



South Gippsland
Shire Council

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Maintaining Your Septic System

How Do I Know If I Have Sewer or Septic?

If you don't pay a wastewater charge on your water bill, you **do** have a septic system. If you're a tenant or renter, it's best to confirm with your landlord.

Why Maintenance Matters

Onsite wastewater systems (septic systems) require regular care and maintenance to function effectively.

Knowing where your system is located on your property is essential - so that any issues can be identified and resolved quickly.

Failing to maintain your septic system can result in significant financial, environmental, and health impacts.

However, a well-designed, installed, and properly maintained system can last for many years.

Tips to Extend the Life of Your Septic System

- Reduce water usage: Spread out the use of major water-consuming appliances—such as washing machines—throughout the week to prevent system overload.
- Be mindful of what enters the system: Avoid flushing baby wipes, personal hygiene products, grease, oils, or other non-biodegradable materials.
- Protect your effluent field: Keep vehicles, heavy structures, and livestock off the effluent area to

avoid compaction or damage.

- Maintain healthy bacteria levels: Use septic-safe, low-sodium cleaning and laundry products, and avoid harsh chemicals like bleach that can harm beneficial bacteria.

Warning Signs of a Failing System

- Bad odours near the tank or effluent field
- Slow draining sinks, showers, or baths
- Gurgling sounds in pipes

If you notice any of these signs, your system may need attention.

Service and Compliance

All servicing must be carried out by an authorised service representative. Refer to your Installation Permit for your maintenance obligations specific to your system.

Can't find your permit? Contact Council's Environmental Health Team on 5662 9200 for assistance.

More Information

Ongoing maintenance is essential for effective and safe operation of your septic system.

For more information, visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/septic

This Park's Alive! Expression of Interest



South Gippsland Shire Council is seeking to engage two artists to each co-develop interactive digital experiences or artworks, as part of This Park's Alive!

This Park's Alive! is a project funded by a VicHealth Growing Healthy Communities Grant. It involves proposing a groundbreaking participative art campaign for South Gippsland, that will engage children from 8 to 11 years of age in new ways with their own local parks.

For more information and to apply, visit:
www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/this_parks_alive

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 August 2025 at 2.00pm.

Details will be available on Council's website:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/councilmeetings

To watch the meeting live or when it suits you, visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for a new job? We might have the perfect position for you! Check out our current vacant positions here:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/vacantpositions

ARTEMIS: UTTER MESS

Artemis is a show about labels and the difference between words that confine us, and words that set us free. Join Artemis Muñoz as they unpack their journey to self-acceptance live on stage.

This show is for anyone who has ever wondered where they belong or has been confused about living in a world that takes issues with words of identity and community.

Date: Saturday 16 August

Time: 6.30pm to 9.00pm

Location: Meeniyan Hall

Tickets are free but must be booked at:

www.trybooking.com/DEJUG

REQUEST FOR TENDERS

Council is seeking submissions from qualified companies/applicants for the following:

RFT/424 - Construction of Korumburra Tennis Clubrooms

Tenders close 2.00pm AEST on Tuesday 9 September 2025.

Documentation is available from Council's e-Tendering Portal

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/tenders

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