

Draft Budget Ready for Comment

South Gippsland Shire Council endorsed the 2017/18 Proposed Annual Budget at its meeting yesterday.

The budget has been prepared in accordance with the two per cent rate cap announced by the Minister for Local Government Natalie Hutchins.

Under the rate cap policy Council will receive \$27 million less than forecast in rates and charges revenue over the next fourteen years.

South Gippsland Shire Mayor Councillor Ray Argento said it was vital to create a budget that was community focused.

“Despite the increased financial pressure rate capping places us in Council is glad to see we are still currently financially stable and able to provide capital works projects for the community.

“While we are financially sustainable at the moment the continuation of rate capping will continue to reduce our operating capacity,” said the Mayor.

Public submissions are being sought on the budget until Wednesday 26 April 2017 at 5.00pm.

Individuals wishing to make a submission on the Annual Budget can do so by addressing the Chief Executive Officer, South Gippsland Shire Council and send it via email to submissions@southgippsland.vic.gov.au.

Alternatively submissions can be addressed to, Private Bag 4, Leongatha 3953 or delivered to the Council Office, 9 Smith Street, Leongatha.

A public hearing of submitters that have requested to be heard will be held on 17 May 2017 at 10.45am.

Council will consider and determine submissions at a Special Meeting of Council on 24 May 2017.

Please see a list of capital works projects allocated for in the 2017/18 Proposed Annual Budget on the next page.

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List of capital works projects allocated for in the 2017/18 Proposed Annual Budget:

- \$565,899 - Buildings Renewal Program
- \$950,000 - Community Capital Works Allocation
- \$142,694 - Waratah Bay Caravan Park Toilet Block
- \$25,000 - RSL Land Swap Investigation
- \$1.03 million - Fleet Purchases
- \$1.2 million - Plant Purchases
- \$1.5 million - IT Capital Works
- \$4.59 million - Bair Street Redevelopment
- \$1.8 million - Road Reseals
- \$829,348 - Road Reseal Preparation
- \$110,692 - Guard Rails Replacement
- \$195,135 - Capital Works Design
- \$179,393 - Korumburra Commercial Streetscape
- \$130,650 - Walkerville North Road and Retaining Wall Protection
- \$2.1 million - Bena Kongwak Bridge
- \$104,040 - Bridge Rehabilitation Program
- \$91,941 - Major Culvert Renewal Program
- \$320,000 - Powneys Road Bridge
- \$221,450 - Footpath Extension Program
- \$319,129 - Footpaths Renewal
- \$133,644 - Drainage Rehabilitation
- \$379,199 - Pools Renewal Program
- \$61,200 - Koonwarra Landfill Cells Cap
- \$431,805 - Leachate Evaporation System
- \$86,710 - Long Jetty Caravan Park
- \$107,699 - Yanakie Caravan Park