

Organisational Performance Report

South Gippsland Shire Council has received its Organisational Performance Report for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026, highlighting strong progress across Council's strategic priorities, sound financial management and the delivery of key annual actions from the 2025–2029 Council Plan. The report provides an update on Council's financial and organisational performance. It also measures progress on the 30 Annual Actions adopted for the current financial year, with all actions currently on track to be completed by 30 June 2026.

The Organisational Performance Report highlights a range of achievements and projects progressing across the municipality, including:

- Development of Council's Draft 2026/27 Annual Budget following five Councillor budget workshops and community consultation.
- Progress on the Draft Community Engagement Policy and Community Engagement Strategy, informed by six weeks of public consultation.
- Advancement of Council's Heritage Review, with background studies complete and community engagement scheduled.
- Preparation of a draft Planning Scheme Review Report for community consideration.
- Commencement of a review of Council's Economic Development Strategy, including industry consultation workshops.
- Completion of a project brief for the Nyora Traffic Study.
- Progress on a review of the Paths and Trails Strategy.
- Ongoing support for community planning groups, resilience initiatives and local events.
- Successful advocacy by the Live4Life partnership group secured funding from the Gardiner Foundation and Primary Health Network to support program delivery.
- Continued development of a new Youth Strategy with Youth Council members and local students.

- Completion of community plans for Outtrim, Foster and Dumbalk.

The report also shows that Council's year-to-date financial performance remains strong. The adjusted underlying result for 2025/26 is forecast to be a surplus of 1.82 per cent, exceeding Council's target of zero per cent. Council's forecast Indebtedness Ratio as of 30 June 2026 is 22.39 per cent, well within the target maximum ratio of 40 per cent.

Following the third quarter review, the Organisational Performance Report includes a \$6 million transfer to financial reserves, with \$3 million allocated to the General Reserve to support emergency response needs and \$3 million allocated to the Asset Development Reserve.

Capital Works expenditure to 31 March 2026 totals \$13.5 million, behind the forecast \$18.3 million due primarily to project timing differences, including contractor availability, material supply constraints, permitting processes and community consultation timelines.

Quote attributable to Cr Nathan Hersey, Mayor of South Gippsland Shire Council

"Council's third quarter performance report demonstrates strong organisational performance, sound financial stewardship and continued progress on delivering the priorities identified in our Council Plan.

"It is pleasing to see that all 30 Annual Actions adopted for 2025/26 remain on track for completion by 30 June. This reflects Council's continued focus on delivering outcomes for our communities while maintaining a strong financial position.

"The report also highlights the breadth of work underway across South Gippsland, from strategic planning and economic development to youth services, infrastructure planning, community resilience and heritage protection."

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