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South Gippsland Shire Council News \$2 Million COVID-19 Support Package Announced

Council is proposing to introduce a \$2 Million COVID-19 support package to help our local community deal with the COVID-19 crisis now and into recovery.

The support package includes a COVID-19 Hardship Policy to support residents having trouble making rate repayments, the option of interest-free rate deferrals for local businesses and an expanded grants program that will allow for more grant recipients and the introduction of a new business grants stream.

We've also included subsidised flu shots, waiving of some business permit fees and the development of a community outreach

program in partnership with other key agencies to provide community support.

Both the Annual Budget and the \$2 million COVID-19 support package are proposed at this stage and we are now asking for our community's input to ensure that what we are offering is exactly what our community members need.

Please see the official notice below on details of how to make a submission for the Annual Budget which includes the \$2 Million COVID-19 support package.



Support Local Businesses!

Our local businesses need our support now more than ever due to COVID-19 restrictions. Shop local when you can to help them get through this crisis.

Have a look at how our local businesses are adapting and show your support:

www.shopsouthgippsland.com.au

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Wednesday 22 April 2020 (Meeting No.444)

2.00pm - Council Chambers, Leongatha

Whilst COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions are in force, access to the live stream will be the 'open' component of this Meeting.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Expressions of Interest to present to and submit questions to Council are still invited. During the COVID-19 restrictions Council has adapted its usual open sessions, the Council Business Team will make contact with those parties who register an Expression of Interest. View details at www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/councilmeetings

Please contact the Council Business Team on 5662 9200 should you require assistance with any aspect of Council Meetings.

WORKS THIS WEEK

To see a list of works that Council will be undertaking this week, please visit our website: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/works

PROPOSED COUNCIL PLAN 2020-2024 AND PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET 2020/21

Council prepared a Proposed Council Plan 2020-2024 and a Proposed Annual Budget 2020/21 in accordance with Section 125 and 127 of the *Local Government Act 1989*. Copies of these documents, together with information prescribed by the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014* are available for inspection on Council's website www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au between 28 April to 28 May 2020. People who do not have internet access may request a hard copy of the Council Plan and Budget by contacting the Council on 5662 9200 by Thursday 21 May 2020.

A person proposing to make a submission under s.223 of the Act must do so no later than 5.00pm Thursday 28 May 2020. Late submissions will not be considered by Council. Submissions must be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, South Gippsland Shire Council. Any person lodging a submission is required to state in their submission if they wish to be heard, or to be represented by a person specified in their submission. Attendance at any public hearing or open meeting is subject to actions required under Council's Business Continuity Plan relating to COVID-19. Separate submissions are to be lodged that relate to either the Proposed Council Plan 2020-2024 or the Proposed Annual Budget 2020/21.

Submissions are preferred via email and can be sent to submission@southgippsland.vic.gov.au. Alternatively, submissions will also be accepted in writing addressed to: Chief Executive Officer, South Gippsland Shire Council, Private Bag 4, Leongatha, VIC 3953. Following consideration of the submissions, Council may amend or not amend the Council Plan or Annual Budget, which will be considered for adoption at the 24 June 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting. For further enquiries contact Coordinator Corporate Planning and Council Business, June Ernst for the Council Plan and Acting Manager Finance Allan Williams for the Budget on 5662 9200. **Kerryn Ellis, Chief Executive Officer, South Gippsland Shire Council**

BAIR STREET PROJECT

Underground electrical works are currently underway. For information and updates on the project, please visit: www.bairstreet.com.au

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