

## Proposed Lease to Parks Victoria

South Gippsland Shire Council is proposing to extend the lease of 12 McDonald Street, Foster to Parks Victoria for the use as office space.

Parks Victoria is one of the major employers in Foster and has a significant local economic impact through their purchases of supplies and equipment, along with the workers consistently contributing to the growth of the local economy.

The current lease will expire 18 September 2018 and Council hopes to maintain the presence of government agencies, given the flow on effect they provide to Foster. The current site houses the Foster Works Depot, Library, Stockyard Gallery and Visitor Information Centre.

The proposed lease would extend the current agreement for a further five years with the option of a further five year term. Parks Victoria has indicated that a longer term lease would best to ensure the continued delivery of its services to the wider community.

South Gippsland Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Lorraine Brunt said the proposed lease would continue to drive growth in Foster.

"Council recognise's the need for employers such as Parks Victoria which continue to employ local community members and support our local economy.

"The lease is open to the community to make a submission and share their thoughts on the proposal," said the Mayor.

Community members hoping to make a submission can do so from 2 July 2018 to 31 July 2018. Submissions can be made in writing to <a href="mailto:council@southgippsland.vic.gov.au">council@southgippsland.vic.gov.au</a> or 9 Smith Street, Leongatha VIC 3953.

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