

## Seeking feedback to determine the future of Coal Creek

South Gippsland Shire Council is seeking community feedback to help determine the future of Coal Creek.

A discussion paper is available and feedback can be provided via an online survey or at five in-person pop-up events. A community assembly will also be held which will feature a representative sample of residents, randomly selected from the broader South Gippsland community. The Assembly participants will be invited to meet to discuss Coal Creek's opportunities and challenges, review feedback and provide recommendations to Council.

The Discussion Paper offers three potential options for Coal Creek, including a revitalisation approach, a transition into a new sustainable tourism destination, or an option of ceasing current operations.

Residents, visitors and stakeholders are encouraged to share their views on the park's strengths, areas for improvements and their vision for its future. All input during this consultation period will be carefully considered in the planning process.

Feedback can be provided in-person at the following events:

Tarwin Lower (Australia Day Event) – Friday 26 January (12.00pm to 2.00pm)

Leongatha (near Memorial Hall) – Friday 2 February (12 noon to 3.00pm)

Korumburra (Coal Creek) - Friday 2 February (5.30pm to 8.30pm)

Foster (Prom Country Farmers' Market) – Saturday 17 February (9.00am to 12 noon)

Mirboo North (Mirboo North Market) – Saturday 24 February (9.00am to 12 noon)

Hard copies of the discussion paper and survey are available at Council reception at 9 Smith Street, Leongatha.

To read the discussion paper and contribute to the survey online, please visit:

<https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au>

The online survey closes 29 February to allow consideration by the Community Assembly. Feedback will be accepted until 31 March 2024.

**Quote attributable to Councillor Clare Williams, Mayor South Gippsland Shire Council:**

*“This is an important discussion and your input will be instrumental in helping Council to determine a path forward. We want to hear from as many voices as possible to help us build an accurate picture of what residents and visitors want Coal Creek to be. I encourage everyone to get involved in the engagement process.”*

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