

Paths and Trails Strategy Adopted

South Gippsland Shire Council adopted the 2018 Paths and Trails Strategy at its meeting this week. The strategy outlines 96 projects which were identified in 2010. Of these, 17 are completed and 10 are nearly completed, designed, budgeted or included in other projects.

A number of amendments were made to the Strategy after 33 submissions were received from the community.

Council's ongoing funding for the Paths and Trails Program was suspended when rate capping was introduced by the Victorian Government. Council will consider further allocation of funding in its budget deliberations.

South Gippsland Shire Mayor Councillor Lorraine Brunt was pleased the Paths and Trails Strategy had been finalised.

"Council understands the importance of paths and trails in our community for both recreation and tourism. While these sectors are important for our economy we will also be watching closely to ensure the projects within this strategy can align with other vital sectors such as agriculture.

"Consultation with the community and further research has indicated that walking, cycling and horse riding constitute the largest segment of recreational activity undertaken by community members.

"The Paths and Trails Strategy ensures any future funding can be directed strategically to these assets for the community," said the Mayor.

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