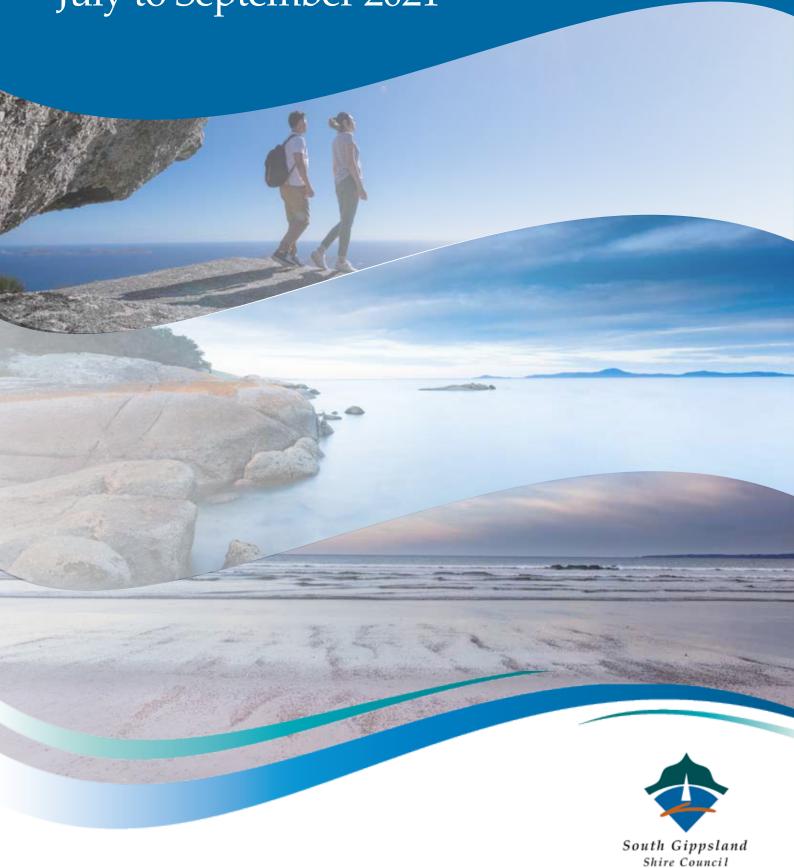
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# **Our Vision**

By 2024 Council aims to:

- Be known for being customer focused;
- Have made significant progress to entrench a sense of shared community direction across the Shire;
- Have successfully delivered the agreed Capital Works Program; and
- Be known for excellence in the services we deliver.

Front Cover: Wilsons Promontory Duck Point, Yanakie Waratah Bay

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the Bunurong and Gunaikurnai people as the Traditional Custodians of South Gippsland and pay respect to their Elders, past, present, and future, for they hold the memories, traditions, culture, and hopes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of Australia.

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# COUNCIL PLAN OVERVIEW

South Gippsland Shire Council's 2021/22 Annual Budget and 2020-2024 Council Plan were adopted at the 23 June 2021 Council Meeting. The Council Plan includes four main themes, each comprised of strategic outcomes, objectives, initiatives and performance measures.

A series of indicators are allocated to the four outcomes of the Council Plan and progress against these indicators and service performance measures are outlined within this report.

The Council's Organisational Performance Report for the period July 2021 to September 2021 provides detailed reporting on Council's performance against the Annual Plan Initiatives, Financial Performance and Capital Works Programs.

The COVID-19 Pandemic continues to impact the community. Council has been able to adapt quickly to the unanticipated disruptions created by the pandemic, while still continuing to deliver services to the community. The final outcome of some Council Plan initiatives may be impacted as a result of the Pandemic.

This section summarises the most current results for the progress of Council in relation to outcome indicators and service performance measures in the 2020-2024 Council Plan.

It is anticipated that the majority of the 19 Council Plan annual initiatives will be delivered or extensively progressed by the end of this financial year.

# **COUNCIL PLAN**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

UNITED SHIRE
shared community direction

ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

cornerstone for local employment & business Growth

INTEGRATED SERVICES

& INFRASTRUCTURE
enhance liveability



# COUNCIL PLAN INITIATIVES

Performance of the 2020-2024 Council Plan is measured by:

- Results achieved against the Strategic Objectives in the Council Plan;
- Progress against the Measures of Success Indicators to monitor relevant trends;
- Progress against the Annual Major Initiatives identified in the 2021/22 Annual Budget; and
- Results achieved against the prescribed Service Performance Indicators and key performance measures.

# **GUIDE TO**PROGRESS REPORT

#### PROGRESS DEFINITIONS

#### **TARGET ACHIEVED**

Project has achieved target and is completed. No further action is required.

#### **ON TRACK**

The progress performance for the indicator is achieving target. All elements of the indicator/project are on track.

#### **MONITOR**

The progress performance for the indicator is close to target and is being monitored to achieve target. All elements of the indicator/project are improving to 'On-Track' or 'Target Achieved' status.

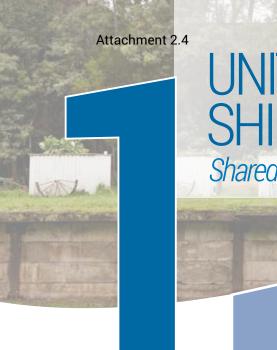
#### ON HOLD

Project has been placed on-hold due to a set of circumstances or changes in legislation.

COUNCIL PLAN OVERALL PRO	GRESS PERFORMANCE			
INDICATOR	TARGET ACHIEVED	ON TRACK	MONITOR	ON HOLD OR NOT REPORTED
COUNCIL PLAN MEASURES OF SUCCESS INDICATORS seek to monitor relevant trends Council is aiming to influence	10% 2 initiatives	80% 16 initiative	0%	10% 2 initiatives
COUNCIL PLAN ANNUAL INITIATIVES  actions that work towards achieving the strategies and vision for each Strategic Objective of the Council Plan	5% 1 initiative	95% 18 initiatives	0%	0%
COUNCIL PLAN SERVICE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS performance measures that is aligned with the Local	0%	64% 7 indicators	27% 3 indicators	9% 1 indicator

Note: Three indicators are not reported this quarter as data is based on annual survey results at the end of the financial year and will be included in the 2021/22 Annual Report.

Government Performance Reporting Framework (LGPRF)



UNITED SHIRE Shared community direction



# **Our Vision**

To establish a shared long-term community direction that unites the Shire and guides its future direction.

To provide services that are accessible and support the various sectors of the community.

2020-2024

# **Strategies**

- Develop a shared vision for the future direction of the Shire in partnership with the community.
- Develop and support the leadership skills of existing and emerging community leaders, volunteers, community groups and networks.
- Deliver efficient and responsive services that enhance the health, safety and well-being of the community.
- Deliver Council's 'Community Support Package' to support the community to respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic in the recovery and re-investment of community and economic activity across the Shire.

