

## Strategy Determined for Waste Management

At its meeting yesterday, South Gippsland Shire Council adopted the Waste Management Strategy 2016-2021.

The new strategy replaces the Waste Management Strategy 2011-2021, where many of the recommended actions had been implemented or were no longer relevant.

More than thirty new actions have been incorporated into the strategy to guide service delivery over the next five years.

Key recommended actions within the strategy include to:

- Investigate the viability of modifying residential kerbside green waste collection to include food waste
- Consider forming an agreement with other Gippsland councils to investigate the possibility of sharing procurement of waste management services
- Continue to participate in the Gippsland Regional Waste and Resource Recovery Group's Collaborative Waste Investment Project with the aim to identify and establish alternative waste treatment facilities to reduce Council's reliance on landfill
- Review transfer station services to identify improvements and determine future management options for the sites
- Investigate future transfer station upgrades for safe and effective pre-sorting of waste aimed at increasing diversion of waste from landfill
- Seek Environmental Protection Authority approval for Stage Two of the Koonwarra Landfill
- Investigate the possibility of making South Gippsland plastic bag free

South Gippsland Shire Council's Sustainability Coordinator Geoff McKinnon was pleased the strategy had been finalised.

"It is fantastic to have the strategy adopted ready for implementation, waste management is forever changing so it is important that we continue to monitor our practices and change them where appropriate.

"The Waste Management Strategy will ensure Council delivers services based on best value for the community while considering industry best practice," said Mr McKinnon.

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