

## Caravan Parks Moving Forward

South Gippsland Shire Council received a report on Council's financial contribution to the Long Jetty and Yanakie Caravan Parks at its meeting last week.

Over four years of direct management Council has committed a total of \$1.32 million towards the caravan parks including capital contributions of \$991,700 and operational costs of \$335,826.

These costs were a result of the caravan parks being in a state of disrepair when returned to Council's management after the conclusion of a private lease.

Investment was required to address electrical, fire and public safety compliance requirements at the parks.

To mitigate similar occurrences, Council will establish a Caravan and Camping Park Committee to provide strategic advice to Council on the future management and investment options for the caravan parks.

In addition the committee may oversee the review of Council's Recreational Vehicle Strategy and investigate caravan and camping options for Sandy Point.

South Gippsland Shire Mayor, Councillor Ray Argento was proud to see the caravan parks brought to a higher standard after the investment.

"The Long Jetty and Yanakie Caravan Parks were in desperate need of investment when Council took over management of the caravan parks.

"It has taken some time and resources but we now have two caravan parks which can provide great facilities for visitors to Port Welshpool and Wilsons Promontory.

"We look forward to the recommendations of the Caravan and Camping Park Committee as we take our next steps towards improvement at the parks," said the Mayor.

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