

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

Coastal Strategy

Progress Review June 2024



1. POPULATION PRESSURE AND DEVELOPMENT

ACTIONS	Short Term	Medium Term	Longer Term	Progress Update June 2024
1.1 Review and update the Housing and Settlement Strategy as appropriate to reflect updated conditions, policy or available science affecting coastal settlements		X		Not due
1.2 Where state coastal planning policy is being considered for change, advocate for change that more directly communicates coastal hazard and climate change risk through new planning scheme zone or overlay controls that more directly identify, address and promote the risk.	X			Investigated as part of the Coastal Settlement Risk Project
1.3 Remove all coastal township greenfield residential growth areas from the planning scheme framework plan maps, and retain the township boundaries consistent with the current application of each township's urban land zoning.		X		Investigated as part of the Coastal Settlement Risk Project
1.4 Explore the strategic justification for Council to restrict or discourage the development of more than one dwelling per lot and the subdivision of land which increases dwelling development potential	X			Investigated as part of the Coastal Settlement Risk Project
1.5 Support existing State Planning Policy in a commitment to retain coastal townships to within their existing urban zoned boundaries.	X			Investigated as part of the Coastal Settlement Risk Project
1.6 Add a statement in Council's local planning policy under clause 13.01 that clarifies a position on the coastal towns that are identified as being at risk from coastal hazards. This will set out Council's position on settlements that are at risk.		X		Not due



2. ENVIRONMENT AND LANDSCAPE

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2.1 Advocate for the implementation of new or updated hazard risk mapping and policy changes to identify, to our best ability, current and anticipated coastal hazard risks affecting the values of our coastal areas.	X			Ongoing. Waratah Bay Coastal Risk Assessment funding successful. The two year project commenced in May 2024. A Motion calling on the Victorian Government to update hazard mapping across Victoria, engage with communities and fund potential adaptation responses was raised, and supported by Council at the MAV State Council.
2.2 Investigate the 'Common Ground' community initiative on the land adjoining Andersons Inlet at Venus Bay that proposes nature-based adaptation concepts that if implemented, will assist in managing storm surge, flooding and coastal erosion.		X		Venus Bay Common Ground (salt marsh) project commenced early in 2024.
2.3 Proactively work with, and advocate to, the State and Federal Government for the preparation and implementation of nature-based solutions to manage the impacts of environmental coastal hazard risks.		X		Not due Advocacy through Council's submissions to the House Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure & Transport- Inquiry in local government sustainability and the Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee- Inquiry into Local Government funding and services.
2.4 Prioritise the implementation of new or updated hazard risk mapping and policy changes to identify current and anticipated coastal hazard risks affecting the values of our coastal areas. This includes timely planning scheme implementation of the recommendations of the Cape to Cape Resilience Project.	X			Council has participated in the Cape to Cape Resilience Project. The Minister has decided not to complete the project at this time. Council has partnered with Gippsland Alliance for Climate Action (GACA) to develop a risk analysis tool that models and maps climate hazards and impacts at a fine (100m ² scale) for Port Welshpool and Barry Beach.

2.5

Update Council's local planning policy on coastal climate risk to more clearly set out the long term risks posed to our townships.

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Planned as part of the Coastal Settlement Climate Risk Project.



3. DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE LAND MANAGEMENT

ACTIONS	Short Term	Medium Term	Longer Term	Progress Update June 2024
3.1 Engage with communities in Venus Bay and Sandy Point to determine their preferences and priorities for paths and trails infrastructure. The engagement will build on information that was obtained through the coastal strategy consultation and address specific projects and routes.	X			Community engagement closed on 28 July 2024. See Council's Your Say project page
3.2 Investigate development of a township character study for South Gippsland.			X	Not due. Included in Planning Scheme Review for inclusion in the Planning Scheme's Schedule to Clause 74.02 as future strategic work.
3.3 Ensure community town plans are updated to align with the Coastal Strategy and the Blueprint for Community and Economic Infrastructure. Updates should occur when the documents are due for renewal.		X		Not due / ongoing
3.4 Work with Southern Rural Water, the Environmental Protection Authority Victoria and the Department of Energy, Environment & Climate Action to resolve the issue of ground water bores.			X	Not due
3.5 Partner with the State and Federal Government to investigate options and issues with seawalls and coastal levees.		X		Infrastructure Planning team are undertaking further technical assessments of sea walls.
3.6 Engage with Yanakie Boat Shed owners, and other related stakeholders, regarding future land management options.		X		Not due / ongoing. Additional consultation and negotiation with affected stakeholders and agencies are required to progress the land management options at Yanakie.



4. COMMUNITY AND ECONOMY

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4.1 Work with community and emergency organisations to identify areas of concern in relation to volunteer recruitment and identify opportunities for volunteer collaboration and connection.	X			Council continues to seek and take advantage of opportunities where they arise.
4.2 Engage with coastal communities to determine if there are specific actions or initiatives that can be included in the <i>Visitor Economy Strategy 2021-2031</i> , the <i>Economic Development Strategy 2021-2031</i> and the <i>Arts, Culture and Creative Industries Strategy 2022 - 2026</i> .	X			Ongoing.
4.3 Through Council's Emergency Management team, work with other emergency services, community groups and resident associations to promote community safety in coastal areas.	X			In collaboration with a range of agencies and community, a Venus Bay Emergency Management Planning information document was developed in 2023. This document and other emergency management information is available on Council's Website .
4.4 Develop a Short Stay Accommodation strategy in consultation with local communities, particularly those located in coastal areas that may be impacted by future planning controls.		X		Not due
4.5 Continue to work with Indigenous communities and State Government in the protection of cultural heritage in our coastal areas and consider heritage values and protection in the preparation of coastal hazard risk assessments.	X			Indigenous communities and the state government have been invited to participate in the Waratah Bay Coastal Risk Assessment.
4.6 Investigate if there is interest in reconvening the Community Dialogue group on a semi-regular basis.		X		Not due