

## Council Caravan Park Update

Following a decision at Wednesday's Council meeting, the Yanakie Caravan Park and the Long Jetty Caravan Park (Port Welshpool) will be leased out via public tender.

South Gippsland Shire Council is the Committee of Management for the Crown land on which the caravan parks are located and has been directly managing them after the expiry of a 21-year lease in 2013.

When the lease expired, the caravan parks were in a state of disrepair and significant investment was needed to address electrical, fire and public safety issues.

Since taking on direct management of the parks, Council has rejuvenated the land, renewed essential infrastructure and worked to bring the land back into compliance with Victorian legislation for managing caravan parks on Crown Land.

Council has contacted annual permit holders to advise them of the decision.

Tender documents are expected to be released during April or May. The leases will be for 21 years in accordance with the Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 and State Government Guidelines for camping on crown land.

### **Quotes attributable to South Gippsland Shire Council Chair Administrator, Julie Eisenbise**

"Council's Administrators believe that the Council at the time was correct in undertaking direct management of the two caravan parks in order to address the issues present. But now, after successfully operating for over five years and with significant capital and operational improvements, we think it is a good time for the parks to be leased once again".

"We would like to thank all of the staff that were involved in helping to rejuvenate the parks. Both are now looking wonderful and operating smoothly. We would also like to thank the 12-month temporary permit holders that worked with us to bring the parks to compliance."