

REVISED AQUATIC STRATEGY OUT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Communities interested in the future of public pools have an opportunity in the next three weeks to view and comment on the draft of the revised South Gippsland Aquatic Strategy which is on display at nine locations around the shire and on the Council website.

The revised strategy covers the next five years and includes, among other things, the potential for community ownership of pools as raised in Council's online community consultation process. It will remain on public exhibition until 5pm on Friday 17 April at which time all written submissions must be in hand at Council's main office.

Council will be briefed on the submissions received in early May and a final revised Strategy will be presented to Council before the end of June

"This Draft Strategy provides a good opportunity for Council and the community to work together to provide aquatic facilities that are both socially responsible and financially sustainable," said Mrs Jan Martin, Director of Community Services. "Pools are an expensive service that is highly valued by the community, so community involvement in considering how we provide the aquatic services in the future is vital."

The draft strategy can be viewed at www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au, Council, local libraries, Foster, Leongatha and Korumburra Community Houses, Venus Bay Community Centre and Tarwin Lower Community Health Centre.

Submissions should be addressed to Council at Private Bag 4, Leongatha 3953; <u>council@southgippsland.vic.gov.au</u>, or delivered to Reception at 9 Smith Street, Leongatha.

For further information regarding the strategy, please call Ian Murphy, Recreation Coordinator, on 5662 9200.

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