

## Administrators' Community Report Tabled

South Gippsland Shire Council adopted its Administrators' Community Report for July 2020 and has made it available for the South Gippsland community to view.

The report provides an update for the community and Minister for Local Government on progress made towards restoring good governance practices and implementing the recommendations of the *Commission of Inquiry into South Gippsland Shire Council Report 2019*.

During the COVID-19 pandemic the amount of meetings Administrators have had face-to-face with the community has declined, however the Administrators continue to keep in contact via phone calls or video meetings and community groups are encouraged to contact Council if assistance can be provided in any way and in particular to help groups restart when the time is appropriate.

South Gippsland Shire Chair Administrator Julie Eisenbise was pleased to release the report and demonstrate the progress made during the Administrators' term.

"The primary tasks we were appointed to undertake as Administrators included to develop and deliver a community leadership development program and to review and implement Council policies with a focus on councillor conduct and meeting procedures which are both well underway.

"We are pleased to have the Community Leadership Program commencing with a number of expressions of interest submitted from local community members who wish to join the program. It is a real privilege to be able to provide such an opportunity to our community and we look forward to seeing progress in the future.

“A significant amount of work has also been undertaken to review our suite of governance policies which build the foundation for an effective council. With the introduction of the *Local Government Act 2020*, the documents are being aligned to additional requirements set out by this legislation,” said Ms Eisenbise.

Those wishing to view the community report can visit:

[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/yourcouncil](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/yourcouncil)

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