

Key Council Documents Ready to Review

Council has prepared a 2018/19 Proposed Annual Budget for the new financial year in accordance with Sections 125 and 127 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

In addition to the Proposed Annual Budget, Council will also consider its Revised Council Plan 2017-2021 and the Proposed Rating Strategy 2018/19. These documents are the foundations upon which all Council's functions are built. They set the tone for the next twelve months and beyond. The proposed documents will be open to the public so that everyone has an opportunity to have a say on Council's plans as of Tuesday 27 March 2018.

Written submissions on the documents must be received by close of business 26 April 2018.

Those who wish to speak to their submissions will have that opportunity on 23 May, with all submissions to be considered and determined at a Special Meeting of Council a week later, on Wednesday 30 May.

The Council will formally consider the 2018/19 Annual Budget for adoption at its Ordinary Meeting to be held on 27 June 2018.

South Gippsland Shire Council Mayor Cr Lorraine Brunt emphasised the importance of the new budget.

"The 2018/19 Budget and Long Term Financial Plan are the key documents for Council to maintain itself as financially sustainable into the future.

"We are committed to seeing South Gippsland thrive over the next financial year and beyond, and are glad to have received community feedback in the drafting of these documents. I hope that people will also take the time to make a formal submission as part of the Section 223 process," said the Mayor.

"Council recognises the importance of working with the community on such important matters and hopes to build on these opportunities as the year progresses."

The Proposed Budget, Revised Council Plan and Proposed Rating Strategy will be available on Council's website to view once submissions open.

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