

## 2021/22 Annual Report Adopted

South Gippsland Shire Council recognised the outcomes from the last financial year and adopted the 2021/22 Annual Report at last week's meeting.

The Annual Report provides a detailed account of Council's achievements, challenges and performance measures for the 2021/22 financial year. The Performance and Financial Statements have all been externally audited by the Victorian Auditor General's Office (VAGO).

The report opens with a snapshot of our Shire and the engagement activities undertaken this financial year, including the largest engagement South Gippsland Shire Council has ever undertaken, the *Shaping South Gippsland* project.

The report also highlights the \$27 million Capital Works Program that was delivered over the past year, which included 70 projects and 1,055 kilometres of sealed roads maintained.

Some of the key projects completed in the last financial year included the Bair Street Revitalisation Project, Foster Indoor Stadium and Mirboo North Pool Redevelopment, and the extension of the Great Southern Rail Trail between Korumburra and Leongatha.

There was also \$289,069 given direct to the community through Community Grant funding. A total of 45 projects were funded under the Community Grants Program, 36 through the Small Grants Program and 7 through the Emergency Grants Program.

Our Economic Development Team have continued to support businesses and local industry in recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic as well as implementing the Visitor Economy and Economic Development Strategies.

To view the entire report, please visit: [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/annualreport](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/annualreport)

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

*"I am proud to present the 2021/22 Annual Report to our community. It has been a busy year, with a return to local democracy being a particular highlight. Since then, we have seen unprecedented engagement with our community and some exceptional results considering the lingering effects of COVID-19 and some supply chain disruptions.*

*"I would like to commend the Council staff who have worked tirelessly to deliver the projects and support us as new Councillors. Without them, this work would not be possible."*

