

## Rating Strategy Ready for Review

South Gippsland Shire Council is calling for nominations to join a Rating Strategy Steering Committee following its meeting this week.

Council will continue to implement the best practice approach of including a steering committee in the review process.

The committee will focus on reviewing the rating principles and differentials with consideration of the current review of the *Local Government Act*.

No more than three Councillors will be nominated to the committee, with plans to have at least twice that number of community members appointed.

Community members will have an opportunity to have their say on the proposed changes outlined by the committee once developed.

South Gippsland Shire Mayor Councillor Ray Argento was pleased the community would have the opportunity to influence the strategy.

"Council understands the importance of community involvement in our decision making. We hope to have a number of people nominate so a range of rate payers can be represented on the committee.

"We look forward to seeing the nominations submitted and working with the committee to develop a rating strategy that delivers for our community," said the Mayor.

Individuals wishing to be part of the Rating Strategy Steering Committee are encouraged to nominate by 29 September.

An information kit including the terms of reference and a nomination form is available from:

- Council's website
- Council offices at 9 Smith Street, Leongatha
- Contacting Faith Paige on 5662 9200
- Emailing council@southgippsland.vic.gov.au

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