

## Council Sets Future Plans

South Gippsland Shire Council adopted its 2017-2021 Council Plan yesterday.

The Council Plan provides direction for Council through a new vision, strategic objectives and a series of strategies and indicators to achieve these goals.

Sixty-seven written submissions were received and considered on the Proposed Council Plan. These are in addition to the wide range of community ideas provided through OurSay consultations, public presentations to Council, customer satisfaction surveys and other feedback received.

The new plan includes the vision that: ‘South Gippsland Shire will be a place where our quality of life and sense of community are balanced by sustainable and sensitive population growth and economic development’.

To achieve this vision four objectives have been determined including to:

- Strengthen economic growth and prosperity
- Build strong partnerships, strengthen arts and culture and deliver equitable outcomes
- Improve South Gippsland’s built assets and value our natural environment
- Enhance organisational development and implement governance best practice

South Gippsland Shire Mayor Councillor Ray Argento congratulated his fellow councillors for completing the plan after months of preparation.

“The 2017-2021 Council Plan sets the tone for our term of Council over the next four years; it is a major achievement to outline all our goals for this timeframe in one document.

“The Council Plan provides a clear focus on balancing sense of community and growth while creating guidelines for sensible development.

“Ultimately we want to create a South Gippsland that prospers and we believe the strategies defined in the Council Plan will drive us towards this outcome,” said the Mayor.

A copy of the Council Plan will now be provided to the Minister for Local Government and made available on Council’s website.

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