

Council Sets Future Plans

At its meeting yesterday South Gippsland Shire Council endorsed the draft 2017 – 2021 Council Plan to go out for public consultation.

The draft plan balances sense of community and growth for the future of South Gippsland. It provides a guideline for sensible development to retain and enhance community life while meeting economic demands.

In drafting the plan Council has considered community feedback and Councillors' ideas through a range of mediums including OurSay, Community Satisfaction Surveys, letters, presentations, the Know Your Council website, Councillors and Regional, State and Federal directions.

South Gippsland Shire Mayor Councillor Ray Argento said the Council Plan will be the driving force behind Council's future decision making.

"The Council Plan creates a clear direction of how we must conduct ourselves over the next four years to achieve our goals and aspirations.

"We will create a South Gippsland where community life continues to be valued while our region welcomes economic growth and development.

"Further feedback is welcomed from the community, this document creates the foundation for all our work so it is vital that we receive as much feedback as possible," said the Mayor.

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

Individuals wishing to make a submission on the Council Plan can do so via an email to the Chief Executive Officer, South Gippsland Shire Council at the following address: <u>submissions@southgippsland.vic.gov.au</u>.

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 on 17 May 2017 at 10.45am.

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

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