

Waratah Bay Caravan Park Review

Council is currently undertaking a business assessment and strategy development for Waratah Bay caravan park. This work includes a review of the business performance of the park, its facilities and future management options. It is a timely piece of work given that the current lease arrangement at the park expires in December 2017. The work will assist Council in understanding the current state of the park and inform its decision making.

As part of her role as Council's Manager of Sustainable Communities, Chris Van Der Ark is responsible for managing Council's property assets. Ms Van Der Ark said this review was simply Council doing its due diligence prior to the expiration of the lease.

"It would be remiss of Council if it didn't undertake a review of the Waratah Bay caravan park. It's two decades since the last lease was negotiated and a great deal has changed in that time. To ensure the best outcome for the South Gippsland community we need to present the Council with up-to-date information about the state of the park, its future needs and its potential as part of South Gippsland's suite of tourism offerings.

"I cannot emphasise enough that this review has no pre-determined outcome. Councillors will soon have an opportunity to consider the draft report, but even that does not include recommendations at this point. We are still very much in the fact-finding stage of this process.

"Once the review is complete Council will consider its options and make a decision about future management of the park. Up until that time there will be no change," continued Ms Van Der Ark. "Nothing will happen in a hurry – management, long-term site holders and the community will all be kept informed about the process and its outcomes."

If site holders wish to receive regular updates regarding the review of Waratah Bay caravan park they are encouraged to email council@southgippsland.vic.gov.au or call 5662 9200.

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