



## Making Submissions on Council's Proposed Budget

At its meeting yesterday, South Gippsland Shire Council endorsed its 2016/17 Proposed Annual Budget.

The budget will be open for public exhibition and comment from the 29 March 2016 to 27 April 2016. It provides residents with the opportunity to have their views about the budget considered by Council before the final budget is adopted.

Submissions will be accepted by email to [submission@southgippsland.vic.gov.au](mailto:submission@southgippsland.vic.gov.au) and postal responses to Private Bag 4, Leongatha.

While all written submissions will be accepted until 5:00pm on the 27 April, email responses are preferred to ensure timely submissions are received.

South Gippsland Shire Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mohya Davies said it was vital that the community had their say on the Proposed Budget.

"Ensuring we create an annual budget that is community focused is a high priority; we have worked alongside the community through the online Our Say platform and at the subsequent community forum at Coal Creek. These opportunities for feedback in addition to all of our hundreds of community interactions have helped to inform the Proposed Budget.

"Council encourages South Gippsland residents to consider and make comment on the Proposed Budget. Community engagement is important for the success of Council's future direction and initiatives in South Gippsland.

"All submissions will be considered and we look forward to hearing your feedback and ideas," said Cr. Davies.

The endorsed 2016/17 Proposed Annual Budget will be available to view on Council's website as part of the minutes for the 23 March Council meeting.

All those who make a written submission will be given the opportunity to present to Council on 18 May 2016 if they wish.

Council will consider the final budget at its meeting on the 22 June 2016.

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