

## Revised Leasing Policy Adopted

South Gippsland Shire Council adopted the revised Leasing Policy at its meeting this afternoon.

The Leasing Policy provides transparent, consistent and impartial processes when leasing Council owned and managed buildings or land. The updated policy is also expected to provide new opportunities for multiple users of facilities and allow for better use of community assets.

The policy review was delayed to allow for the consideration of the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council becoming the Committee of Management for the Great Southern Rail Trail, a review of Council's leasing portfolio and staff responsibilities in relation to leasing matters.

As of 1 July 2021, Council will have a portfolio of 110 leases and licences which comprises of 11 commercial type leases and 99 community leases.

The Leasing Policy is available to view on Council's website at:

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

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

South Gippsland Shire Chair Administrator Julie Eisenbise was pleased to have Council's Leasing Policy updated to reflect the current portfolio.

"Council has many assets, including both buildings and land, that are leased across the community to allow for the appropriate use of these wonderful community assets.

"The renewed Leasing Policy ensures that Council has the appropriate guidelines to facilitate these leases that outline the permitted use and associated responsibilities to users while reducing our risks for increased maintenance costs, equity of access and non-compliance," said Ms Eisenbise.

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