#### **Services Provided**

- Aged and Disability Service
- · Community Strengthening
- · Children, Youth and Family Services
- Libraries
- Sport, Recreation, Leisure and Aquatic Facilities

#### **Adopted Plans & Strategies**

- Active Ageing Strategy
- Age Friendly South Gippsland Plan
- Art, Culture and Creative Industries Strategy
- Community Strengthening Strategy
- Council Vision
- Disability Action Plan
- Municipal Early Years Plan
- Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan
- Liquor and Gambling Strategy
- Youth Strategy

# COUNCIL PLAN MEASURE OF SUCCESS INDICATORS

INDICATOR	TARGET	PROGRESS COMMENTS
INFLUENCE MEASURE The effectiveness of Council and community partnerships will be measured by the quality of community projects supported financially by Council through the Community Grants Program.  Community Services	All Community Grants recommended to Council for funding will require a minimum of 70 per cent of the maximum possible assessment score	ON TRACK The first round of the 2021/22 Community Grants Program was delayed to allow for the annual review of the Community Grants Program which was presented at the 18 August 2021 Council Meeting. The first round applications close on 20 October 2021.

#### INFLUENCE MEASURE

The effectiveness of the *Community Leadership Development Program* will be measured by the number of participants actively engaged in the Program and the representation across the Shire.

Community Services

Minimum of 75 participants with broad representation from across the Shire per annum

Note: this is a two year initiative

#### **ON TRACK**

The second round of the *Community Leadership Program* with 20 participants began in July 2021. The *Youth Leadership Program* with an expected uptake of 70 participants is on schedule to begin next quarter as COVID-19 restrictions ease.

The *Community Leadership Network* will commence in November 2021. Final numbers of these programs will be determined after completion.

**RESPONSIBILITY DEFINITIONS: CONTROL** Actions of Council directly control the outcome result | **INFLUENCE** Council may influence the outcome result but other external factors or partnering activities may impact | **MONITOR** Council has no influence on the outcome result but monitors to assist with future planning and advocacy

INDICATOR	TARGET	PROGRESS COMMENT
INFLUENCE MEASURE The effectiveness of the Three Year Old Kindergarten Program will be measured by the increase in the number of children participating in the Program, the diversity of locations in which those children reside and the optimum use of Kindergarten facilities.  Community Services	95% of children enrolled through central enrollment are granted their first or second preference	ON TRACK  COUNCIL RESULT = 100%  All three-year-old children received their first or second preference to attend the <i>Three-Year-Old Kindergarten Program</i> in this reporting period.
	Aim for equal to or greater than 75% of existing providers offering a 15 hour Kindergarten Program weekly	ON TRACK  Target is on track, however not every Kindergarten service provides 15 hours of <i>Three-Year-Old Kindergarten Program</i> at this stage.
		ON TRACK COUNCIL RESULT = 76%
	Baseline aims for 75% of eligible children in each location attending subsidised Three Year Old Kindergarten Program	Percentage of eligible children in each location attending subsidised <i>Three-Year-Old Kindergarten Program</i> for 2021:
		West (Korumburra, Loch, Poowong – 98 of 124 eligible children enrolled = 79 percent
		Central (Leongatha, Mirboo North, Meeniyan – 132 of 176 eligible children enrolled = 75 percent
		East (Fish Creek, Foster, Toora, Welshpool – 39 of 53 eligible children enrolled = 74 percent
		Populations based on population forecast data prepared by id consulting on behalf of South Gippsland Shire Council pending Census 2021 results to be released mid 2022.

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# YEAR 2 ACTION PLAN COUNCIL PLAN - ANNUAL INITIATIVES





INITIATIVE TARGET PROGRESS COMMENTS

Work in partnership with the community and key stakeholders to develop a ten-year *Community Vision* for the future of South Gippsland, to capture community aspirations, and guide future action planning and resource allocation.

by 31 October 2022

ON TRACK

**ON TRACK** 

Preparation for the development of the Community Vision has commenced with internal working teams established to undertake initial compilation of information.

This information will be shared with the new Council, once elected. A Consultant has been appointed to support the Council in developing the *Community Vision*.

Governance

Develop the 2022-2025 Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan, including:

- Undertaking the Liveability Study to inform health and wellbeing planning, and development of the Community Vision;
- Undertaking community consultation on health and wellbeing issues and priorities for action.

by 31 October 2022

Communities Plan 2021/22 was endorsed by Council at the 15 September 2021 Council Meeting. Due to Council's Election occurring in October 2021, an interim one-year plan was prepared to bridge the gap between a four-year review cycle of the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan

The Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan - Healthy

Following this endorsement, an Action Plan is currently under development and is on schedule to commence in November 2021.

The development of the 2022-2025 Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan is unable to progress until the reporting of the 2017-2021 Plan is finalised. Community consultation will be undertaken at the commencement of developing the 2022-2025 Plan.

Community Services



INITIATIVE	TARGET	PROGRESS COMMENTS
Deliver year two of the <i>Community Leadership Program</i> , to foster and develop the quality of community leadership in South Gippsland.  **Community Services**	by 30 June 2022	Year Two of the <i>Community Leadership Program</i> commenced in July 2021 with 22 recipients endorsed by Council, however two have withdrawn due to other commitments.  The purpose of the Program is to encourage widespread participation in community and civic life in the municipality, support the development of community leadership skills, and support an improvement in the relationship between the Council and its community.

Develop a 2021-2025 Municipal Emergency Management Plan, to plan for preparedness for and response to emergencies across the Shire.

by 31 October 2022

Community Safety

#### **TARGET ACHIEVED**

The Municipal Emergency Management Plan 2021-2025 (MEMP) received assurance by Regional Emergency Management Planning Committee (REMPC) on the 2 September 2021.

# **SERVICE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

LGPRF INDICATOR	2020 RESULT	2021 RESULT	2021/22 RESULT - FYQ1
AQUATIC VISITS			
Utilisation of aquatic facilities		_	MONITOR
Number of visits to aquatic facilities per head of the municipal population.	VISIT	ts VISITS	0.5 VISITS

#### COMMENT

Pandemic restrictions and the closure of outdoor pools during winter months has impacted this figure. This will be monitored as COVID-19 restrictions ease and the outdoor pools open in the summer months

ACTIVE LIBRARY MEMBERS			MONITOR
Active library borrowers in municipality	= 60.	= =0:	
Percentage of the municipal population that are members of the library and have borrowed a library collection item.	16%	15%	12%
	7	This will be monitored a libraries will oc	<b>COMMENT</b> as the accessibility and opening of cur as COVID-19 restrictions ease.
MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH			ON TRACK
Participation in the MCH service	<b>76</b> %	<b>76</b> %	*43%
Percentage of children enrolled who participate in the MCH service	10%	10%	<b>43</b> /0
MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH			ON TRACK
Participation in the MCH service by Aboriginal children	83%	70%	*36%
Percentage of Aboriginal children enrolled who participate in the MCH service	0070	1070	30%
	*NOTE: for the above	two indicators, the com-	COMMENT parison for MCH data is three month

\*NOTE: for the above two indicators, the comparison for MCH data is three month figures of attendance being assessed against a full year total of children enrolled. Clients were still receiving service from Council's MCH service during COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions via phone or health direct video call.

