

## Rating Strategy Adopted

The 2018/19 Rating Strategy has been adopted at South Gippsland Shire Council's Ordinary Meeting.

The strategy has been developed with community engagement and through the Rating Strategy Review Steering Committee. It has been considered that the current strategy continues to provide an equitable distribution of rates.

Following five written submissions that were received, and presented at the Special Meeting 23 May 2018, it was determined that no change would be made to the existing strategy.

Instead over the next 12 months Council will undergo a further review in time for the 2019/20 Budget. This will take into consideration the recommendations from the Rating Review Committee, Rating Committee minority report, rating submissions and other ideas put forward.

South Gippsland Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Lorraine Brunt has spoken on the importance of a Rating Strategy.

"Council worked alongside committee members to find a suitable and reasonable way to distribute rates that currently affects the community.

"We have taken into consideration the submissions we received, and thank the community for their participation during this process.

"Over the next 12 months we aim to create a more refined and clearer Rating Strategy that will serve South Gippsland residents in the best way possible" said the Mayor.

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