



Waste Management Strategy out for public comment

Council has developed a new draft Waste Management Strategy 2016-2021 (WMS) to guide its waste management activities for the next five years.

The new draft document was developed after a review of the existing Waste Management Strategy 2011-2021, which identified that many of the recommended actions of the Strategy had been implemented or were no longer relevant.

This updated WMS reinforces Council's commitment to provide sustainable solutions for the collection, disposal and resource recovery from waste generated within South Gippsland Shire.

Developed by Council's Waste Management team, this WMS describes strategies and actions to be undertaken by Council with the key aim, according to Sustainability Coordinator, Geoff McKinnon, to reduce waste to landfill and increase the recovery of materials for recycling through the development and improvement of current waste management practices.

"The waste management industry is rapidly changing," Mr McKinnon explained, "and actions within this strategy have been developed with consideration of current waste management practices and likely and potential changes that may occur in the waste industry during the timeframe of the document."

The provision of waste management services, including landfill construction, operation, rehabilitation and aftercare, transfer stations management, kerbside garbage, recycling and green waste collection services, public litter and recycling bin services, hard waste collection and other waste management activities accounts for (on average) more than \$4M of Council's annual budget.

The draft strategy is now open for public comment until 31 March 2017. The document can be downloaded from Council's website while hard copies are available for viewing at the Council offices and at libraries across the Shire.

Submissions can be made via Council's website or in writing to Waste Management Strategy, Private Bag 4, Leongatha 3953.

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