# **Our Vision**

To establish the Shire as a thriving and diverse local economy that builds on our region's natural advantages.

2020-2024

# **Strategies**

- Build a sustainable and growing economy that:
  - Attracts and supports businesses to thrive and grow;
  - Broadens, builds and strengthens industry sectors;
  - Creates and sustains local employment opportunities; and
  - Establishes the Shire as the 'food hub' that feeds our State and beyond.
- Develop plans that will balance and utilise the natural values of the environment, improve the Shire's liveability and build on the benefits of our proximity to Melbourne.
- Deliver services that support the growth of the local and regional economy.
- Work together with surrounding councils to support regional growth and prosperity. South Gippsland Shire Council

#### **Services Provided**

- Caravan Parks
- Coal Creek Community Park and Museum
- Economic Development and Tourism
- Regulatory Services
- Statutory, Strategic and Social Planning

## **Adopted Plans & Strategies**

- Branding Strategy
- Domestic Animal Management Plan
- Domestic Wastewater Management Plan
- Eastern Districts Urban Design Frameworks
- Economic Development and Tourism Strategy
- Foster Structure Plan
- Housing and Settlement Strategy
- Korumburra Structure Plan
- Korumburra Town Centre Car Parking Strategy
- Leongatha Car Parking Strategy
- Loch Structure Plan
- Mirboo North Structure Plan Refresh
- Municipal Strategic Statement
- Nyora Structure Plan
- Open Space Strategy
- Poowong Structure Plan
- Priority Projects
- Recreational Vehicle (RV) Strategy
- Rural Land-Use Strategy
- Sandy Point Urban Design Framework
- South Gippsland Heritage Study
- South Gippsland Planning Scheme
- Tarwin Lower Urban Design Framework
- Venus Bay Urban Design Framework

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# COUNCIL PLAN MEASURE OF SUCCESS INDICATORS

INDICATOR	TARGET	PROGRESS COMMENT
		ON TRACK
	Equal to or greater than 5% increase	Figures released by REMPLAN in September 2021 reflect the end of calendar year 2020. The figures showed a Gross Regional Product (GRP) for South Gippsland of \$1,852.7 million. This is an increase from the baseline figure of \$111.6 million or an increase of 6.4 per cent.
INFLUENCE MEASURE Advocacy efforts by Council aim	by 2024 BASELINE: Gross Regional Product \$1,741,092	These figures also reflect the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic during the year, however they provide a better than expected result which has seen the economy remain steady.
<ul> <li>to influence:</li> <li>an increase in the Gross         Regional Product (the         measure of all goods and         services produced within</li> </ul>		Council has also been actively supporting businesses during the COVID-19 Pandemic. This includes the Business Support Packages, Small Business Mentoring, Workshops, assistance related to outdoor dining and distribution of Government information.
the Shire)		
<ul> <li>an increase in the Gross         Revenue of businesses         of all industry sectors in         South Gippsland</li> <li>an increase in the number</li> </ul>	Equal to or greater than 5% increase by 2024  BASELINE: Gross Revenue Baseline \$3,543,907	ON TRACK Figures released by REMPLAN in September 2021 showing an Economic Output (Gross Revenues) for South Gippsland of \$3,890.2 million. This is an increase of \$356.3 million from the base figure or an annual increase of 9.8 per cent.
of businesses in the Shire as measured by the Australian Business Register		These figures also reflect the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic during the year, however they provide a better than expected result which has seen the economy remain steady.
		ON TRACK
Economy, Arts and Tourism	Equal to or greater than 5% increase in business registrations by 2024 BASELINE: of 7,300	Data from the Australian Business Register (ABR) shows 7,742 active business registrations effective 30 September 2021. This is a net increase of 442 business registrations or 6.1 per cent increase from baseline.
		With new business registrations; Agriculture, Administrative and Support Services, Construction, Retail Trade, Professional Services, Healthcare and Social Assistance; continue to dominate as the main industry types in South Gippsland.

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#### **INDICATOR TARGET** PROGRESS COMMENT INFLUENCE MEASURE The effectiveness of supporting **ON TRACK** small businesses will be 90% of business measured by reducing **COUNCIL RESULT = 91%** applications processed timelines and streamlining the utilising the *Better* regulatory process through the Approval Program Council has applied the Better Approvals Process to process Better Approvals Program. 91 per cent of business applications. Economy, Arts and Tourism

#### **CONTROL MEASURE**

The effectiveness of efforts to increase local procurement will be measured by the percentage of local spend on Council goods and services.

Governance

An adopted policy position and definition of 'local spend', together with baseline targets established by June 2021

2020/21 TARGET: 64% local procurement spend of overall procurement expenditure

#### **TARGET ACHIEVED**

Council adopted a revised *Procurement Policy* at the 24 June 2020 Council Meeting, which seeks to strengthen the procurement of goods and services from local suppliers. A report on Local Procurement for South Gippsland Shire Council is on schedule to be presented at the 24 November 2021 Council Meeting.

For the time period of July to September 2021, the local procurement component of overall Council spending was 46.9 per cent of an overall \$14.553 million. Of this Gippsland region based total, 24.7 per cent was spent with South Gippsland based businesses seeing \$3.6 million spent directly into the local economy with a further \$0.8 million spent with significant business operators within the Shire.

#### CONTROL MEASURE

Time taken to decide planning applications.

Planning Services

Aim to reduce the number of days from 2019/20 baseline of 72 days, to equal to or less than 60 days by June 2024

Note: LGPRF indicator

#### **ON TRACK**

The LGPRF result for the median number of days on the time taken to decide on a planning application was 97 days for the period July 2021 to September 2021.

Increasing application numbers over the first quarter has meant that the median number of days to make a decision has increased. A commitment to the ongoing process improvement initiatives will contribute to a reduction in the timeline.

