

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

Coastal Strategy Engagement Report: Round Two



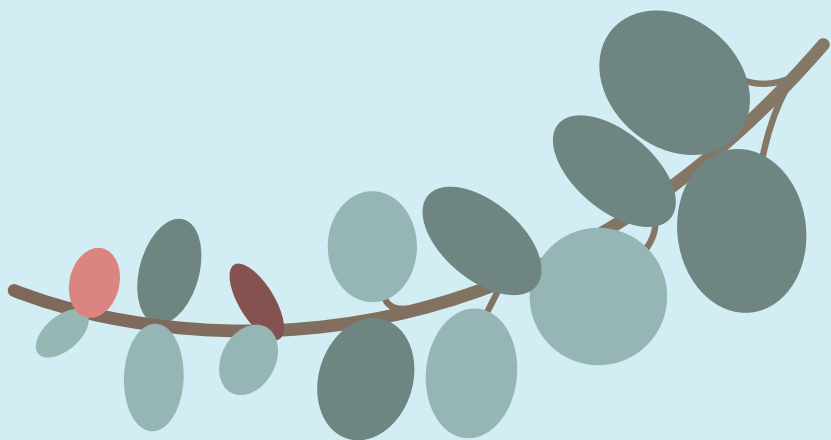
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Thank You

Council would like to acknowledge and thank everyone who contributed to the engagement process. Your feedback is appreciated.

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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Background to the Engagement Process

The Coastal Strategy engagement was conducted in two parts. The first was based around a Discussion Paper, that outlined a number of actions proposed. The second based on the draft Coastal Strategy, created as a result of feedback received during the first round and the bones of the Discussion Paper.

During the first round of engagement, we heard from **770 people** in a range of ways detailed below.



For more information on the results of the first round of engagement, you can [click here](#). The rest of this report will focus on the second round of this engagement process.

Results Overview



The second round of engagement occurred across a two week period. It provided an opportunity for community members to review the draft Strategy and give feedback via an open-text field survey or submission.

The 36 survey completions is inclusive of the 18 written submissions.

These results may indicate that feedback from the first consultation was successfully incorporated into the draft Coastal Strategy, reducing the need to provide additional feedback.

Actions Based On Your Feedback

What We Heard

We heard lots of great feedback during this round of engagement. Some general observations include:

- There was overall support for the proposed actions in the draft Coastal Strategy.
- There was acknowledgement of the engagement undertaken by Council and appreciation for this level of engagement with the community on this issue.
- Some of the language in the draft Coastal Strategy was difficult to understand and may need some revision.
- There is a desire to see additional conversation with the Yanakie Boat Shed owners regarding the transfer of ownership to the State Government.
- A need for protection of waterways, not just the coast.
- While many submitters were in favour of restricting development in coastal areas, there was a submission regarding concern of this restriction and the negative impact to businesses. No changes have been made to the Strategy as a result of this submission, due to current residential lots being able to be built on without the need for an extension of the current boundaries of the towns. South Gippsland Shire Council also has a dedicated Visitor Economy Strategy that addresses many of the concerns regarding tourism.
- Both Parks Victoria and West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority put in lengthy submissions on a number of topics, one of which being levees. No changes have been proposed to the draft Strategy because the corresponding action is viewed as a continuation of the work completed as part of the *Water Technology Assessment of Existing Seawalls and Coastal Levees Report 2018*.

What We Changed

In response to the feedback, South Gippsland Shire Council has and is committed to doing the following:

- There was an error on page 26 highlighted by a number of submissions. This has been rectified.
- There were several submissions regarding the Yanakie Boat Sheds. After the initial consultation, the action regarding the Yanakie Boat Sheds was changed from *“Transfer land management responsibility for coastal Crown land that Council manages (Yanakie foreshore, Fisher Reserve at Foster and Waratah Bay) to State Government”* to *“Engage with Yanakie Boat Sheds owners, and other related stakeholders, regarding future land management options.”*
- Maps in the Strategy were updated so they were of a better quality.
- No changes were proposed to the Strategy regarding upstream river and waterway flows into coastal areas. There are however targeted actions for infrastructure in coastal settlements that should identify priority infrastructure projects in consultation with the community.
- There were a number of submissions regarding the Common Ground initiative. Further information will be developed and placed on South Gippsland Shire Council’s website as a separate reference to the Strategy.
- Regarding the future of coastal land management, the Coastal Strategy has been amended to include community consultation to capture local input in response to a submission regarding coastal Committees of Management.



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