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South Gippsland LOCATION



ROAD DISTANCE CHART

Distance in Approx. Kms	Melbourne	Korumburra	Leongatha	Mirboo Nth	Foster	Wilsons Prom	Pt Welshpool	Inverloch
Melbourne		120	134	158	175	224	204	143
Korumburra	120		14	38	55	105	84	28
Leongatha	134	14		26	41	90	70	38
Mirboo Nth	158	38	26		53	104	82	53
Foster	175	55	41	53		29	29	73
Wilsons Prom	224	105	90	104	29		58	125
Pt Welshpool	204	84	70	82	29	58		102
Inverloch	143	28	38	53	73	125	102	

South Gippsland

Come for the beauty, Stay for the lifestyle

South Gippslanders enjoy an enviable lifestyle with all the pleasures of country living, plus access to city markets and entertainment just a short drive away. No traffic jams, clean air and friendly inclusive communities are just a few of the features that might tempt you to consider a tree or sea change.

For your family, the region offers a safe clean environment, well priced homes and properties, excellent education and children's support services, plus good medical and aged care services. Add diverse recreational activities, a strong arts community and space to build your dream lifestyle, and the possibilities emerge.

With consistently low unemployment and a vibrant economy on offer there are many opportunities for new business enterprises, employment and investment. Its population of over 28,000 settled across four major towns and numerous smaller settlements is growing at around 1% per annum and swells to 50,000 during the summer holidays.

Spectacular scenery offers temperate rainforest and rolling hills sweeping down to 300 kilometers of stunning coastline and golden beaches. World famous Wilsons Promontory National Park draws thousands of visitors and thrills them with a myriad of nature based activities. Quaint villages throughout the Shire make browsing an art form, accompanied by great local food and wine which shine in our friendly cafes and Farmers' Markets.

Whether you choose to live in town, by the sea or nestled in the hills, there is room enough for everyone to have their own piece of paradise in South Gippsland. As our slogan says: Come for the beauty, stay for the lifestyle!



South Gippsland FAST FACTS

Population:

28,452 (up to 50,000 in summer period)

Location:

120km (90 minutes drive) south-east of Melbourne

Major industry:

Food production

Economic Output:

2.6 billion

Housing:

