

Upcoming Coastal Strategy Events

South Gippsland Shire Council is encouraging community members to attend the upcoming Coastal Strategy Project events this January and early February.

The events are an opportunity for the community to learn more about the project, share their ideas or concerns and ask questions of the Council staff in attendance.

Council has prepared an overview paper and background report which outlines the key issues and opportunities in South Gippsland's coastal areas. A number of different options for the future are available for people to comment on – these may include Council actions and advocacy opportunities.

The following community sessions have been scheduled:

- Sunday 19 January 2020 Port Welshpool
 9.30am 11.30am Old Ferry Terminal Market
- Saturday 1 February 2020 Tarwin Lower 9.30am – 11.30am outside the IGA
- Saturday 15 February 2020 Foster 9.30am – 11.30am at the Prom Country Farmers Market

South Gippsland Shire Council's Acting Director Development Services Paul Stampton said staff would be at the events to provide information to anyone who is keen to know more.

"We want to hear from community members. Specifically, we want to know how they think our coastal areas should be managed into the future. This isn't just for those who live in coastal communities either as we all have connections to these places; either by knowing someone who lives nearby or through having visited our stunning coastline.

"This is your opportunity to share your views – if you can't attend an event please make sure to visit the online OurSay page or complete a paper survey available at Council offices," said Mr Stampton.

Those wishing to view the Coastal Strategy papers and make a submission can visit <u>www.oursay.org/southgippsland/coastalstrategy</u>. Submissions close 5.00pm 28 February 2020.

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