

Amenities upgrade at Franklin River Reserve

As a result of increased patronage, facilities and associated infrastructure will be upgraded at Franklin River Reserve to continue to support free-of-charge camping.

The decision is in line with Council's 2014 Recreational Vehicle Strategy (RV Strategy), which supports 48 hour free-of-charge camping at the reserve.

Free-of-charge camping at Franklin River Reserve has increased substantially in recent years, putting a strain on existing infrastructure and increasing maintenance requirements which protect the reserve's environmental values.

Acting Director Sustainable Communities and Infrastructure, John Moylan, said free-of-charge camping appealed to different visitor markets, provided a valuable contribution to the local economy and promoted repeat visitation to South Gippsland.

"Camping at the reserve provides a different tourism experience and choice for visitors to the region," he said. "But with a current lack of resources to monitor the length of stays and to maintain amenities, the reserve is challenged under the pressure and it is in our best interest to increase funding and support."

Photo caption: Locality plan of Franklin River Reserve.

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