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# **YEAR 2 ACTION PLAN** COUNCIL PLAN - ANNUAL INITIATIVES



## Council Plan - 2021/22 Annual Initiatives

INITIATIVE **TARGET** PROGRESS COMMENTS

#### **ON TRACK**

The Economic Development Strategy 2021-2031 and the Visitor Economy Strategy 2021-2031 were adopted at the 21 July 2021 Council Meeting (Strategies).

The two Advisory Groups met in August 2021 to discuss implementation of the priorities of these Strategies. Officers have also commenced developing the annual work plans.

Some highlights include:

- Delivery of the Shop Local Program;
- Commencement of the development of a new tourism website:
- Six finalists at the Gippsland Business Awards;
- A brief developed for the Arts, Culture and Creative Industries Strategy;
- Advocacy on Telecommunications and SEATS (South East Australia Transport Strategy); and
- Extended the Business Concierge service.

Commence implementation of the 2021-2025 Economic Development and Visitor

Economy Strategies.

by 30 June 2022

Economy, Arts and Tourism

Develop a Visitation and Marketing Plan for the extended Great Southern Rail Trail (GSRT), and commence implementation to foster community and visitor attraction to the Trail.

by 30 June 2022

Preliminary discussions and project scoping has commenced and a draft brief is currently being developed. Research and literature review as part of the Marketing Plan has commenced.

Community Services

**ON TRACK** 

# **SERVICE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

**LGPRF INDICATOR 2020 RESULT 2021 RESULT** 2021/22 RESULT - FYQ1

#### **STATUTORY PLANNING**

Council planning decisions upheld at VCAT

Percentage of council planning application decisions subject to review by VCAT that were not set aside

71%

50%

**ON TRACK** 

100%

**COMMENT** 

Council's original decision was supported in one out of one matter.





# **Our Vision**

To provide the community with services and infrastructure that enhance liveability and environmental sustainability for current and future generations.

To establish a long-term program for capital works, in conversation with the community.

2020-2024

# **Strategies**

- Establish a sustainable long-term program for capital works.
- Optimise the life-cycle of Council's infrastructure through the use of predictive modelling to develop the asset renewal program.
- Deliver services that enhance liveability and environmental sustainability for current and future generations.

#### **Services Provided**

- Assets and Infrastructure provision
- Drain and Storm Water Management
- Footpath and Bicycle Paths
- Local Laws and Animal Management
- Emergency Management
- Parks and Gardens Maintenance
- Road Maintenance and Safety
- Sustainable Environmental Management and Education
- Waste and Recycling Collection and Treatment

## **Adopted Plans & Strategies**

- Aquatic Strategy
- Asset Management Strategy
- Blueprint for Social Community Infrastructure
- Community Infrastructure Plans (Korumburra, Leongatha, Mirboo North, Foster, Nyora and Tarwin Valley/Venus Bay)
- Infrastructure Design Manual
- Municipal Emergency Management Plans
- Paths and Trails Strategy
- Recreation Strategy
- Road Management Plan
- Road Safety Strategy
- Roadside Management Plan and Manual
- Sustainability Strategy
- Tennis Facility Plan
- Tree Management Plan
- Waste Management Strategy

# **COUNCIL PLAN** MEASURE OF SUCCESS INDICATORS

INDICATOR	TARGET	PROGRESS COMMENT
CONTROL MEASURE The sustainability and improvement of Council's infrastructure will be measured by the percentage of completed capital works projects due for delivery in the current financial	70% or greater completion each year	The overall Capital Works Program progress will be reported in the final 2021/22 Annual Report. The Program has commenced and is progressing well with the following contracts awarded:  Korumburra Community Hub - contract awarded 21 July 2021  Construction of Footpath renewals and extensions -
year, excluding grant funding reliant projects with funding pending.  **Infrastructure Delivery**		<ul> <li>contract awarded 15 September 2021</li> <li>Leongatha Early Learning Centre - contract awarded 15 September 2021</li> </ul>

#### **CONTROL MEASURE**

The sustainability and improvement of Council's infrastructure will be measured by the renewal projects returning the condition of the asset back to 'as new' condition. (Level 1 condition score)

Infrastructure Delivery

100% of renewal projects to 'as new'

condition

#### **ON TRACK**

100 per cent of renewal projects returning the condition of the asset back to 'as new' was achieved for this guarter.

#### CONTROL MEASURE

Optimising the life-cycle of Council's infrastructure will be measured by establishing asset management baselines from predictive modelling to develop the asset renewal program.

Baseline established for Roads and Buildings, and funding requirements reviewed against long term financial plans by June 2021

#### **ON TRACK**

The Assetic Predictor Modelling software has been implemented to improve the development of asset renewal programs and long-term financial asset planning.

The condition of buildings is currently being reviewed and is on track for completion by December 2021.

Infrastructure Planning

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# YEAR 2 ACTION PLAN COUNCIL PLAN - ANNUAL INITIATIVES STRATEGIC OR JECTIVE

## Council Plan - 2021/22 Annual Initiatives

INITIATIVE TARGET PROGRESS COMMENTS

ON TRACK

Revising Council's Asset Management Strategy and Asset Management Plans, which will inform the Asset Plan once guidance is provided from Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV).

As per Section 92 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council is to adopt a Asset Plan by 31 October 2022 in the year following a general election.

As per the act, an Asset Plan must include the following:

- a. information about maintenance, renewal, acquisition, expansion, upgrade, disposal and decommissioning in relation to each class of infrastructure asset under the control of the Council:
- b. any other matters prescribed by the regulations.

Community consultation will take place in line with Council's *Community Engagement Policy*.

Develop a ten-year *Asset Plan* to better plan for the development, management and renewal of community assets, and to meet legislative requirements.

by 31 October 2022

Infrastructure Planning

INITIA	ΓΙVE	TARGET	PROGRESS COMMENTS
	es delivery of Council's program of Major Projects including: Korumburra Hub; and Little Commercial Street Streetscape, Korumburra.	by 30 June 2022	ON TRACK  The construction contract for the <i>Korumburra Community Hub</i> was awarded at the 21 July 2021 Council Meeting.  Commencement of site works has been delayed due to the COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions and will progress in the next quarter.  Little Commercial Street, Korumburra works tender was advertised on 25 September 2021.
	es delivery of Council's program of Major Projects including:  Commence investigation and consultation into the future uses of Memorial Hall in response to the outcomes of the revised Arts Strategy; and  Infrastructure Planning	by 30 June 2022	ON TRACK Council's Capital Works Programs for the 2022/21 financial year is currently being developed. Investigation into the uses of the Memorial Hall in Leongatha cannot commence until the Arts, Culture and Creative Industries Strategy is complete. This project is underway.
	es delivery of Council's program of Major Projects including: Leongatha Railway Site Transformation project including Bair Street Bridge and Apex Park car park.	by 30 June 2022	ON TRACK  Design works for the long carpark linked to the Leongatha Railway Site is near complete with the tender planned for advertising in November 2021.
	the Great Southern Rail Trail Project s from Leongatha to Nyora. Infrastructure Delivery	by 30 June 2022	ON TRACK  The pavement works of the Great Southern Rail Trail between Leongatha and Korumburra are complete and well advanced between Korumburra and Nyora.  Bridgeworks between Leongatha and Korumburra are well advanced and offsite works for Korumburra to Nyora are underway.

