



# South Gippsland Shire Council News

## **Annual Budget 2023/24**

A vital aspect of effective governance is comprehensive financial planning which is demonstrated through the development and implementation of an annual budget.

At last week's Council meeting the 2023/24 Annual Budget was adopted, ensuring South Gippsland Shire Council can deliver much needed services and infrastructure to support our community.

The primary purpose of Council's annual budget is to ensure the careful management of funding to be spent with the needs and priorities of our community in mind. The annual budget serves as a blueprint for financial decision-making, guiding the allocation of resources to deliver essential services, maintain and improve infrastructure, and foster community development.

The initial request for feedback on the original proposed budget allowed Council to promote a transparent budgetary process that fosters accountability, and engages residents in understanding how their rates and tax dollars are used.

Key components of Councils 2023/24 annual budget include:

- Invest an additional \$400,000 into Council's road and roadside network.
- Allocate \$155,000 in funding to implement actions from the Coastal Strategy, and the South Gippsland Planning Scheme review.
- Seek to protect our precious environment by developing a Climate Action Plan.
- Help to protect our community's data and information through investment in cybersecurity.

By allocating resources to our natural landscapes, infrastructure development, and community safety/security, Council aims to enhance the overall well-being of residents across the shire.

To view South Gippsland Shire Council's 2023/24 Annual Budget, please go to:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/yourcouncil



The second round of 2023 community grants will be open for application from Saturday 1 July to Thursday 31 August.

Community grants are an opportunity for Council to give back to local clubs and community groups who give so much to others.

Grants can be used for both minor and major projects and equipment, planning and developing reports, and festivals and events.

For more information and to apply, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/grants

#### **COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Wednesday 19 July 2.00pm (Council Chambers, Leongatha)

Dates are also listed on Council's website at:

## www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/meeting-

To watch the 'open' part of the meeting live or when it suits you, visit:

### www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

Please contact the Governance Team for questions about Council Meetings.

## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Looking for a new job? We might have the perfect position for you!

Check out our current vacant positions here: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/ vacantpositions

#### CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

South Gippsland Shire Council proudly welcomed six conferees at the Citizenship Ceremony on Wednesday 28 June 2023.

The new citizens are:

- Douglas Ray Bryant from the United States of
- Wendy Karen Fourie from South Africa
- Jennifer Ann Lidstone from United Kingdom
- Nicholas Paul Meadows from United Kingdom To reserve a spot, please go to:
- Glenda Moro from Philippines
- Hildegard Maria Motton from Germany

### **BREASTSCREEN VAN IN LEONGATHA**

BreastScreen Victoria van is visiting Leongatha from 3 to 18 July 2023 to provide free breast screens for women aged 50 to 74 years.

Book online at the link below or call 13 20 50.

https://bookings.breastscreen.org.au/

#### CHOOSING THE RIGHT SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM FOR YOUR GROUP WORKSHOP

Join us for an informative session on how to choose the best social media platform for your

The event will take place Saturday Jul 22, 9.30am at Michael Place, Leongatha.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to take your social media presence to the next level!

## www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/social\_media\_workshop **CONTACT US**

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