

Managing Public Amenities

South Gippsland Shire Council adopted a new Public Amenities Policy at its meeting today.

The policy formalises a coordinated approach to the management of public toilets in South Gippsland.

The policy establishes the following for Council:

- Responsibilities for the ongoing management of existing public amenities
- Guidelines to follow when considering whether or not to add a public amenity to Council's current cleaning and maintenance services program and capital renewal planning
- Guidelines to follow when considering a new public amenity
- The means for Council to determine service levels for cleaning and maintaining public amenities

The policy is the outcome of consultation with the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning and the community.

South Gippsland Shire Council's Building Coordinator Alister Fixter was pleased the policy had been finalised.

"Council prides itself on the provision of clean public toilets throughout the shire and often receives positive feedback on the high standard of the facilities and their cleanliness.

"The new policy will ensure the standard of service continues to meet community expectations and will also provide clarity and direction for the community and Council when dealing with public toilet requests.

"This mitigates issues that we have dealt with in the past that can create an ad hoc and inconsistent approach to managing these facilities," said Mr Fixter.

Individuals wishing to view the Public Amenities Policy can visit Council's website www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/policies.

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