

## 2023/24 Annual Budget Adopted

At its June Council Meeting, South Gippsland Shire Council adopted the 2023/24 Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan.

The Annual Budget carefully balances the needs of our local community with the delivery of services, investment in capital works and key initiatives including but not limited to:

- \$400,000 towards 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 in South Gippsland, including implementing actions from the Coastal Strategy, South Gippsland Planning Scheme Review and progressing planning controls in Nyora.
- Assisting the community with the development of Community Plans across our unique communities and ongoing funding support for the Live4Life program.

The Budget also mentioned a raft of Capital Works projects such as:

- The revitalised Korumburra streetscape.
- Refurbishment of the rail precincts in Leongatha and Korumburra into new community areas.
- The revitalised Venus Bay streetscape.
- Rehabilitation and resealing of sealed road sections.
- Preparation of a strategic business plan for Coal Creek Community Park and Museum, in partnership with our community.

To view the 2023/24 Annual Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan, please visit:

[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/budget](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/budget)

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

*“Local government faces many challenges, particularly in regional areas, having to deliver more with less and the effects of inflation flowing through. It is more important than ever for Council to be in a financially strong position to absorb as much as unexpected costs as possible.”*

*“This Budget maintains our sound financial position while also delivering and progressing outcomes that are important to our community.”*

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