

## Council Advocates for Bus Service Plan

South Gippsland Shire Council will advocate for the development of a Local Bus Service Plan for South Gippsland following significant community consultation.

Council intends to make these advocacy efforts to all political parties and candidates nominated in the 2018 Victorian State Election and to Transport for Victoria in a bid to have the plan completed.

The plan was recognised as an advocacy opportunity following Council's six community drop-in sessions and OurSay forum which returned over 150 responses.

A clear trend was evident in the responses asking for an increase in services along the existing main routes with more coordinated time-tabling that aligned with new local bus services.

South Gippsland Shire Mayor Councillor Lorraine Brunt said it was clear the current public transport system in South Gippsland needed some work.

"The responses we have had from the community have identified a significant need for the South Gippsland community for better public transport connections in order to improve their everyday.

"I would like to thank all of our community members who took part in the consultation for public transport in South Gippsland, all of the submissions received were valuable and we hope to see this supported by those in the State elections and Transport for Victoria," said the Mayor.

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