

## Annual Report Released

South Gippsland Shire Council recognised the outcomes from the last financial year and endorsed the Draft 2019/20 Annual Report at its meeting this week.

The Annual Report provides a detailed account of Council's achievements, challenges and performance measures for the 2019/20 financial year. The Performance and Financial Statements have all been externally audited by the Victorian Auditor General's Office.

The report opens with a snapshot of achievements that Council completed in the last twelve months that align with the Council Plan.

The report also highlights the \$16 million Capital Works Program that was delivered over the last year which included 568,070 square metres of local sealed roads resealed and 35,030 square metres reconstructed.

South Gippsland Shire Chair Administrator Julie Eisenbise was proud to release the Draft Annual Report to the community as it demonstrates the achievements of the Administrators and Council staff over the last twelve months.

"The Draft Annual Report is one of the most important reports that we receive alongside our financial statements. These are our measures that go forward to the government, they are critical and we are obliged to complete this reporting.

"I congratulate our officers for the fact that we are submitting our report to the pre-COVID deadline as the Minister has since provided councils with a two-month extension. We have been progressing the report along and the officers decided that we could proceed with the report completion ready for the Minister on 30 September.

"Our Annual Report is our notice to the public of what we have been doing, it is not just our notice to the Minister. It is an excellent report and I do recommend that people do have a look as it shows what happens during a year at council and a summary of where we are tracking, showing where we need to work harder and those areas where we have done quite well in," Mrs Eisenbise.

Individuals wishing to view the 2019/20 Annual Report can visit Council's website www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/annualreport

The 2019/20 Annual Report is available for inspection for a minimum two-week period, prior to its final presentation to Council for formal consideration at the 28 October Council Meeting.

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