

## Planning for Animal Management

South Gippsland Shire Council adopted the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2017-2021 at its meeting vesterday.

The plan outlines the services, programs and policies Council will implement for domestic animal management over the next four years.

Council received six submissions during the community consultation for the draft plan and as a result has added one additional action to the plan.

A cat curfew order will be investigated before June 2018 in order to reduce the incidence of cats causing a nuisance and attacks on native fauna.

Other key actions of the plan will include the investigation into a dog leash order and to introduce an online animal registration application system for new registrations.

South Gippsland Shire Mayor, Councillor Ray Argento was pleased to have received feedback from the community on the plan.

"Council is committed to involving the community in our decision making process and actively seeks their feedback.

"A section of our community was passionate to have cat curfews implemented as part of the plan, so it will be investigated to determine its feasibility.

"The Domestic Animal Management Plan ensures we create a supportive environment for both animals and residents across South Gippsland," said the Mayor.

Individuals wishing to view the Domestic Animal Management Plan can visit Council's website www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/strategies.

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