

## Feedback sought on the Coal Creek Strategic Plan Discussion Paper

At last week's Council Meeting, a discussion paper aimed at gathering the community's feedback towards shaping the future of Coal Creek Community Park and Museum was released. Feedback based on the Paper can be provided from Monday 22 January 2024 to Sunday 31 March 2024 and will be used to help develop a strategic plan for the Park.

The development of a Strategic Plan was identified in Council's Arts, Culture and Creative Industries Strategy and is necessary to pave a realistic and clear direction for Coal Creek. The Coal Creek Strategic Plan Discussion Paper has been drafted to support the development of this Strategic Plan, and to provide the South Gippsland community with important information needed to initiate an informed discussion about the future of the Park.

Highlighting the Park's rich history and its purpose, the Discussion Paper presents three potential pathways for the future – a revitalisation approach, a transformation into a new sustainable tourist attraction, or the option of ceasing current operations. All these alternatives come with varying degrees of costs, underlining the need for careful consideration and the community's input.

Importantly, this document serves as a starting point for community engagement. Emphasising that this is not a final decision but a strategic exploration, seeking valued community feedback. This Park belongs to the community, and your input is pivotal in shaping its future.

The Discussion Paper is now available at <https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au>

Comments can be provided from Monday 22 January 2024.

### **Quote attributable to Councillor Clare Williams, Mayor South Gippsland Shire Council:**

*"This engagement is important to help shape Coal Creek's future. I would like to encourage every community member to participate in this conversation, sharing your thoughts and insights."*

