

Dumped Rubbish Disgrace

South Gippsland Shire Council would like to remind residents of the costs associated with dumped rubbish after a significant amount of household waste was dumped at a rest stop along Hulls Road, Leongatha recently.

Any dumped rubbish left on Council owned land requires investigation by the Local Laws team and clean up by the Depot crews.

Not only does cleaning up the rubbish incur a cost to ratepayers, fines can be issued to perpetrators.

On the spot fines of \$311 can be issued for small amounts of litter while the court can impose fines of up to \$9,000 and/or a term of imprisonment for large amounts dumped.

Council's Local Laws Coordinator Bruce Gardiner was appalled by the rubbish dumped that included household waste such as spoiled food, dirty nappies and cardboard boxes.

"It is frustrating that individuals are dumping their rubbish particularly for household waste if they have a waste service available.

"Cleaning up dumped rubbish takes time out of our regular duties which could be avoided if the rubbish is disposed of correctly.

"South Gippsland is known for its natural beauty and we wish to keep the region clean of litter to maintain this identity," said Mr Gardiner.

Council has been investigating the rubbish dumping and has been in contact with the individuals believed to be responsible.

Residents are urged to dispose of their waste correctly and reminded that excess waste that cannot fit in their bins as part of a household waste service can often be taken to local transfer stations.

Travellers are encouraged to take their rubbish with them when travelling during the holiday season if areas do not have public litter bins available.

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