# **SERVICE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

**LGPRF INDICATOR 2020 RESULT 2021 RESULT** 2021/22 RESULT - FY01

**ON TRACK** 

**ANIMAL MANAGEMENT** 

Animal Management prosecutions

Percentage of successful animal management prosecutions.

100% 100%

COMMENT

There were no animal management prosecutions for this reporting period.

**FOOD SAFETY** 

Critical and major non-compliance outcome notifications

Percentage of critical and major non-compliance outcome notifications about a food premises that are followed up by council

100% 100%

**ON TRACK** 

100%

**ROAD MANAGEMENT** 

Satisfaction with sealed local roads

Community satisfaction rating out of 100 with how council has performed on the condition of sealed local roads

**NOT REPORTED** 

The Customer Satisfaction Survey results will be available by June 2022.

**WASTE MANAGEMENT** 

Kerbside collection waste diverted from landfill

Percentage of garbage, recyclables and green organics collected from kerbside bins that is diverted from landfill

53%

52%

50%

**ON TRACK** 

COMMENT

NOTE: the comparison is three months data against an annual result.



To be recognised as a customer focused organisation, aligning Council services to changing community needs.

2020-2024

# **Strategies**

- Engage the community in developing significant strategic plans and continued involvement in decision making.
- Review and implement changes to Council plans, policies and practices to align with the new Local Government Act and the Commission of Inquiry recommendations.
- Provide meaningful and timely communication and quality customer service.
- Build on the organisation's leadership, governance, financial sustainability, shared values and cultural capabilities.

#### **Services Provided**

- Communications and Community Relations
- Corporate Services and Reporting
- Council Website
- Customer Service and Feedback
- Finance, Risk and Procurement
- Governance and Council Meetings
- Innovation and Technology
- Limited Services After Hours
- People and Culture Staff Development
- Property Rating and Collection Services

## **Adopted Plans & Strategies**

- Communications Strategy
- Council Plan
- Digital Strategy
- Good Governance Framework
- Long Term Financial Strategy
- Rating Strategy
- Strategic Resource Plan

# **COUNCIL PLAN** MEASURE OF SUCCESS INDICATORS

INDICATOR	TARGET	PROGRESS COMMENT
CONTROL MEASURE Measure customer satisfaction	Prepare a comprehensive review of the <i>Community Engagement Policy</i> by 1 March 2021	TARGET ACHIEVED  The Community Engagement Policy was adopted by Council at the 24 February 2021 Council Meeting and met the target time frame of 1 March 2021.
with community consultation and engagement.  Community Information and Advocacy	Aim for a result of equal to or greater than 50 points in the annual <i>Customer Satisfaction Survey</i> results by June 2024  Note: LGPRF indicator	NOT REPORTED  The Customer Satisfaction Survey results will be available by June 2022.
CONTROL MEASURE Community satisfaction with Council's performance in Customer Service.  Community Information and Advocacy	Equal to or greater than the average annual Customer Service result for large rural councils by June 2024  Note: Local Government Community Satisfaction	NOT REPORTED  The Customer Service results will be available by June 2021. Council's Customer First Project, designed to improve the quality of service to customers has commenced and will position Council to improve its Customer Service result to meet this target.

#### INFLUENCE MEASURE

Council continues to actively explore options for delivery of shared services in partnership with other Councils.

Innovation and Technology

Progress update reports included in the Organisational Performance Reports

## **ON TRACK**

Shared Services options continue to be explored with discussions held with other Councils on options to share services and capabilities. Exploration of sharing technology services and solutions has continued with exploration across three Victorian Councils to understand options in terms of capabilities. Council will continue to explore other options as they arise.

RESPONSIBILITY DEFINITIONS: CONTROL Actions of Council directly control the outcome result | INFLUENCE Council may influence the outcome result but other external factors or partnering activities may impact | MONITOR Council has no influence on the outcome result but monitors to assist with future planning and advocacy

Survey

NDICATOR	TARGET	PROGRESS COMMENT
CONTROL MEASURE		ON TRACK
All legislated policies and procedures reviewed and	Prepared and adopted in accordance with legislated timelines	The policies required under the <i>Local Government Act 2020</i> required to be completed this year are either adopted, or on track to be adopted by the their due dates.
Governance		The <i>Procurement Policy</i> has been adopted ahead of its due date. The <i>Complaints Policy</i> is currently being reviewed and updated.
All legislated policies and procedures reviewed and adopted.  Prepare in acco legislat	in accordance with	required to be completed this year are either adopted, o track to be adopted by the their due dates.  The <i>Procurement Policy</i> has been adopted ahead of its or

#### CONTROL MEASURE

Council meets its legislative requirements for annual financial performance reporting and the Local Government Performance Framework (LGPRF).

Financial Strategy and Governance

Annual Report adopted and unqualified VAGO Audit achieved in accordance with legislative requirements and timelines

#### **ON TRACK**

The Performance and Financial Statement and LGPRF results were audited by VAGO and endorsed by Council at the 15 September 2021 Council Meeting. An unqualified audit result was achieved.

The 2020/21 Annual Report including the Report of Operations, the above statements and VAGO audited certificates were on schedule to be adopted by Council at the October 2021 Council Meeting (in full). Following this meeting the full report will be sent to the Minister for Local Government as per requirements of the Local Government Act 1989.

# YEAR 2 ACTION PLAN COUNCIL PLAN-ANNUAL INITIATIVES

# STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE



## Council Plan - 2021/22 Annual Initiatives

INITIATIVE **TARGET PROGRESS COMMENTS** 

Develop a Council Advocacy Strategy to deliver improved and better targeted advocacy for projects that will achieve improved quality of life for the South Gippsland community.

by 30 June 2022

**ON TRACK** 

The development of the Advocacy Strategy is currently

underway.

Customer, Communications & Advocacy

Develop and deliver a range of key strategic plans, in partnership with the community and key stakeholders:

> a. 2022-2026 Council Plan to commence by 30 June 2022 achievement of the new Community Vision;

> > Governance

The preparation of the 2022-2026 Council Plan has commenced, however further work is planned after the election of the Council. The project will run concurrently with the Community Vision, with community engagement activities supporting both projects.

