

Administrators' Community Update Adopted

South Gippsland Shire Council adopted the Administrators' Community Update at its meeting today.

The community update is part of the performance requirements of the Administrators following their appointment by the Minister for Local Government, Hon Adem Somyurek MP.

The community update is the first notification of progress made towards restoring good governance practices and implementing the recommendations of the *Commission of Inquiry into South Gippsland Shire Council Report 2019*.

Recommendations that require action in the report from the Administrators include to:

- Develop and deliver an extensive community leadership development program that:
 - Encourages widespread participation in community and civic life in the municipality;
 - Supports the development of community leadership skills; and
 - Supports an improvement in the relationship between the Council and its community.
- Review and implement improved Council policies and processes, with a focus on Councillor Code of Conduct and meeting procedures.

The Administrators have focused on getting to know the community, priority projects and implementing a governance framework so far during their term.

South Gippsland Shire Council's Chair Administrator Julie Eisenbise was proud of the work the Administrators had made.

"During our roles as Administrators we have prioritised our time to ensure we are spending it with our community. Between us we have attended over 80 community engagements, meeting over 700 local people to understand their views for the region.

"We have also adopted our priority projects including the Great Southern Rail Trail extensions and Korumburra Community Hub which are progressing well. Finally at the most recent meeting we adopted a Good Governance Framework based on the same framework developed by the Commission of Inquiry into the Geelong City Council and used by the Municipal Monitor.

“There is definitely a lot of work we must do during our positions here as Administrators but I am proud to reflect on our journey so far. I know this strength will only continue; particularly as our focus targets the community leadership development program,” said Ms Eisenbise.

Those wishing to view the full update are welcome to visit
www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/communityupdate

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