Introduction

South Gippsland Shire Council budgeted $400,000 each to the towns of Foster, Korumburra, Mirboo North and Venus Bay for the community to allocate towards capital works for the 2017/18 program.

Residents were asked to vote on ideas pulled from their community plan and the Long Term Capital Works Program or provide ideas of their own on the Community Capital Works Allocation forum specific to their town.  
oursay.org/southgippsland

Ideas that attracted a high amount of support online informed four community workshops hosted in each town in October/November 2016.

Engagement Process

Below is a data summary of the Mirboo North Community Capital Works Allocation forum once voting had closed.  oursay.org/southgippsland/mirboonorth

Online Forum Statistics

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Age Cohort and Gender by Total Engaged

- 16 - 25 years: 27.3%
- 26 - 40 years: 27.0%
- 41 - 60 years: 42.9%
- 60+ years: 28.3%

Ideas Posted by Location

Trending Topics and Themes

- recreation reserve
- public transport
- skate facilities
- recreation
- parking
- masterplan
- public toilet
- footpaths
- connections
- pool
- ommi park
- amphitheatre/stage
- amenities
- adventure/nature playground
- tourism
- town confidence
- sustainable economies
- living and lifestyle
- parking and toilets
- improving the kindergarten
- proving more parking and a new library
- dog park
- health and well-being
- toilets
- don't just sit there!
Community Recommendations

All recommendations include notes written directly by the community at their workshop:

Mirboo North Pool

Refurbish MN Pool as per the community plan that includes creating a park for Recreation Vehicles, solar lighting and pool heating etc. This was 1 of 6 priorities in the last SGS Council OurSay Survey and is a priority for the MN community.

What Can Council Do to Deliver this?

- The council could allocate some of the money the solar powering applying for further grants
- The RV parking is now planned for the golf club. Use some of the money that’s going to the pool for other projects
- Council has committed money to refurbish work at the essential points at the pool. Eg. Facilities, and building refurbishment
- Rough terms $2.5 million dollars to refurbish and essential works for the pool
- Very little considering the time constraints
- We want delivery of projects this year
- Re-open car parking and develop facilities
- Focus on the essential things that go with the facility with the financial benefit they have
- Honor the $2 million dollars they have
- Need to consult
- Apply for state government funds
- Council can put money into heating/ RV / solar paneling or top up the project
- Prefer more than one project funded – eg. 100k each
- Think council should seek matching funding to leverage its $2 million
What Can Community Do to Deliver This?

- Run a go fund me program to raise some money
- Combine solar lighting and pool heating together
- Fundraising (significant)
- Continue to advocate, keeping it front and center in people’s minds during the time of which nothing is happening
- Fundraising can be done for the additional pay
- Offer positive support for the idea taking place
- Inform the community about the fundraising and how much we need to earn
- Organise a funding campaign
- Community can do some fundraising – e.g large raffle
- MND Community Foundation has a role in funding
- Community bank has a role too
- Looking to other philanthropic entities too
- We get a lot of requests for camping facilities so that is key
Community Recommendations

Footpaths

*Increase/ improve footpath connections to the town centre.*

What Can Council Do to Deliver this?

- They can look at alternatives footpaths that could be more beneficial eg. Balding Street
- Can be delivered quite easily
- $90 to $100 per square metre
- Cooper St, Baths Rd, Old Thorndale Rd
- Will be additional cost for disability access
- $165,000
- Maintain and upgrade what we have, bring up to compliance, replace
- Voting process
- Need to prioritize the costing/the communities preferences
- Need to clarify the information on all footpaths
- Don’t waste any money on feasibility
- Consider asphalt footpaths – it seems to have lasted fine in Baromi – stage 3 of the Baromi park asphalting wasn’t done and Neil got a price to do the asphalt on the east end up to brewery gate - $56k
- Extend to Balding Street
What Can Community Do to Deliver This?

