



South Gippsland Shire Council Annual Report Adopted

At the October Council Meeting the 2022/23 South Gippsland Shire Council Annual Report was adopted. The Report shows that Council has completed or progressed 96 per cent of the major initiatives in the Council Plan and remains in a healthy financial position.

Key highlights of the Annual Report include:

- The completion of one of Council's largest ever capital works programs, with \$34M in projects completed across the region. This includes large-scale projects like the Leongatha Early Learning Centre and the Korumburra Community Hub as well as smaller projects like the completion of the Venus Bay skate park, a new pontoon for the Toora Jetty, a reconfigured and sealed boat ramp car park in Port Welshpool, an updated streetscape in Little Commercial Street and a significant irrigation and drainage project at the Foster Showgrounds. In total 52 separate capital works projects were delivered.
- The distribution of \$260,000 to local community groups via Council's Community Grants program and an additional \$28,979 via Council's Small Grants Program and \$17,059 through the Emergency Grant Program.
- The development of a Coastal Strategy for South Gippsland which will provide strategic direction for South Gippsland's coastal areas and help guide sustainable land use and development. The engagement for the Coastal Strategy was one of the largest ever undertaken by Council with just over 800 people providing feedback via community pop-up events, an online forum, a survey and an ideas board.
- Organisationally, Council was pleased to achieve a figure of 9.6 per cent in workplace turnover – down from 12.08 per cent in 2020 and to achieve a score of 61 for Overall Council Direction in the 2023 Community Satisfaction Survey results. This is 10 points higher than last year's result, 17 points higher than the average for rural councils of a similar size and 15 points higher than the state-wide average.

The Annual Report is available to view online at: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/annualreport

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

“The 2022/23 Annual Report shows that most of our Council Plan initiatives are on track or completed.

It’s excellent to see that Council and the community are working well to deliver shared results for our region.

The world is run by those who show up, and it’s no different at a local level. This report represents our community doing just that and importantly, Council responding to meet the needs and expectations of the community.

The achievements in this document aren’t just Council achievements, they are achievements for the South Gippsland community. Thank you to everyone who contributed.”

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