South Gippsland Shire Council



Media Release

Leongatha litterers prosecuted.

Taking your litter to a transfer station is far cheaper than the alternative, as two Leongatha men found out last week.

It seems that one man had given notice on his rented property and enlisted the help of a friend to load a substantial amount of hard rubbish onto a borrowed trailer. They dumped the rubbish down an embankment in a road reserve at Fairbank and were reported to Council.

Both men pleaded guilty in the Korumburra Court yesterday and were fined $800 each. They were also ordered to pay Council's prosecution costs of $75.50 each and to remove the offending materials within 48 hours … a hefty price for dumping a trailer load of rubbish!

"Dumping rubbish inappropriately is unacceptable and we are grateful for members of the community who report these senseless acts," said Local Laws Coordinator Bruce Gardiner. "We live in a beautiful part of the world and most of us really value our environment and will go to great lengths to ensure that this kind of behaviour does not proliferate."

Generally Australians aren't dobbers, but in this case the cause justifies the means. So if you see someone despoiling our environment with illegal dumping, dob in a dumper by taking note of any identifying matter such as number plates or a car description and calling Council immediately on 5662 9200.

"There are thousands of South Gippslanders who will want to thank you!"

Opening times of local transfer stations and disposal charges can be found on www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

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