

COVID-19 Update

The following statement is from South Gippsland Shire Council's Chief Executive Officer, Kerry Ellis:

Following the Premier's announcement yesterday it is timely that we provide an update for Council's operations:

- *Council will continue to operate as we currently are. There will be no significant change.*
- *Our Customer Service Centre continues to provide phone, mail and internet services. This is consistent with the Government's message if you can stay home, you must. Customers are encouraged to contact us on 5662 9200 or use Council's website www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au.*
- *Our caravan parks will remain closed.*
- *Our parks and recreation reserves will be open for exercise subject to social distancing.*
- *Our playgrounds and skateparks will remain closed.*
- *Our halls will be open for essential gatherings only (such as Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, to use the Premier's example).*
- *Our boat ramps are being reopened as recreational boating will be permissible.*

I am extremely proud that as an organisation we have been able to continue to provide our services with minimal disruptions to the community. This is a credit to our staff and I would like to thank them for their hard work and commitment during this time.

The South Gippsland community should also be proud of their efforts during this pandemic. It is only by listening to health advice and taking action that we are now in the current position where restrictions can be slowly relaxed.

We are not out of this yet though so with relaxed restrictions comes great responsibility. Continue to follow the Government's advice: stay home if you can, wash your hands regularly and keep using social distancing measures.

If you are unsure what the new provisions mean for you, the Department of Health and Human Services are regularly updating their Frequently Asked Questions which is a great resource: www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/gradual-easing-restrictions-covid-19.

*If you haven't yet, please consider downloading the COVIDSafe app to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Having the confidence to find and contain outbreaks quickly will mean governments can continue to ease restrictions while still keeping Australians safe. **PR2534 12/5/20***