

## Community Engagement Strategy Updated

South Gippsland Shire Council adopted the updated Community Engagement Strategy at its meeting today.

Council has recently undertaken a review of its community engagement practices and adopted an updated Community Engagement Policy at the 24 February 2021 Council Meeting, following a community consultation process.

To ensure that all documents in Council's Community Engagement Framework were consistent, worked concurrently and met requirements under the *Local Government Act 2020* some minor changes were required for the Strategy which included:

- Updated community engagement principles as required in the Local Government Act 2020.
- Updated associated strategies and plans.
- Updated imagery within the Strategy.

The Community Engagement Strategy is available to view on Council's website at: [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/strategies](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/strategies)

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

South Gippsland Shire Chair Administrator Julie Eisenbise was thankful to have a fully updated Community Engagement Framework to meet community expectations.

"Being connected with our community is a high priority of Council, community engagement is one way that we can ensure our community members remain at the centre of all Council decisions.

"By knowing our community's views we can make better informed decisions for our region. We are thankful to have updated processes in place to ensure we are effective in this space," said Ms Eisenbise.

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