

Parking infringement penalties

At Wednesday's Council Meeting, South Gippsland Shire Council endorsed a continuation of parking infringement penalties being set at 0.5 penalty units (which equates to \$105), as permitted by the *Road Safety Act 1986*. This keeps a consistent penalty level for parking infringements and is also in line with the approach taken by neighbouring councils.

While administrative in nature, the decision has prompted a valuable broader discussion about the role of parking infringements, particularly in supporting fair and accessible parking within our business precincts.

The primary purpose of parking enforcement is to encourage compliance. Effective penalties discourage motorists from overstaying and help ensure parking spaces turn over regularly, making them available to customers, visitors, people with accessibility needs and other road users. This supports fair access to limited parking and helps our business precincts remain welcoming and accessible to more people, more often.

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