



South Gippsland
Shire Council

2026/2027 Council Budget

Council has adopted its 2026/27 Budget, delivering a practical and financially responsible plan that balances service delivery with rising costs.

Developed during a period of economic uncertainty, the Budget ensures Council continues to live within its means, with a balanced cash position and no additional borrowing planned for this period. Councillors have worked line by line with Council leadership, examining each department's budget to identify savings, making sure every dollar is spent wisely.

At the same time, Council also needs to manage the increasing cost of fuel,

energy, construction materials and contractor services, while operating within the Victorian Government's 2.75 per cent rate cap.

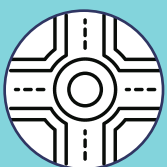
A key feature of the Budget is a \$24.26 million capital works program, with around 90 per cent focused on renewing existing assets. This investment will help maintain vital infrastructure such as roads, bridges, buildings and community facilities so they remain safe, reliable and fit-for-purpose.

For more information and to read the Budget, visit:
www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/budget

Budget at a Glance

- Balanced budget (no surplus or deficit).
- Total budget of \$90 million dollars.
- 85 services delivered to the community.
- \$24.26 million infrastructure investment.
- No new borrowings.
- Low debt at \$7.7 million.
- 88% of income is from rates, charges and grants.
- Operates within 2.75% rate increase cap.

Budget Highlights



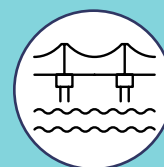
\$24.26 million capital works program, consisting of \$9.021 million in grants and \$15.239 from Council.



\$2.4 million in resealing roads, protecting our assets and extending their life.



\$2.5 million on unsealed roads - improving access and safety for rural communities.



\$1.3 million in bridge renewal and rehabilitation, helping to ensure critical connections remain safe.



New Economic Development and Visitor Economy Strategy supports local business.



\$4.46 million rehabilitating sealed roads – delivering smoother, safer journeys.



\$1.8 million through the Safe Local Roads and Streets Program - enhancing road safety.



85 services will be delivered to the community.



Regional Partnerships Program plans for growth associated with wind power projects.