

Councillor Support and Expenditure Policy Adopted

This week South Gippsland Shire Council has adopted changes to the Councillor Support and Expenditure Policy.

Council has taken part in an extensive review of the Councillor Support and Expenditure Policy. As part of the review areas where additional guidance was needed for Councillors and staff in managing out of pocket expenses were identified.

Areas that were addressed included; clarification on the equipment provided to Councillors and associated responsibilities of Councillors; greater guidance on travel, allocation of Councillor vehicles; guidance on child care/family care reimbursements and clarity on the time frame for submitting documentation for reimbursements.

The new policy will require Councillors' expenditure claims to be published on Council's website for increased transparency.

South Gippsland Shire Mayor Councillor Lorraine Brunt has highlighted the importance of the Councillor Support and Expenditure Policy.

"It is a requirement by law that we have a Councillor Support and Expenditure Policy and this review allowed us to identify what areas require change and consideration.

"We understand the need for consistency throughout our policies and by adopting this policy we can provide that," said the Mayor.

To view the Councillor Support and Expenditure Policy please visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/policies

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