

## Another Year of Achievement

South Gippsland Shire Council's draft 2015/16 Annual Report recognises the achievements of the organisation over last 12 months. The report will be presented to Council at its meeting on 28 September.

The draft Annual Report captures a number of key accomplishments attained throughout the year that will help realise the outcomes of the Council Plan: a prosperous shire, closely connected communities, integrates services and infrastructure and a leading organisation.

The report opens with a number of undertakings requested by the community that Council delivered:

- Collected more recyclables than landfill waste for the first time in Council's history.
- Advocated to VicRoads for major repairs to the South Gippsland Highway.
- Invested \$6.2M in local road resealing and \$15.3M into road maintenance.
- Completed the Black Spur section of the Great Southern Rail Trail with new signage and marketing to be introduced.
- Commenced construction of the Karmai Community Children's Centre with the official opening planned for early 2017.
- Built a new skate park in Leongatha with involvement from 800 young people.
- Developed a business case for a regional equestrian facility at Stony Creek.
- Increased the number of visits to Council's pools to an average of more than 3,200 per week.
- Developed an Arts and Tourism Policy in partnership with the arts community.

South Gippsland Shire Mayor, Councillor Bob Newton is proud of the achievements made by Council in the last year of its term.

"Despite perceptions to the contrary, this annual report demonstrates the hard work, service and commitment to provision of excellent facilities that Council provides to the community each and every year.

"The results in the annual report are the outcome of great future planning and the dedication of Council staff who successfully implement these plans and ideas.

"We hope the community can recognise the outstanding work that can be achieved when both Council and the community work together to benefit the whole of South Gippsland," said the Mayor.

Individuals wishing to view South Gippsland Shire Council's Draft 2015/16 Annual Report can visit Council's website [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/annualreport](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/annualreport)

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