

## Share your views on road safety in South Gippsland

South Gippsland Shire Council is working on a new Road Safety Strategy and is seeking feedback from regular road users via an online survey. The survey aims to identify problem areas, troublesome issues and to get a better appreciation of the conditions and circumstances encountered by road users locally.

The survey will be the first stage in the development of the new strategy. Consultation with key user groups and community committees is planned for May and June.

John Ernst, Council's Road Safety Awareness Officer, is keen to get as much feedback as possible from local road users to help identify, and address, road safety issues in South Gippsland.

"In the last five years there have been 473 casualty crashes in the South Gippsland Shire, resulting in 154 serious injuries and 19 fatalities. It is important to bring those numbers down.

"We can analyse crash data and tap the knowledge of our engineers and the Police. However, to get a better understanding of why crashes occur, where the main problems are, and the opportunities to make improvements, we need feedback from the local community. We encourage everyone to have their say," said Mr. Ernst.

The survey can be completed on Council's website via: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/roadsafetysurvey

The survey only takes a few minutes to complete and will be used to write a strategy that works for the community. No personal information will be recorded or retained. The survey closes 31 May.

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