

Priority Projects for advocacy

At South Gippsland Shire Council's meeting on Wednesday, Council adopted a number of 2021/22 Priority Projects for advocacy to the State and Federal Governments for funding.

For a project to be chosen for advocacy, Council looks at the local significance, how it will enhance economic prosperity and liveability across our region.

In a change to previous years, Council decided to include Strategic Roads for Advocacy as part of Council's overall Priority Projects.

The projects that have been earmarked for advocacy include:

1. The Korumburra Streetscape (Commercial Street);
2. Great Southern Rail Trail (GSRT) Railway Precincts Development (Leongatha and Korumburra);
3. South Gippsland Highway, Korumburra Realignment (Coal Creek bends);
4. Leongatha Heavy Vehicle Alternate Route – Stage Two (Hughes Street);
5. Wilsons Promontory Revitalisation Project;
6. South Gippsland Urban Water Strategy;
7. Bass Highway – Leongatha to Anderson;
8. South Gippsland Highway – Grassy Spur Realignment;
9. Strzelecki Highway – Crightons Hill Realignment; and
10. The Gippsland Tracks and Trails Project.

Many of these projects have been slated for advocacy before, but due to the size of the project, they have been listed once more on Council's list of projects for advocacy.

You may also notice that in 2021/22, the list includes some projects that are not solely the responsibility of Council, such as the Wilsons Promontory Revitalisation Project. This year, Council has adopted Priority Projects that will be pursued with other partners, acknowledging the significant importance to our Shire.

Quote attributable to South Gippsland Shire Council Chair Administrator, Julie Eisenbise:

“These are all important projects for our region. It has been standard procedure for Council to seek funding opportunities where possible to assist with the completion of these projects, this has not changed.

“As always, we look forward to working with our State and Federal counterparts to get these projects fully funded and able to come to fruition for the benefit of our community.”

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