Median house price \$257,000; average rental \$270 per week

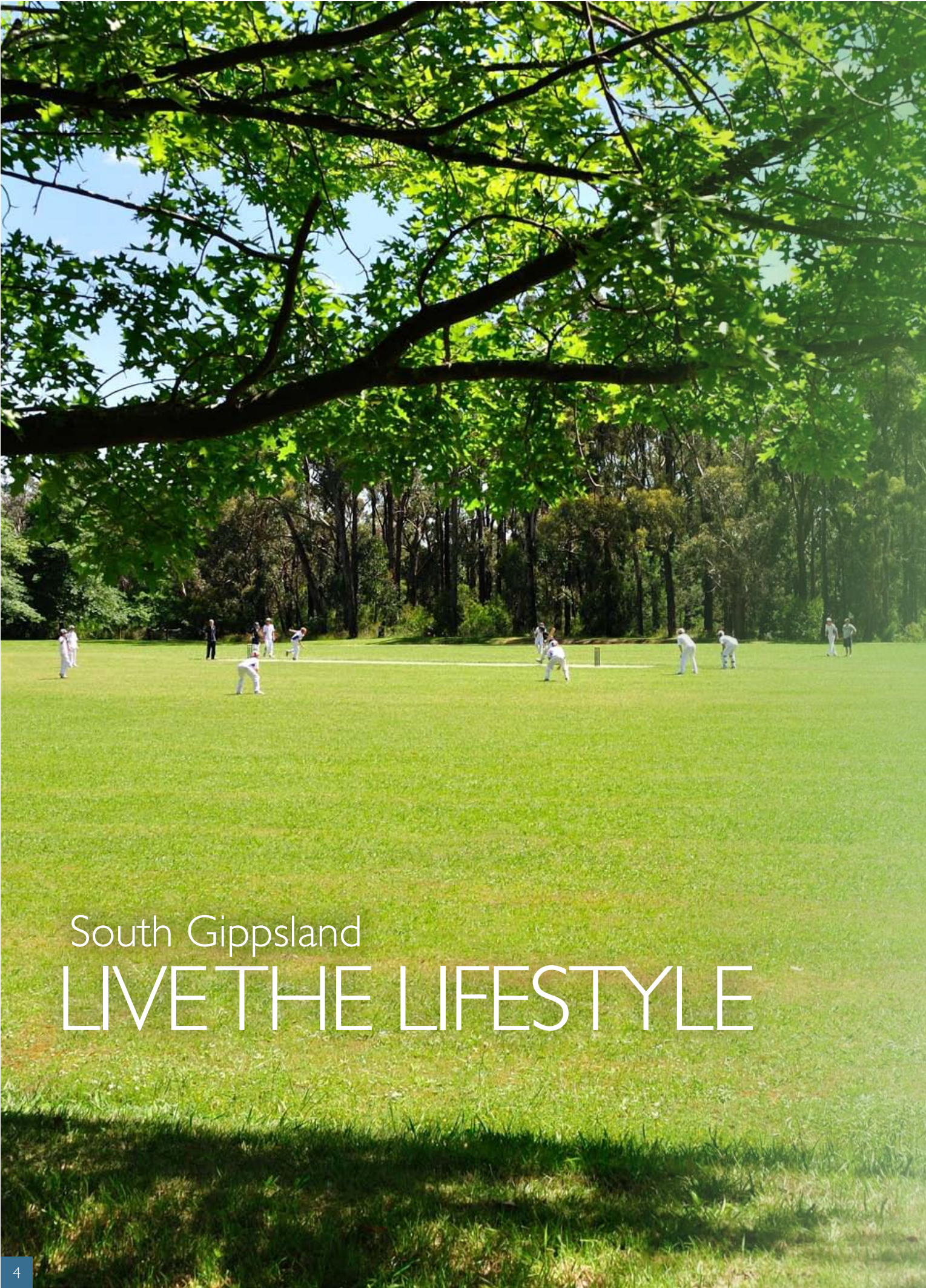
Climate:

Generally temperate climate with reliable rainfall and mild conditions. Average summer temperature 24°C; average winter temperature 14°C; average annual rainfall 937mm

Transport:

Serviced by 2 public transport routes through a transport interchange centred in Leongatha. In total there are 144 coach services per week stopping in Leongatha.





South Gippsland
LIVE THE LIFESTYLE

The community is engaging and inviting, with newcomers and visitors always welcome. The region's strong sense of community makes it a relaxing and friendly place to live. There are many volunteer services, church auxiliaries and youth clubs for you and your family to become actively involved in.

FAST FACTS

- South Gippsland SPLASH features a 25m indoor heated pool, an intermediate pool and a toddlers' pool
- Four cinema complex in Leongatha showing the latest release movies.
- Local theatre groups, a dynamic arts community consisting of quality theatre groups, live music and art galleries will satisfy your thirst for the arts.
- Coal Creek Community Park and Museum showcases the region's pioneer heritage and hosts a variety of art, community and cultural events.
- Friendly cafes offering great coffee and showcasing local produce.
- Accessible broadband and mobile phone coverage.

We have over 250 sporting clubs throughout the region. Soccer, football, netball, cricket, tennis and basketball are widely enjoyed by locals. Weekend activities are endless – fishing, surfing, sailing, golf, lawn bowls, horse riding or a stroll along one of the many great walking tracks or beaches.

Boutique stores are located throughout our towns and villages. major chains – Woolworths, Target, Best and Less, McDonalds, KFC, Subway are already here and more expected.



South Gippsland YOUR HEALTH AND WELLBEING

South Gippsland provides a wide range of medical facilities, alternative therapies and spa treatments to assist you in looking after your health.

Many GPs specialise in obstetrics and general surgery, complementing the skills of specialists visiting the region on a regular basis. Hospitals are based in Leongatha, Foster and Korumburra. The Leongatha Hospital is currently undertaking a \$25 million upgrade to provide state of the art medical facilities.

