



Meeting Procedure Review to Begin

South Gippsland Shire Council meeting procedures are currently being updated as part of a standard 10-year review process.

Each council in Victoria has a law in place that outlines how council meetings will be conducted. The meeting procedures local law needs to be reviewed on a regular basis to ensure it reflects current legislation and meets community expectations.

Council's meeting procedures expire in June, which is unfortunate timing as new governance procedures for council meetings will be required as part of the new Local Government Act.

In light of this Council is intending to implement an interim meeting procedure and complete a more comprehensive review later in the year.

South Gippsland Shire Council CEO, Kerryn Ellis said despite the timing, the review of the meeting procedures should be relatively straightforward.

“The local law in question helps to ensure that Council meetings are run in a manner that is orderly and fair. They provide clear procedures for the election of the Mayor, the facilitation of Special Meetings and use of the Common Seal. The current law is at the end of its 10-year lifespan, which means it needs to be reviewed. We will also complete a full update before the end of the year in response to the new Local Government Act.

“While we are going out to public consultation on the proposed new meeting procedures, there will be a more comprehensive consultation process once the meeting guidelines of the new Local Government Act come into play,” said Ms. Ellis.

Submissions on the proposed Meeting Procedures Local Law are preferred by email and can be sent to submission@southgippsland.vic.gov.au. The closing date for feedback is 5.00pm on Thursday 30 April 2020.

PR2517 26/3/20