Develop and deliver a range of key strategic plans, in partnership with the community and key stakeholders:

> b. Revenue and Rating Plan for a period of the next four financial years; and

by 30 June 2022

Council's Revenue and Rating Plan will be developed alongside the Budget review process.

Financial Strategy

Develop and deliver a range of key strategic plans, in partnership with the community and key stakeholders:

> c. Four-year Budget and ten-year Long-Term Financial Plan.

> > South Gippsland ShinerCould'tiltegy

by 30 June 2022

Initial planning of the Budget review process has commenced and is on track to be adopted by 30 June 2022.

The preparation of the Budget and community consultation will commence in the second half of the financial year.

Council Meeting No. 465 - 24 November 2021

**ON TRACK** 

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# Council Plan - 2021/22 Annual Initiatives

INITIATIVE	TARGET	PROGRESS COMMENTS
Welcome South Gippsland's new Councillors, and deliver a comprehensive induction and transition program, to support Councillors to form an effective team and set them up for success during their term.  Governance	by 28 February 2022	ON TRACK  The Councillor Transition Program has been prepared in readiness for the election of new Councillors. The Program will be finalised in consultation with the new Mayor and Councillors.
Continue to roll out Council's <i>Customer First Project</i> , to deliver improved customer service and customer feedback processes. <i>Governance</i>	by 31 December 2021	ON TRACK  Draft scope developed and final refinements underway. Initiative date updated to February 2022 to allow for increased capacity due to the COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions for in-person workshops.
Continue to deliver Council's program of Service Reviews to identify process enhancements, customer service improvements, definition of community services and operational efficiencies.  **Innovation and Technology**	by 30 June 2022	ON TRACK  Service Reviews as part of the Service Review Framework have been completed for the Planning, People & Culture, Community Services and Information & Technology Department areas.  Implementation of recommendations related to these areas has commenced.
Continue to develop and deliver Council's <i>Good Governance Framework</i> to continuously improve Council's good governance practices, and respond to the Commission of Inquiry recommendations. <i>Governance</i>	by 30 June 2022	The final <i>Good Governance Framework</i> update to the Administrators was incorporated into the final <i>Administrators Community Update</i> report which was adopted at the 15 September 2021 Council Meeting.  The continued focus on reviewing and updating policies has progressed the implementation of the framework. The development of the <i>Community Vision</i> and new <i>Council Plan</i> will further this implementation in coming months.

# **SERVICE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

LGPRF INDICATOR	2020 RESULT	2021 RESULT	2021/22 RESULT - FYQ1
GOVERNANCE			MONITOR
Satisfaction with Council decisions	15%	25%	26%
Council decisions made at meetings closed to the public	10,0	20.0	2010

#### COMMENT

The vast majority of closed items (82%) were commercial contracts.

GOVERNANCE			ON TRACK
Councillor attendance at Council meetings	92%	96%	100%
Percentage of attendance at ordinary and special council meetings by councillors	<b>32</b> /0	<b>90</b> %	100%

#### **COMMENT**

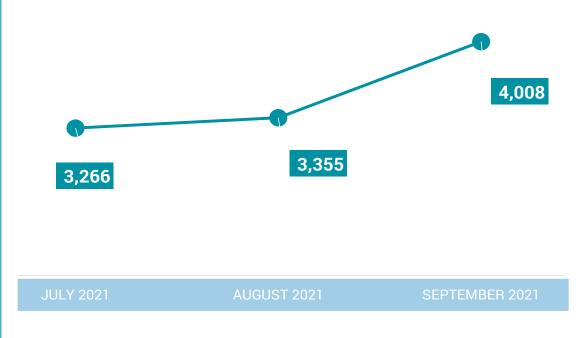
Attendance at Council Meetings was 100 per cent for this reporting period.

# CUSTOMER SERVICE STATISTICS

JULY 2021 TO SEPTEMBER 2021

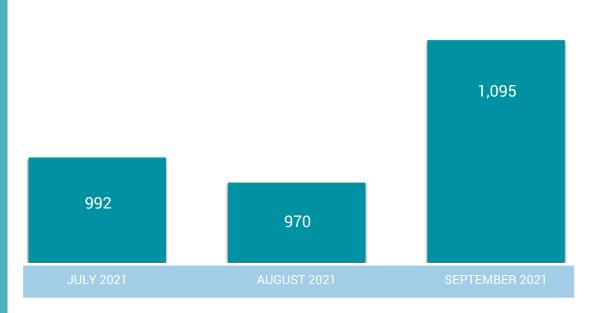
10,629 CUSTOMER CALLS





3,057
CUSTOMER
REQUESTS



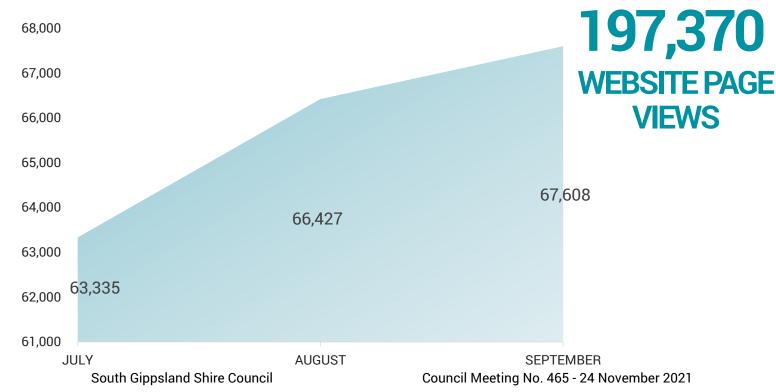


# SOCIAL MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS









# FINANCIAL PLAN PERFORMANCE

#### YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

(ACTUAL VS. BUDGET)

OPERATING PERFORMANCE	YEAR TO DATE ACTUALS \$'000	YEAR TO DATE BUDGETS \$'000	VARIANCE \$'000
RECURRENT INCOME	15,773	15,102	671
RECURRENT EXPENDITURE	19,306	17,917	(1,389)
OPERATING RESULT	(3,533)	(2,815)	(718)

#### YEAR-TO-DATE (YTD) ACTUALS

Operating result for the period ended 30 September 2021 is a deficit of \$3.5M. The actual result is lower than the forecast deficit of \$2.8M by \$718,000. The operating result is represented by:

Income: favourable variance to budget of \$671,000, mainly due to two operating grants received which were not budgeted for. These include the fourth milestone grant payment of the State Government's *Working for Victoria Program* (\$433,000) was received from the *Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions* and, storm and flood assistance grants (\$317,000) received from the *Department of Justice and Community Safety*.

