Streetscape plans underway for Korumburra

A draft Streetscape Master Plan for Korumburra’s main shopping area in Commercial and Bridge Streets will be on display for four weeks and Council is encouraging residents to have their say.

Residents are invited to view and comment on three design options for the town’s main retail area that Council’s Director of Development Services, Bryan Sword, said are vital to the future prosperity and liveability of South Gippsland.

“With community input, we will be able to develop a practical streetscape design that can make a real difference to Korumburra and help the growth of the local economy,” he explained.

“While this may take a number of years to implement in stages, it will enhance South Gippsland as a fantastic destination.”

The Draft Korumburra Streetscape Master Plan (Draft KSMP) builds on the findings of the Korumburra Town Centre Framework Plan October 2013 (KTCFP). This plan had strong community support for adjusting Commercial Street and the Bridge Street dog-leg to manage vehicle movements more safely by introducing a wider, single through-lane and creating buffered parking areas.

The Draft KSMP had pre-display input from four key Korumburra community groups and was prepared by Hansen Partnership and Ratio Traffic Engineers on Council’s behalf, in consultation with VicRoads.

“As elements within the three design options can be mixed and matched to some extent, the community’s feedback about layout preferences will be important input for refining a final version to be considered for adoption by Council,” Mr Sword said. “Completion of the Final KSMP is the next step in Council’s long term commitment to improving the town centre.”

The plan will assist Council with funding applications and future budget allocation decisions.

Residents can view and comment on the Draft KSMP from Monday 16 November at the Korumburra Library, Coal Creek Community Park and Museum, Council’s reception at 9 Smith Street, Leongatha and on Council’s website. Feedback forms will be available at these locations.

Plans will also be on display at a street stall in Commercial Street, in front of Karmai Arcade, Korumburra, on:
- Saturday 21 November 9.30am - 11.30am
- Monday 23 November 2.00pm - 4.00pm

An open community drop-in session will be held on Monday 23 November from 5.30pm – 7.30pm at the Korumburra Library Complex Meeting Room.
Council officers managing the project will be available to receive community comments directly at all three sessions. The project consultants will be present at sessions on 23 November.

Submissions in email and letter form are also welcome and can include images to further illustrate feedback. Please include your name, address, business hours telephone number and email address (if applicable) to ensure your submission is considered by Council.

Submissions must be received before 5.00pm Friday 11 December 2015.

*Caption: A draft concept plan of the dog-leg view, north from outside the Commonwealth Bank in Korumburra, provides an example of streetscape works to manage vehicle movements.*