

Two Key Council Documents Adopted

At yesterday's Council meeting, both the *Arts, Culture and Creative Industries Strategy* and the *Domestic Wastewater Management Plan* were adopted unanimously.

These strategies benefited from Council's largest engagement, *Shaping South Gippsland*, which included the Community Vision and Council Plan. The *Arts, Culture and Creative Industries Strategy* in particular received lots of helpful feedback that helped shape the final strategy.

In summary, the *Arts, Culture and Creative Industries Strategy* aims to strengthen and connect our community through creativity. It builds on the previous strategies and further encourages a thriving arts and creative industry in South Gippsland. Some of the goals of the plan include attracting creative industries to our region, supporting artists of all abilities and establishing our Shire as a 'creative place of difference' to surrounding areas.

The *Domestic Wastewater Management Plan* highlights the continuing need for Council to hold wastewater management front-and-centre for the health, wellbeing and longevity of our community. The Plan highlights eight key strategies with numerous actions below them that will aim to be delivered over the course of the plan's life. Some of these include increasing education of the importance of wastewater systems at residents' homes and identifying funding opportunities to implement improvement options in priority townships.

To read these documents, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/strategies

Quotes attributable to South Gippsland Shire Council Mayor, Mohya Davies

"I would like to personally thank the community for providing feedback into both of these documents. All of that feedback was considered very seriously by not only Councillors, but the Council staff who put these strategies together."

"The Arts, Culture and Creative Industries Strategy is a fabulous document that I believe highlights some amazing opportunities for our region. The community told us loud and clear that the arts and creative industries are extremely important to our region, and we listened with Council allocating an additional \$50,000 to the implementation of the Strategy in the Budget."

“Wastewater is a subject that we often do not speak about, but it is extremely important to not only the health and wellbeing of our community, but to our towns. Without appropriate wastewater management, we cannot grow sustainably. We had great feedback from our partner agencies on the plan and that is a reflection on the Council officers who put it together.”

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