



South Gippsland
Shire Council

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Have Your Say on the Second Draft of the General Local Law

Be sure to have your say on the second draft of the General Local Law.

In response to community input, Council has released a revised second draft of the General Local Law, incorporating valuable feedback from residents.

The new draft includes a number of clauses that have been modified to better align with our community's needs. These include:

- Changing an excessive vegetation clause to exclude grass or other crops grown for the production of fodder on land greater than 1 acre. This clause generated significant feedback, and Council recognised the need for it be amended.
- A change to the dilapidated buildings clause so that the focus is on public safety rather than appearance or character.
- Removal of a clause stating domestic bins should be brought in within 24 hours of collection.
- Updated wording around stock crossings to

provide clarity. The General Local Law does not require a permit for stock crossings as long as it is undertaken in accordance with the Manual for Traffic Control at a stock crossing. Permits are only required if the manual cannot be complied with or if you are crossing a highway (in which case a Regional Roads permit is required). A permit is also required if permanent signs are to be installed on a Council road – this is to ensure road safety and that they meet the relevant signage requirements.

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* General Local Law's must be updated every 10 years and Council's is due for renewal this year.

The second draft is now available for review and feedback at yoursay.vic.gov.au

Act now, as the feedback period is drawing to a close. Your input matters in shaping the regulations that directly impact your community.

The feedback period ends Monday 15 January 2024.

Australia Day Photography Competition



South Gippsland Shire Council is once again running the Australia Day Photography Competition.

The theme of the competition is Australia Day: South Gippsland – Our people and places.

There are two prize categories – an open category with a \$500 prize and junior category (under 15) with a \$300 prize.

To find out more about the South Gippsland Australia Day Photography Competition, or to submit an entry, please visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/australiadaycompetition

Entries close Wednesday 17 January 2024.

Winners will be announced on Friday 26 January 2024.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council will be in recess for January 2023, there will be no Meetings conducted.

Meeting dates for 2024 are listed on Council's website.

The first meeting of the year is scheduled for 21 February 2024 at 2.00pm.

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

COMMUNITY GRANTS INFORMATION SESSION

Not sure of what the process is for applying for grants? What is SmartyGrants?

To help community groups with their Community Grants application, Council is holding an in person and online information session on Monday 29 January.

In person: 11.00am to 12.00pm at Council Chambers, Leongatha

Online: 7.00pm to 8.00pm

The sessions will brief prospective applicants on what can and can't be funded and provide a demonstration of the Smarty Grants online application process.

Registrations are essential. Please advise

how you would prefer to attend the session, whether online or in person. Registrants will be notified one week before the event with details on how the event will be hosted.

If you need assistance, please phone 5662 9200 or email grants@southgippsland.vic.gov.au.

To register for one of the Community Grants information sessions, please head to:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/information-session

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