

Community and Economic Infrastructure Blueprint Adopted

South Gippsland Shire Council adopted the Community and Economic Infrastructure Blueprint 2021 – 2036 at its meeting on Wednesday.

The 2021 Blueprint establishes objectives, guiding principles, and nominates infrastructure standards and triggers for upgrade, expansion, and new infrastructure projects. It will guide Council and the community in making informed decisions regarding infrastructure over the next 15 years.

The Blueprint provides a process for the community to submit requests for infrastructure that are then assessed against the strategic alignment to the Council Plan 2021-2024 and 2021 Blueprint principles. These principles are aligned with the following statements:

- Community benefit is maximised
- Alignment with strategic direction
- Whole of life costs are clear
- Service and use are appropriate
- Risk is managed
- Financial commitment is understood

These principles have been reviewed and recommended by the Community Infrastructure Advisory Committee and will be used to rank and prioritise community infrastructure proposals. The renewal or replacement of existing infrastructure is covered by Council's Asset Management Plans.

The blueprint will be available to view on Council's website at: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/strategies

Quotes attributable to South Gippsland Shire Chair Administrator Julie Eisenbise:

South Gippsland Shire Chair Administrator Julie Eisenbise was pleased to endorse the Blueprint.

"Council is proud to adopt the Community and Economic Infrastructure Blueprint 2021 – 2036 to ensure that South Gippsland's infrastructure projects are strategically selected for the best community outcomes now and into the future.

"We would like to thank our Community Infrastructure Advisory Committee who provided valuable feedback to Council staff during development of the Blueprint. The Committee comprises of local community members with a broad range of industry expertise which has been invaluable to this process," said Ms Eisenbise.

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