Expense: unfavourable variance to budget of \$1.4M, mainly due to significant expenditure on materials and consumables (unfavourable variance of \$1.1M). The storm event on the 9 June 2021 incurred \$1.6M clean up expenses. The natural disaster expenses were the major factor of unfavourable variance. Additionally, expenditure on employee costs was also higher than budget by \$471,000 due to the fully funded State Government's *Working for Victoria Program*. This additional expenditure is offset via grant payments.

CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM EXPENDITURE	YEAR-TO-DATE	YEAR-TO-DATE	VARIANCE
	ACTUALS \$'000	BUDGETS \$'000	\$'000
RECURRENT INCOME	4,423	5,203	780

#### **CAPITAL WORKS - YEAR-TO-DATE (YTD) ACTUALS**

YTD Actuals: Capital works expenditure for the period ended 30 September 2021 is \$4.4M, this is \$780,000 behind the YTD budget of \$5.2M. The variance is mainly due to the COVID-19 Pandemic construction industry restriction, which caused the delay of several infrastructure and IT network projects. Further details on these variances are provided in the Capital Works Statement.

Forecast: The original budgeted capital works program for 2021/22 is \$44.2M. The projected forecast capital works for the full year is \$49.1M. The increase in forecast is due to the inclusion of carry forward projects from 2020/21.

#### **EFFICIENCY**

#### EXPENDITURE & REVENUE

The following graphs compare year-to-date data of three months compared to annual results for the previous years.

#### **Expenditure Level - Expenses per property assessment**

Amount of council expenditure for each property

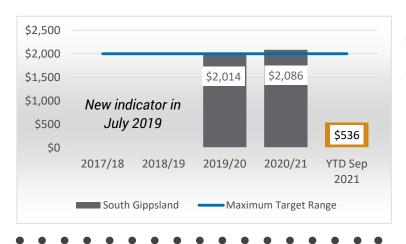


#### **COMMENT**

Expenditure relates to first quarter data which is compared against previous full year data.

#### Revenue Level - Average rate per property assessment

Amount of rates charged on average for each property.

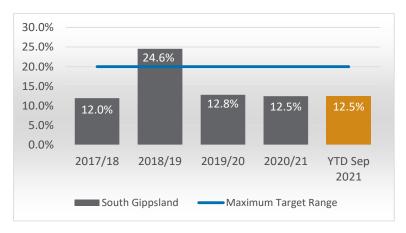


#### COMMENT

Revenue relates to first quarter data which is compared against previous full year data.

#### Percentage of staff turnover

Number of staff resignations and terminations divided by the average number of staff employed for the financial year



#### COMMENT

Workforce turnover increased in 2018/19 due to staff redundancies associated with Council exiting the Aged and Disability Service in South Gippsland as of 31 March 2019.



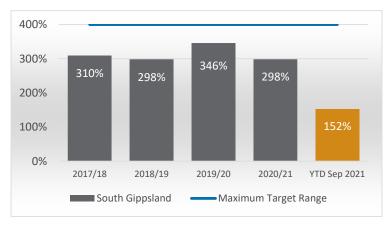
#### CURRENT ASSETS & LIABILITIES

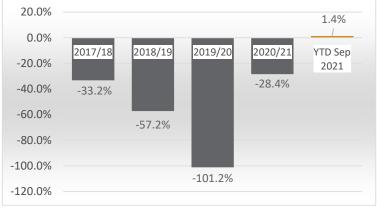
#### Current assets as a percentage of current liabilities

Value of current assets at the end of the year (i.e., assets that can easily be converted to cash within 12 months) divided by the value of current liabilities at the end of year (i.e. obligations due or payable by cash within the next 12 months)

#### Unrestricted cash as a percentage of current liabilities

Amount of cash at the end of the year which is free of restrictions divided by the value of current liabilities at the end of year (i.e. obligations due or payable by cash within the next 12 months)





#### COMMENT

Data as at 30 September includes \$48M of trade and other receivables (Current Assets) for rates owing and \$35M other current liabilities (Current Liabilities) for annual rates raised but only recognising on month-bymonth basis. These figures skew the ratio part way through the year when compared to the end of year position. This variance will rectify at year end.

#### COMMENT

Cash on hand at 30 September (\$5.4M) is higher than normal due to an investment that matured on 22 September 2021.

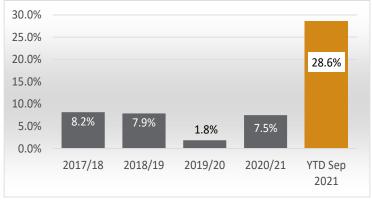
## OBLIGATIONS

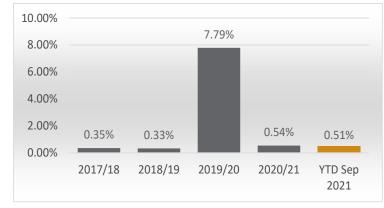
#### LOANS & BORROWINGS

#### Loans and borrowings as a percentage of rates

Value of interest bearing loans and borrowings at the end of the year divided by rates raised for the year

#### Loans and borrowings repayments as a percentage of rates Interest bearing loan and borrowing repayments for the year divided by rates raised for the year





#### COMMENT

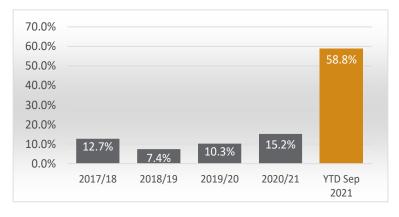
Ratio has spiked due to comparing loans against one quarter of rates recognised at 30 September. This variance will largely resolve by the end of the financial year, but is still expected to be higher than previous years due to draw down of loan funds for the Mirboo North Pool and the Korumburra Community Hub. Council has been successful in its application for a heavily subsidised loan through the Treas Fouth Gippsland Shire Council has projects.

# OBLIGATIONS

### NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES & ASSET RENEWAL

#### Non-current liabilities as a percentage of own source revenue

Value of non-current liabilities at the end of year (i.e. obligations not due or payable by cash within the next 12 months) divided by total revenue excluding government grants, contributions for capital works and the value of assets received from developers



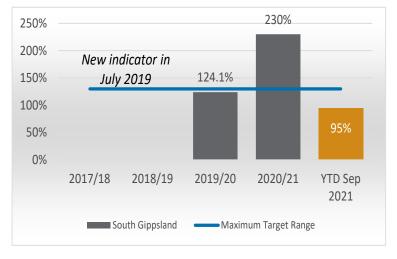
#### **COMMENT**

Ratio has spiked for YTD September 2021 due to dividing Non-current Liabilities by one quarter of rates raised when compared to full year comparisons which include total rates. This variance will resolve by the end of the financial year.

