

Council Ready for Lights, Camera, Action!

South Gippsland Shire Council will conduct its very first live streaming of the Council meeting this week to the wider public.

This follows successful testing of the live streaming technology at the Council meeting last month.

The \$2,500 project has been implemented as a means of enhancing transparency and public decision making.

Three tripod floor mounted cameras directed at Councillors and a movable camera focused on the agenda or presenters will be used for the broadcast.

The feed has a built-in safety delay of 90 seconds, which can be adjusted, and recordings will be made available on the web via Council's existing YouTube channel at no extra cost.

South Gippsland Shire Mayor Councillor Ray Argento was pleased the technology was waiting in the wings.

"Live streaming ensures all members of the community have the opportunity to watch our meetings no matter their other commitments. It also means they can watch certain sections of the meeting that they are curious about.

"Council is proud to achieve this level of transparency for our community members. Our community is at the forefront of decision making and livestreaming ensures they can participate in the democratic process," said the Mayor.

Those wishing to watch the meeting live can visit Council's website at <u>www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live</u>.

A Live Streaming Policy has been prepared to support this initiative which is available at <u>www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/policies</u>.

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