



South Gippsland
Shire Council

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Rates Notices

South Gippsland Shire residents can expect to receive their annual rates notice in the mail, or online, very soon. Rates notices outline the rate applicable to individual properties and provide information about any changes for the upcoming year.

This year's rate cap is 3.5 per cent.

What are rates?

Rates help to provide services to our local communities such as Maternal and Child Health, playgroups, business support and sporting facilities. This is in addition to the essential services that people are most familiar with: roads, footpaths, parks and gardens, weed management, waste and recycling. You might not need or use all of the services at every stage of your life, but paying rates helps to ensure our local communities remain vibrant and well-served.

Why is my rate notice different to last year?

Each year the Victorian Government sets a limit on how much councils are allowed to collect

from rates. This is called a rate cap. Councils can only increase the average amount of rates collected by the rate cap. The cap does not apply to the waste charge or the fire services levy. The rate cap does not mean that rates for each individual property will increase by the cap amount as it is the value of your property that determines your share of the total rates bill.

What are valuations?

Each year properties are re-valued by the State Government. Some properties may have increased in value and some may have decreased in value. Higher value properties pay a greater share of the rates bill, while lower value properties pay a smaller share. The key issue in determining your share is how your property has moved in comparison to the average movement of other properties in South Gippsland.

Find out more

If you have questions about your rates notices, please contact Council's rates team. Payment plans and assistance is also available. Please visit: southgippsland.vic.gov.au/rates

Meeting with the Victorian Small Business Commissioner



Councillors and Council staff recently met with the Victorian Small Business Commissioner, Lynda McAlary-Smith.

The commissioner addressed the Wonthaggi Gippsland Valuers Discussion Forum, providing Council with the opportunity to engage in conversation about our communities traditional and emerging industries.

It was a valuable chance to discuss with her the shifts of South Gippsland businesses from traditional, to new, emerging and sustainable industries, as well as the present challenges faced by local small businesses due to these emerging pressures.

To stay up to date with all things South Gippsland Shire Council, sign up to our fortnightly newsletter at: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/intheknow

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 20 September 2.00pm
(Council Chambers, Leongatha)

Dates are also listed on Council's website at:

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

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

HARD WASTE COLLECTION

Bookings for the annual hard waste collection service are now open.

All residents are eligible to receive one collection at a fee of \$150 per property. A reduced rate of \$53 applies for pension card holders.

Bookings close Friday 15 September. To book, please visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/hardwaste

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS – NOMINATIONS

The 2024 South Gippsland Australia Day Awards are now open. The awards provide an opportunity to recognise residents who make a significant impact in our region and to acknowledge and celebrate their achievements. To view the nomination categories or to nominate a South Gippsland resident, please visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/australiaday

IMPOUNDING OF VEHICLE

Council impounded the following vehicle in accordance with Schedule 11 of the *Local Government Act 1989* on 24 August 2023 from Bellingham Street, Leongatha.

2007 Black Ford Sedan

Registration Number. 1VY8BU

Engine Number. AFACXXMJDC7M0030

Unless the vehicle is collected and relevant fees paid within 14 days of the date of this notice, the vehicle will be offered for sale to the public.

For enquiries, please contact the Community Safety team on 5662 9200 during office hours.

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