

## Governance Rules Adopted

South Gippsland Shire Council adopted its Governance Rules including the Election Period Policy\* at its meeting yesterday.

These Governance Rules replace a large part of South Gippsland's *Local Law No. 2 2020 - Meeting Procedures and Common Seal* and outline how to conduct Council Meetings and committees of Council.

The Election Period Policy\* has also been reviewed, updated and is included as part of the Governance Rules. The Governance Rules will exist as part of a suite of strong governance policies and procedures within Council's adopted Good Governance Framework.

The *Local Government Act 2020* requires each Victorian council to develop and adopt policies as part of the principles-based reforms embodied within the new act. In accordance to this Act, Governance Rules needed to be adopted by 1 September 2020.

South Gippsland Shire Chair Administrator Julie Eisenbise was pleased to adopt the new Governance Rules.

"One of the objectives of our term as Administrators is to review and implement improved Council policies and processes with a focus on governance and meeting procedures. We are pleased to have made some significant progress in this space and by adopting the new Governance Rules this will only be strengthened further.

"It is extremely important that we utilise our term to set up the next Council for success and we believe the Governance Rules including the Election Period Policy\* and our overarching Good Governance Framework will help us achieve that," said Ms Eisenbise.

Individuals wishing to view the Governance Rules can visit

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

**\*Please note: Council will not be taking part in the upcoming Council elections for October 2020. Our next election is due in October 2021.**

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