

## Securing the Future of the Waratah Bay Caravan Park

South Gippsland Shire Council will enter into negotiations to extend the lease with the current Waratah Bay Caravan Park manager following its meeting today.

The current lease, which expires on 12 December 2017, will be rolled over to 30 June 2018 to give Council and Harry Corporation Pty Ltd adequate time to negotiate a new five-year lease.

South Gippsland Shire Mayor Councillor Ray Argento was pleased to work with Harry Corporation to secure management of the Waratah Bay Caravan Park.

“Council understands the community sentiment to keep the Waratah Bay Caravan Park under private management and we hope that the negotiation of a new lease will mitigate some of these concerns.

“Our aim is to ensure the caravan park remains a viable council asset and we believe this lease will ensure financial sustainability for the future,” said the Mayor.

The extension and new five year lease will be presented for community comment from 31 July 2017.

Submissions can be made in writing to the Chief Executive Officer, Private Bag 4, Leongatha, 3953 or via email to [council@southgippsland.vic.gov.au](mailto:council@southgippsland.vic.gov.au) until 29 August.

Submitters will have the opportunity to speak to their submission at a Special Committee of Council in a closed session if requested.

Submissions will be considered and determined at the 25 October Council meeting.

Any contracts negotiated will need approval from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning before they can be finalised.

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