



## South Gippsland Coastal Strategy Engagement Continues

Consultation for South Gippsland Shire Council's new Coastal Strategy is continuing, with an online discussion and another four community pop-ups occurring before the end of the month.

The Coastal Strategy will provide strategic direction for South Gippsland's coastal areas and help guide sustainable land use and development. The document is expected to be vital for our coastal communities as it will help us to understand, and plan for, future challenges such as increasing demand for residential and commercial development in coastal areas, climate change risks and ageing infrastructure.

To ensure the Strategy reflects the views of the South Gippsland community, an extensive engagement is currently being undertaken until 31 January. Two community pop-ups held earlier in the month at Port Welshpool and Sandy Point proved popular, with close to 100 survey responses collected.

Our Coastal Strategy stand will be 'popping up' again soon at:

### **Toora**

Saturday 21 January, Lion's Den Market (8.00am – 11.00am)

### **Venus Bay**

Saturday 21 January, Overflow Parking Area, Cnr Jupiter Boulevard and Centre Rd (12.30pm – 3.30pm)

### **Tarwin Lower**

Thursday 26 January, Australia Day BBQ (12.00pm – 3.00pm)

### **Stony Creek**

Tuesday 31 January, Stony Creek Races (11.00pm – 2.00pm)

There will also be an online discussion hosted at **6.00pm on Thursday 19 January** for anyone who would like to talk to someone about the Strategy but is unable to attend one of the face-to-face events.

Feedback can also be supplied online via Council's Your Say platform. Here you can access a survey or contribute thoughts to the ideas board or community discussion. You can find out more, or submit feedback at: <https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/>

**Quote attributable to Cr Nathan Hersey, Mayor South Gippsland Shire Council:**

*“Our coast is an important part of South Gippsland’s identity and is loved by locals and visitors alike. We recognise however, that there are a lot of pressures facing our coastal communities and we need to plan now for current and future challenges.*

*Since the COVID-19 pandemic, popularity of our region has increased significantly, so it’s a good time for us to get out there and listen to our community and consider different ways to protect our much-loved coastline and coastal townships.*

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