

## 2024/25 Annual Budget Adopted

At the 26 June Council Meeting, South Gippsland Shire Council adopted its 2024/25 Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan.

The Annual Budget takes into consideration the economic climate and the expectations of the South Gippsland community.

Some of the key initiatives include but are not limited to:

- An additional \$300,000 for building maintenance – with a property portfolio of more than 430 buildings to maintain, this additional investment will help us close the gap on the maintenance shortfall.
- \$60,000 to deliver the bi-annual Community Leadership Program – helping us grow our community of leaders.
- \$50,000 to establish and implement a Memorandum of Understanding with South Gippsland Landcare – this will help build land management partnerships to deliver outcomes such as better weed management and tree planting programs.
- \$50,000 to commence the implementation of outcomes from the Coal Creek Strategic Plan based on the upcoming decision on the Park's future direction.
- \$30,000 to support the Live4Life Program – which provides mental health and suicide prevention education to young people in South Gippsland.
- Over \$460,000 – fully grant funded – to progress the implementation of Council's Coastal Strategy priority actions, such as preparation of a coastal hazards risk assessment, assessment of seawalls and levees, and progressing natural mitigation approaches.

To view the 2024/25 Annual Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan, please visit:

[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/budget](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/budget)

**Quote attributable to Clare Williams, Mayor of South Gippsland Shire Council**

*“This year’s Budget is a terrific example of a sensible approach to financial management. I believe it strikes the right balance between supporting our growing community and the tight fiscal environment in which we find ourselves. It also sets the Council up in a strong position to welcome a new Councillor group in October.”*

*“I would like to sincerely thank everyone who has been part of the Budget process, including those who provided thoughtful feedback.”*

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