Maternal and Child Health Centres and a monthly immunisation service provide key family services across the region. Child care centres operate in the four major towns and Family Day Care is also available. A number of schools provide before and after school care options. South Gippsland SPLASH in Leongatha also offers a vacation care program of activities and excursions for children.



To complement the more traditional health services there is traditional Chinese medicine, osteopathy, homeopathy, myotherapy, chiropractic, physiotherapy, acupuncture, biomechanics, naturopathy, pilates and yoga.

Aged care residential services are located in Toora, Foster, Leongatha, Korumburra and Mirboo North. Independent living options are also available in Korumburra, Leongatha and Foster. Council offers a full range of Home and Community Care Services including meals on wheels, personal care, respite care, home care, home maintenance and community transport. Aged care is a growing industry and is a significant employer to the region.



South Gippsland YOUR EDUCATION AND FURTHER TRAINING



South Gippsland is well serviced by modern education facilities, with an innovative Leongatha Education Precinct that combines primary, secondary and specialist schools along with GippsTAFE and further education facilities. There are many schools located across the shire with a free bus service provided for out of town students.

It's all about choices when it comes to further education. Monash University Gippsland Campus at Churchill is a 45 minute drive from Leongatha. The recently developed five star environmental GippsTafe campus at Leongatha offers students and local employers the latest in training facilities. These programs include Automotive, Administration, Aged Care, Community and Disability Services, Children's Services, Hair and Beauty, Hospitality, Health, Nursing and Training and Education. Community College Gippsland, South Gippsland Bass Coast Local Learning and Employment Network, Apprenticeships Australia Group Training Company and Milpara Community House further widen the range of accredited training programs available.



FAST FACTS

- Twelve kindergartens
- Sixteen primary schools
- Three private schools (Christian and Catholic)
- Six secondary colleges
- Leongatha Specialist School



South Gippsland YOUR CAREER PATH

South Gippsland has some of the most productive agricultural areas in Victoria and provides a substantial proportion of Victoria's milk, beef, prime lamb and vegetables. Agriculture and its associated processing and service industry underpin the Shire's economy with an annual output of over \$2.6 billion.

A flourishing agriculture sector supports a multitude of service industries creating employment opportunities including transport workers, diesel mechanics, auto electrician, engineers and agricultural suppliers.

Consistent growth within the Shire has opened up further job opportunities within education, housing and construction and health sectors. Tourism is fast becoming a significant employer creating opportunities in retail, hospitality and accommodation.

Have the best of both worlds and establish or relocate your business to South Gippsland. Sophisticated telecommunications enable you to operate from your own piece of paradise – at home or from any one of our business precincts. If you need face to face contact with clients or suppliers, Melbourne is an easy commute by car or bus.

Natural gas is available in Leongatha and Korumburra offering reliable and cost efficient energy resource for businesses.

Council's Economic Development officers welcome your enquiry on a business start-up or relocation, and can assist you to understand the local environment and business networks.





FAST FACTS

Highest ranking occupations by percentage

Managers	25.2%
Technicians and Trades Workers	14.5%
Professionals	12.7%
Labourers	12.7%
Clerical and Administrative Workers	10.4%
Sales Workers	8.1%
Community and Personal Service Workers	7.6%

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2006.

South Gippsland
HOME SWEET HOME



Housing affordability is a key attraction to living in regional Victoria

If it's space you dream of, small acreages or good size town blocks are available. Wherever you find your new home you'll quickly become part of the community.

Your new abode could be a heritage cottage, beach house or Californian bungalow. Or you may choose to build your own dream home. House and land packages are attractively affordable, with new residential estates opening up in most towns.

Local boutique home furnishing retailers and manufacturers can assist you to complete your dream home.



FAST FACTS

Owned homes 44%

Homes being purchased 32%

Renting 16.8%

Monthly housing loan repayments

\$1 to \$549 17.8%

\$550 to \$949 25.8%

\$950 to \$1,399 23.9%

\$1,400 to \$1,999 12.2%

\$2,000 to \$2,999 6.3%

\$3,000 and over 3.2%

Not stated 10.9%

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2006



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**Contact us today to find out more about living, working
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