

Council Considers Initiatives for 2018/19

This week South Gippsland Shire Council completed its annual review of the Council Plan 2017-2021 and endorsed draft Annual Initiatives to be implemented in 2018/19.

The draft initiatives include a focus on advocacy to the State and Federal Government for priority projects and critical infrastructure, exploring options for Aged and Disability services and reviewing service levels for gravel roads.

The annual review is also an opportunity to reassess strategic directions and make any needed changes to the Council Plan.

From this two new strategies have been developed:

- The first will see Council commission a coastal study to explore opportunities for developing the Shire's coastal areas, while still protecting the coastal environment.
- The second focusses on reviewing and updating the recreation, aquatic, and paths and trails strategies.

The strategies and initiatives will remain draft until public consultation is carried out in late March and April and are expected to be finalised by next June.

South Gippsland Shire Mayor Councillor Lorraine Brunt has commented on the importance of the annual review for developing Council's strategies.

"The review is a great way to work on our strategies and define what direction Council wants to take, particularly over the next twelve months.

"It allows for us to have set goals, in areas that need the most help and work. This transparency between Council and the community keeps everyone updated with what is happening across the region," said the Mayor.

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