

Shaping South Gippsland

Council is commencing a large community engagement campaign called '*Shaping South Gippsland*' to help inform the development of key plans for South Gippsland.

Starting 26 January and continuing until the end of February, the engagement will check whether the priorities outlined in the *2040 Community Vision* still meet our community's aspirations for the future of South Gippsland. It will also provide an important opportunity for community members to contribute feedback toward the next Council Plan, which will drive Council's direction and initiatives over the next four years.

Councils must maintain a long-term *Community Vision* that is regularly reviewed and develop a new four-year *Council Plan* with each incoming Council. The development of these documents provides a great opportunity for Councillors to meet with our local community and gain a valuable understanding of community expectations.

The Shaping South Gippsland engagement campaign features an online and hard copy survey as well as Councillor attendance at 18 community events or dedicated Councillor 'pop-ups'. Additionally, Councillors will also be attending several meetings with local stakeholders, such as the South Gippsland Youth Council, Business groups, and the Access and Inclusion Committee. This broad engagement aims to ensure a cross section of voices are heard from across the South Gippsland community.

You can have your say at www.shapingsouthgippsland.com.au

Quote attributable to South Gippsland Shire Council Mayor, John Schelling:

"As part of Shaping South Gippsland, we want to hear from as many people as possible. I encourage everyone to get involved by coming along to one of the events that we will be attending, or to complete a survey online. Receiving your feedback is not only an important part of our engagement, it will help Council develop the key plans to shape our community now and into the future."

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