from more than 30 different organisations. Through the engagement with key stakeholders and collating the data gathered through the surveys, the scoping report identified:

- Three key services that provide a similar service to South West Kids
 - While the services are meeting needs where they can, there is still an unmet need in the community.
 - All three current services would consider partnering or collaborating with South West Kids in the future.
 - There was overwhelming support for an organisation such as South West Kids being established. Current service users and current service providers were 100% supportive of an organisation such as South West Kids being developed while op shops were over 80% supportive.

Based on the evidence of this scoping report and the overwhelming positivity we received when speaking to the community our recommendation is to continue the process to develop the organisation South West Kids.

WHAT ARE WE WORKING ON NEXT?

We are currently working on a report to present options for the best not-for-profit **organisational structure** to meet the community needs. We are consulting with similar organisations and researching the implications of different legal structures.

WHERE TO FROM THERE?

Once the organisational structure report is complete we will then focus on establishing a **steering committee** to guide the project beyond Stage 1.

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