

## Revised Procurement Policy Adopted

South Gippsland Shire Council adopted the revised Procurement Policy at its meeting yesterday.

The updated policy was required to meet the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020* and incorporate continuous improvements.

The policy provides objectives and requirements for Council procurement ensuring goods and services purchased for Council represent good value for money, consider procurement risk and a thorough procurement process proportionate with the purchase value.

Revisions made to the Policy to meet these requirements include:

- Aligning the policy objectives
- Nominating a public tendering threshold (\$250,000) given the removal of a threshold provided in the previous Local Government Act 1989
- Including a mechanism for seeking collaboration with other Councils and government bodies based on value for money
- Realignment to the *Local Government Act 2020* clause changes and renumbering
- Adding the ability (with approval) to sole source justifiable procurements
- Providing guidance on considerations for value for money
- Ability to utilise period based and blanket based procurement where it provides greater efficiency and compliance
- Ability to accept vendor provider terms and conditions
- Inclusion of the requirement to comply with the Victorian Competitive Neutrality Policy

Those wishing to view the updated Procurement Policy are encouraged to visit:

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

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

“Our Procurement Policy ensures that the purchases Council makes are in the best interest of the community and provide great value. We are thankful to have approved the revised Policy to ensure our legislative requirements are met while also incorporating changes that improve our procurement practice,” said Ms Eisenbise.

**PR2679 21/7/21**