

South Gippsland Shire Council Calls for Community Ideas to Help Shape the 2026/27 Annual Budget

At its October Council Meeting, South Gippsland Shire Council approved the commencement of community consultation to support the development of its Annual Budget for 2026/27.

This early submission phase, will allow residents to put forward proposals before the budget is drafted, ensuring early consideration for financial planning.

Once community feedback is collected and the Annual Budget is drafted, Council will hold a second consultation for the community to review the draft budget. However, budget submissions will not be accepted at this time.

To share your feedback and help shape the Draft Budget 2026/27, please visit:

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

Council will also host in-person pop-ups across the Shire, with the first scheduled for Wednesday 22 October from 12.00pm to 1.00pm at the Venus Bay Community Centre. Pre-budget submission will close Friday 21 November 2025.

Quote attributable to Cr John Schelling, Mayor South Gippsland Shire Council:

"We are seeking community insights now to help guide the development of the 2026/27 Budget right from the start. Councils across the sector are facing financial challenges, including ageing asset portfolios, and South Gippsland is no exception. We encourage residents to provide thoughtful and realistic suggestions that will help Council prioritise its financial resources effectively."

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