

Staying In The Know

South Gippsland Shire Council is encouraging community members to sign up to *In The Know*, an online newsletter promoting feedback and engagement opportunities.

In The Know aims to reach residents on topics that could impact them, where they have the opportunity to share their ideas, participate in forums and make submissions.

The newsletter will be distributed fortnightly via email to community members who subscribe to the service.

Council implements a number of projects and reviews documents regularly for public comment. Recent examples include the Leongatha Railway Site Transformation, Visitor Information Service Review, Waste Management Strategy, Council Plan and Budget.

In The Know ensures those interested in sharing their opinions are given a reminder of when these opportunities are available.

South Gippsland Shire Mayor Ray Argento recognised the importance of engaging with the community and ensuring residents were aware of their opportunities to provide feedback.

"Community engagement has been a key feature in deliberations for the proposed Council Plan as Council intends to listen to the community members and involve them in decision making wherever possible.

"In The Know aims to complement other mediums that Council uses to reach the community such as newspaper advertising and its Facebook page, as we have heard from residents that on occasion these feedback opportunities and forums have been missed.

"In The Know will provide timely reminders to those who subscribe so they have plenty of opportunities to interact with Council projects and ensure their thoughts are considered in our decision making," said the Mayor.

To sign up to *In The Know* for engagement opportunities, documents for review and more please visit www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/intheknow

The first edition of *In The Know* will be emailed to those who subscribe on 6 July 2017.

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