

Strategic Land Review FAQs

Why has Council developed this project?

- From time-to-time Council reviews its property portfolio. Its last review was in 1996.
- It demonstrates a pro-active approach to management of a property portfolio.
- To understand the need to retain ownership of land parcels.
- To identify opportunities to raise revenue to contribute to new and improved community services and reduce the impact to our ratepayers.

What does Council expect to achieve with this project?

- We will have a better understanding of the benefit and contribution of land parcels to our community, ie. Are they being used? What can we do with them?
- Our broad range of policies and projects should be talking to one another. This project will contribute towards planning for community improvements.
- We will reduce Council's risks and maintenance obligations.
- Council will be pro-active in facilitating project opportunities for our community on, or including, Council land.

How will Council deliver this project?

- Council has committed existing resources to this project.
- We have completed a review of our property portfolio.
- We will develop annual programs for the land parcels identified for sale/project development.
- We will begin a high level of community consultation in line with our legislative requirements when selling Council land.
- We want to work together with our community to deliver this project and benefit from the outcomes.



How will the community benefit from this project?

- Improved safety and appearance of land by reducing the amount of small and unused spaces.
- Increased opportunities for Council funding/contributions towards new and existing community projects.
- Reduced pressure on Council to increase rates.
- Be part of the project and understand its purpose.

How will Council communicate this project to the community?

- A communication plan has been prepared.
- A list of proposed land sales for 2016-17 have been made available on Council's website.
- Correspondence regarding the land sales will be sent to community associations and any affected adjoining landowners.
- The statutory process includes a public invitation for submissions over a 30 day period.

Who can I contact to talk about this project?

- To enable us to manage your enquiries, we ask that you contact Council via email in the first instance at council@southgippsland.vic.gov.au
- Visit Council's website at www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au for more information.