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#### Asset renewal and asset upgrade as a percentage of depreciation

Expenditure on renewing existing assets or upgrading assets divided by the amount of depreciation on all assets



#### COMMENT

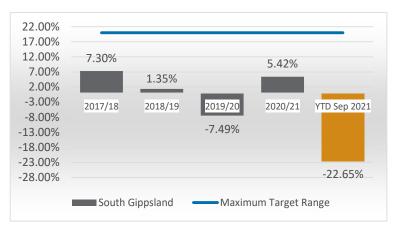
Ratio is low at September as major works are only gearing up now. Full year ratios include full year capital works expenditure.

### **OPERATING POSITION**

#### UNDERLYING REVENUE

#### Adjusted underlying surplus (or deficit) as a percentage of underlying revenue

Surplus or deficit for the year excluding non-recurrent government grants received for capital purposes, contributions for capital works and the value of assets received from developers divided by total revenue excluding non-recurrent government grants received for capital purposes, contributions for capital works and the value of assets received from developers



#### **COMMENT**

Timing of receiving operating grants and user and statutory fees has caused this ratio to be negative as at 30 September 30 2021. It is forecast to have a deficit of 10.7 per cent at year end due to 50 per cent 2021/22 Victorian Grant Commission grant being paid and recognised early in 2020/21. The negative forecast for 2021/22 does not present any financial concern as it is due to timing of income.

#### **STABILITY**

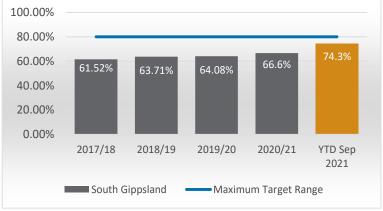
#### RATES

#### Rates as a percentage of adjusted underlying revenue

Rates raised for the year divided by total revenue excluding non-recurrent government grants received for capital purposes, contributions for capital works and the value of assets received from developers

#### Rates as a percentage of property values in municipality

Rates raised for the year divided by the total capital improved value (i.e. market value) of all rateable properties





# MAJOR CAPITAL WORKS

The below provides a snapshot of the progress of the Capital Works and Major Works Program for the period July 2021 to September 2021.

As at end of September 2021, a total of six projects have been completed and 66 projects are on-track for completion by the end of this financial year.

104 CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS

CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM AS AT SEPTEMBER 2021	PROJECT COUNT	%
COMPLETE	6	6%
ON TRACK	66	63%
BEHIND SCHEDULE	4	4%
HOLD	3	3%
NOT YET SCHEDULED	24	23%
CARRY FORWARD	1	1%

Projects that are not yet scheduled to commence are programmed throughout the course of the year as they are dependant on the construction season and contractor availability. Other projects are also programmed later in the year to ensure they are not being carried out during peak holiday season when tourism numbers increase dramatically.

Not all project costs are budgeted in the current financial year as some projects have been carried forward from previous years or projects can be staged over more than one financial year. Final project costs will be reported in the 2021/22 Annual Report.

# SUMMARY OF CAPITAL WORKS

CONTRACTS AWARDED	Contract
JULY 2021 - SEPTEMBER 2021	Amount
Contracts Awarded include:	
Construction of the Korumburra Community Hub (awarded contract 21 July 2021)	\$6.2M
Construction of Leongatha Early Learning Centre (awarded contract 15 September 2021)	\$5,3M
Provision of Bituminous Surfacing & Associated Services (awarded contract 18 August 2021)	\$1.58M
Energy Efficient Street Lighting Hardware and Installation Services (awarded contract 21 July 2021)	\$702,855
Construction of Footpath Renewals and Footpath Extensions (awarded contract 15 September 2021)	\$504,629
Korumburra Hub Datacentre (awarded v18 August 2021)	\$314,320
Provision of Transfer Stations Management and Booked Hard Waste Collection Services (awarded contract 15 September 2021)	\$600,125* * per annum
McCartins Road, Turtons Creek Slip Repairs (Regional Roads Victoria Storm Recovery) (awarded contract 14 July 2021)	\$266,980
PROJECTS COMPLETED JULY 2021 - SEPTEMBER 2021	Project Budget*
Completed Projects include:	
Leongatha Business Precinct Project - Bair Street	\$1.17M
Grand Ridge Road and Kardella Fairbank Road - Flood Event - August 2019	\$325,525
Clarkes Road and Griggs Road - Flood Event - August 2019	\$253,080
Mount Eccles Road and Wild Dog Valley Road - Flood Event - August 2019	\$194,082
Port Welshpool Marine Search and Rescue Hub Redevelopment Project	\$134,000
Roughead Street, Leongatha - Footpath Renewal	\$111,998
* 2021/22 Project Budget - budget to be spent this financial year and not to be confused with the total p	roject budget.

Some projects may include carry forward projects from previous years and projects that are scheduled across more

than one year eg. streetscape projects, therefore the total project cost is reported in the Annual Report.

NEW PROJECTS		Project
JULY 2021 - SEPTEMBER 20	21	Budget
New Projects include:	Comment	
Transfer Station Upgrade - Glass Recycling Bin Installation	2020/21 carry forward project	\$348,602
McCartins Road, Turtons Creek Slip Repairs (Regional Roads Victoria Storm Recovery)	Emergency works required as a result of the storm event on 9 June 2021. Project is being delivered by RRV.	\$266,980
Leongatha Depot Building Renewal	2020/21 carry forward project. Two year project.	\$179,424
Hook Lift Bins - E-Waste Grant	2020/21 carry forward project	\$88,080
E-Waste Sheds Korumburra	2020/21 carry forward project	\$69,440
Mirboo North Library	2020/21 carry forward project Grant funded from Local Government Victoria Living Libraries Infrastructure Fund	\$67,000
Mitchell Street, Nyora Footpath Extension (Nyora Public Transportation Connection)	2020/21 carry forward project Partially Grant funded from <i>State Government</i> Department of Transport	\$40,000
Long Jetty Caravan Park Camp Kitchen and Communal Area	2020/21 carry forward project	\$35,261
Foster Beach Seawall Revetment Protection	2020/21 carry forward project	\$30,000
Waratah Bay Caravan Park Fire Fighting Services	2020/21 carry forward project. Two year project.	\$7,105

PROJECTS ON HOL JULY 2021 - SEPTEMBER 20		Project Budget
New Projects include:	Comment	
Foster Swimming Pool Chemical Containment Bay	Infrastructure Planning working with DELWP for permission to use land for the concrete structure chemical containment bay.	\$197,269
DG Cashins Road, Middle Tarwin Culvert Replacement	Design complete. Awaiting confirmation for Depot to carry out works.	\$102,521
Walkerville Retarding Basin Upgrade Works	Easement to be created prior to works commencing. Design completed. Planning permit for native vegetation removal required.	\$85,241



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