



Community Engagement Strategy and Policy Adopted

South Gippsland Shire Council adopted both its Community Engagement Strategy 2018-2022 and Community Engagement Policy at its meeting this week.

The strategy and policy are part of Council's Community Engagement Framework that provides direction for Council's engagement activities with the community. The framework will help to consider issues and potential solutions when making decisions.

Both key documents have been developed in line with IAP2 Australasia, an international leader in the sector, and are a result of the 2017-2021 Council Plan and expected revisions of the *Local Government Act*.

South Gippsland Shire Mayor Councillor Lorraine Brunt was pleased a clear direction had been adopted for community engagement.

"Council is committed to representing its community and seeks diverse views and opinions in order to serve the whole of South Gippsland. The Community Engagement Strategy and Community Engagement Policy ensure we are effective when seeking feedback.

"We want to ensure that our engagement activities are productive and the community has the opportunity to be involved in projects that are important to them. I expect that our new engagement framework will help ensure everyone has the opportunity to share their views on important issues," said the Mayor.

Those wishing to view the Community Engagement Strategy 2018-2022 and Community Engagement Policy Bookings are encouraged to visit Council's website.

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