

November Council Meeting

South Gippsland Shire Council's latest meeting saw a number of critical items discussed.

One of those items included the Organisational Performance Report. The report reflects on the July to September 2020 operations to see how Council has been tracking against its objectives. Upon reflection, Council is confident that it will meet all 32 of its initiatives by the end of the 2020/21 Financial Year.

When measuring performance, Council reports against Annual Plan Initiatives, Financial Performance and Capital Works Programs.

This quarterly reporting system allows the community to see how Council is performing.

South Gippsland Shire Council Chair Administrator Julie Eisenbise believes this is a key part of creating a better relationship between Council and ratepayers.

"By reporting Council performance, we allow the community to better understand the day-to-day functions of Council. This all relates back to greater transparency with the community and allows us to govern in their best interest," said Ms Eisenbise.

Administrator Rick Brown echoed Ms Eisenbise's comments stating that "[This report] enables the people it serves – namely the people of South Gippsland – to form their own view about the performance of the Council as a whole and the extent to which they effectively represent their interests."

Other matters of business this month included:

- Updates to the Local Law No. 2 – Meeting Procedures and Common Seal, due to changes to the *Local Government Act 2020*. These changes mostly relate to how Council governs at the municipal level.
- Redevelopment of the Information Privacy Policy and Intellectual Property Policy.

When reflecting on the updates to Local Law No. 2 – Meeting Procedures and Common Seal, Administrator Christian Zahra AM highlighted that these are important changes to support Council's ability to govern.

“Whilst these matters are quite specific, they do form an important part of a broader context of supporting the good governance of South Gippsland Shire and in doing so, to best serve the interests of all the people of South Gippsland Shire,” remarked Mr Zahra.

If you missed the meeting, you can watch it on demand here:

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