



Proposed 2023/24 Annual Budget and 2023/24 – 2032/24 Financial Plan open for feedback

The Proposed 2023/24 Budget and 2023/24 – 2032/33 Financial Plan are now available for community review following endorsement at last week's Council meeting.

The documents present a financially sustainable and responsible road map for South Gippsland for next year and for future years. They consider the opportunities available for our local community along with challenges such as the global economic climate, interest rate rises, escalating costs in the building industry and the cost of living.

The proposed 2023/24 Annual Budget carefully balances the needs of our local community with the delivery of services, investment in capital works and key initiatives such as:

- \$400,000 towards investing in Council's annual re-sheet program, design of sealing priority roads and protecting the condition of our roads through roadside vegetation and weed management.
- \$155,000 towards Planning initiatives to support sustainable growth, including implementing actions from the Coastal Strategy, the South Gippsland Planning Scheme review and progressing planning controls in Nyora.
- \$50,000 to improve sustainable management of our environment through developing a Climate Action Plan.
- Further investment of \$60,000 in improving our cybersecurity to protect our community's data and information.
- Community strengthening through the development of Community Plans across our unique communities, and ongoing funding support for the Live4Life program.

Capital works highlights include:

- A revitalised streetscape for Korumburra
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- A revitalised streetscape for Venus Bay
- Construction and sealing of Simons Lane, Leongatha
- Rehabilitation and resealing of sealed road sections

The proposed Annual Budget closely aligns with the objectives listed in the 2022-26 Council Plan.

To find out more about the proposed financial documents, or to provide feedback please visit:

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

“The Proposed Budget and Financial Plan have been developed as a sequel to the 2022/23 Budget, which focussed on prioritising the aspirations of our community as developed through the extensive ‘Shaping South Gippsland’ community engagement program, and encapsulated in the Community Vision 2040 and Council Plan. This Proposed Budget is focussed on funding delivery of the actions identified by our community, and progressing the outcomes of this important planning work. I would like to encourage our local community to review these documents and to have their say on our financial future.”

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