

## Draft Plans Released for Feedback

At the April Council Meeting, South Gippsland Shire Council endorsed seven draft strategic plans that are now available for community feedback between 21 April and 15 May. Part of this community feedback period will include an online survey and a range of face-to-face engagement events to collect community feedback. The eight draft plans out for feedback are:

- Draft Community Vision 2040
- Draft Council Plan 2022 – 2026
- Draft Arts, Culture and Creative Industries Strategy 2022 – 2026
- Draft Annual Budget 2022/23
- Draft Long-Term Financial Plan
- Draft Revenue and Rating Plan 2022 – 2026
- Draft Domestic Wastewater Management Plan 2022 – 2026
- Draft Asset Plan 2022/23 to 2031/32

These plans have been informed by extensive community engagement. This included an online survey, nine place-based community pop-ups and two school visits from December 2021 to February 2022. The engagement focused on determining the aspirations, issues and challenges of the community now and into the future. It involved 928 people from diverse backgrounds across South Gippsland who contributed a total of 2,939 comments, which were collated into common themes and interest areas.

After this engagement, South Gippsland Shire Council ran the Regional Profile Project that collected the thoughts of over 2,000 households between February 2022 and April 2022. This data provides an in-time snapshot of the likes, dislikes, interests and challenges of the South Gippsland community. It also compliments and has been considered in line with the community feedback from the previous period to inform and develop these seven draft Plans.

To fill out the survey, view the calendar of events and draft Plans, please follow this link:

[yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/provide-plan-feedback](https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/provide-plan-feedback)

### **Quote attributable to South Gippsland Shire Mayor, Mohya Davies:**

*“This is the largest community engagement campaign Council has ever undertaken. Your feedback has been invaluable in contributing to the drafting of these plans. We have used your aspirations to strategise a clear path forward. Now, these drafts are being handed over to you to make sure that we have truly*

*heard you and provide you with another chance to tell us what is most important to you.*

*“I strongly encourage everyone to complete the survey and even come and see Councillors at a face-to-face event for a chat. We can’t wait to see you all and talk you through these important documents.”*

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