

## Reducing Safety Concerns in Fish Creek

South Gippsland Shire Council will construct a new footpath on Old Waratah Road, Fish Creek to mitigate community safety concerns.

The new footpath is the result of a petition tabled in March 2017 from local residents to close the road to through traffic at Meeniyah Promontory Road.

Community members had concerns about the safety of pedestrians due to a high amount of traffic accessing the road to travel to Wilsons Promontory.

Following investigations into a potential road closure and given the current traffic volume and speeds a road closure was considered unnecessary.

It was also determined that the closure would pose excessive restriction on traffic movements and may aggravate the situation further.

Initial actions remain in place to further mitigate the issue including; lowering the speed limit, installing local traffic only signs and informing Google Maps to designate Meeniyah Promontory Road as the primary route to Wilsons Promontory.

Traffic volumes and speeds will continue to be monitored and narrowing the road in sections to slow traffic will be considered as the existing kerb and channel will soon need replacing.

South Gippsland Shire Mayor Councillor Ray Argento said the new footpath was an appropriate compromise to community concerns.

“We understand the community has concerns for their safety and we take these concerns very seriously.

“Council believes that by installing a footpath on Old Waratah Road pedestrian safety will be achieved without the drastic requirement of a road closure.

“We will continue to monitor the area and consider further action if it is deemed necessary,” said the Mayor.

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