- It’s not something the community could fund or volunteer to do and follow on extending Bath Road’s footpath
- Participate in surveys for problem areas
- Highlight any problem areas!
- Consult with the council on preferences
- We can’t put money into footpaths
- Although with money from foundation or community bank we could get money from the State
- Discuss which footpaths would work best where
Community Recommendations

Long Bay Parking

Create long bay parking areas for trucks and caravans to utilise when stopping in the town.

What Can Council Do to Deliver this?

- Reopen western end access behind the grain store, resurface the area to allow larger vehicle parking, increase parking signage behind the grain store or the shops
- Add signs and improve entrance
- Reinstate existing access
- Could buy vacant land to plan parking
- Availability for trucks direct from the highway
- Communications type planning
- Build more signs showing trucks and other vehicles showing there is parking
- Opening up and improving the entire road behind the shops
- Opening up an entrance to the ridgeway on the Leongatha side of the Grain Store
- Spend money on tidying up and proper signage
- Asphalt between grain store and bbq
- Agree that we should separate the trucks and caravans – probably shire hall car park is sufficient for caravans so we could park trucks behind the main street
- Perhaps try and find space back up at the main street
What Can Community Do to Deliver This?

• Lobby council. Utilize the area more eg market and events like the Italian Festival and Blessing of the Bikes
• Come on side with opening Baromi Park more
• Have some design options for community consideration
• Consider safety of road entry
• Strategic planting of shrubbery
• Get involved in masterplanning process
• Vote for this idea
Community Recommendations

Baromi Park

Build an amphitheatre/stage area in Baromi Park and fit it out with AV equipment for everybody’s use/hire. A series of Concerts, Films and Performance events could be organised and it could be made use of during existing events like markets, artygras weekend, blessing of the bikes weekend etc.

Ok, public toilet in the playground vicinity, much needed seating and a covered area near the playground! A basketball ring in the park would be great for all the kids, also a new skatepark the bowl has had it’s day. And a few more park benches on ridgway especially near the pub and supermarket.
What Can Council Do to Deliver this?

- Building a half-court basketball court. Extension to the existing skate park. Which incorporates a covered area more seating different variety of ramps, stair sets and boxes to ride
- Look at purchasing a portable stage. And loom at a masterplan for Baromi Park
- Create master plan
- Could integrate basketball facility
- Need a reviewed plan/ prioritise/ redevelop
- Throw 10% at funding to get the ball rolling and projects happening to satisfy a number of community members
- Extend the skatepark, Implement a basketball half-court
- The council needs to help provide a master plan
- Extended public toilets at the east-end
- Implement correct signage
- Keep the community advised
- Hold a brief masterplan process – it shouldn’t take too long; Toilets up the other end, A disposable toilet, Or one of those self cleaning metals ones
- Very supportive of basketball - $40k, Extension of skate – a couple more

What Can Community Do to Deliver This?

- Participate in planning process
- Particippate in master planning process
Emerging Trends

Test things that the community groups can’t do at present | Better seating in the main street | The shire is required for progress | The need for the community to actually be involved not just informed in what is going to happen | Total community | Be considerate 400 thousand doesn’t buy you much | Intertwine with eachother | All need process teams | Community need to be well informed | The council needs to help provide a master plan | Extended public toilets at the east-end | Implement correct signage | Keep the community advised | Hold a brief masterplan process – it shouldn’t take too long; Toilets up the other end, A disposable toilet, Or one of those self cleaning metals ones | Very supportive of basketball - $40k | Extension of skate – a couple more

Community Recommendation

Participants selected to recommend $300,000 to be spent on a master plan and implementing improvements at Baromi Park and $100,000 to improve footpaths as per existing plans.

The Long Term Capital Works Program identifies the full length of Couper Street on the north side as the highest priority footpath, while remainder of the funding is to be allocated to crossovers to assist with accessibility for those with mobility issues.
Results of Art Gallery Voting by Participants

The pictures below demonstrate the voting spread once projects were refined at the workshop.