



South Gippsland
Shire Council

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Organisational Performance Report Adopted

At its 18 February Meeting, Council adopted the Organisational Performance Report for 1 July to 31 December 2025, outlining strong financial and operational performance. The Report outlines Council's progress against the 2025/26 Annual Budget and tracks delivery of key actions in the 2025 - 2029 Council Plan.

Council remains in a sound financial position. The adjusted underlying result for the 2025/26 budget is forecast to be a 3.4 per cent surplus, exceeding the 0 per cent target. Council's Indebtedness Ratio of 22.38 per cent sits well below the 40 per cent benchmark, showing that debt is being managed carefully while investment in the community continues.

A detailed midyear budget review also revealed a \$12 million improvement to the financial reserves, enabling repayment of funds used to respond to major storm events over recent years.

Council's Capital Works program is tracking well. Expenditure to the end of December

is largely on track, with projects running on time with minimal delays.

KEY COUNCIL PLAN ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Early community consultation for the 2026/27 Budget.
- Community feedback provided for the Draft Community Engagement Policy and Strategy.
- Adoption of the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2026–2029.
- Progress on the Economic Development Strategy.
- Commencing our Heritage Review Project.
- The Live4Life Program annual review.
- Excellent performance in planning and road-maintenance.
- Dogs have been welcomed into Coal Creek for the first time.

For more information and to read the full report, visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/yourcouncil

Connect with Councillors



Drop in and have a chat with Councillors next week:

When: Wednesday 4 March, 1.00pm - 2.00pm.

Where: Venus Bay Community Centre.

No booking required - just come along on the day.

Two more sessions will be held later in the year:

- Wednesday 3 June - Loch

- Wednesday 2 September - Port Welshpool

Opportunities are also available to 'Meet the Mayor' on the second Tuesday of each month.

To learn more or apply for one of the 30-minute sessions, visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/meetthemayor

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 18 March 2026 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

JOBS EXPO 2026

Explore different industries, chat with employers and businesses who are currently hiring, and learn about training opportunities.

Where: Memorial Hall, Leongatha.

When: Thursday 19 March, 10.00am to 2.00pm.

For more information, visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/jobsexpo

COMMUNITY GRANTS DROP-IN SESSIONS

The second round of community grants is now open for application until 31 March 2026.

To assist with applications, Council has been hosting drop-in sessions across South Gippsland with Community Development Staff. The final session of this Round is listed below.

Venus Bay Community Centre

Wednesday 25 Feb - 12.30pm to 4.00pm.

For more information, visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/grants

IMMUNISATION SESSION

Where: Leongatha Early Learning Centre.

When: Thursday 26 February, 9.30am - 11.30am.

For more information and to book your session, visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/immunisation

REQUEST FOR TENDER

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

RFT/449 Construction of Nyora Public Toilet Facility

Tenders close at 2.00pm AEDT on Tuesday 10 March 2026.

Documentation is available from Council's e-Tendering Portal:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/tenders

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