



MallacootaConnect

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Mallacoota Connect is an update from East Gippsland Shire Council on projects and programs planned for Mallacoota and District.

Have your say

Your Say East Gippsland is your opportunity to provide your thoughts, feelings and ideas on a range of council projects and activities. A number of engagement opportunities are currently open. Visit <http://yoursay.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au> to find the ones you are interested in.

Mallacoota Township Speed Reduction Proposal

Mallacoota community groups and individual residents have raised concerns about the speed of traffic through the township of Mallacoota. East Gippsland Shire Council has consulted with Mallacoota community groups and individuals along with VicRoads and Victoria Police to develop a plan to review the speed limits and traffic controls.

In evaluating and considering requests for speed zone reviews, we are obliged to adhere to the processes and procedures associated with the Victorian Speed Zone Guidelines. The purpose of the speed reduction survey is to gauge community support and to become aware of any previously unknown information that will assist in having the speed zones re-assessed.

Formal submissions can be made on Your Say East Gippsland <http://yoursay.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/speed-zone-reductions> or at any council customer service centre.

Comments close 5pm, Monday September 18.

Further information: Alex Neville

Draft Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan for East Gippsland 2017-2021

The wellbeing of the East Gippsland community is everyone's business.

Well Placed for Wellbeing, the draft Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan for East Gippsland 2017-2021, gives us the opportunity to drive whole of community change needed for us to have a strong, connected and healthy community.

Well Placed for Wellbeing focuses on what we want for East Gippsland now and for the future and documents how we will work towards this over the next four years. It also provides a foundation for anyone with an interest in the region's wellbeing to work towards common goals.

Formal submissions can be made by reviewing the draft plan and answering a short survey at Your Say East Gippsland <http://yoursay.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/public-health-plan> or at any council customer service centre.

Comments close 5pm, Thursday September 14.

Further information: Bruce Smith or Tiana Felmingham

Bright Futures Renewable Energy Project

Have your say on the future of renewable energy in East Gippsland.

The Bright Futures Renewable Energy project is a council initiative to identify and investigate opportunities for delivering long-term renewable energy solutions for the region – including solutions tailored to the needs of our local businesses.

As part of our investigations, we would like to better understand what types of renewable and locally generated energy may be of interest to households and businesses. This will assist us to priorities and test the feasibility of a range of options. Help us better understand your needs and the opportunities these present us with as a region by completing an anonymous survey on Your Say East Gippsland:

<http://yoursay.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/bright-futures-renewable-energy-project> or at any council customer service centre.

Comments close 5pm, Monday September 18.

Further information: Rebecca Lamble

Customer Service – your preferences and priorities

East Gippsland Shire Council aims to achieve consistent delivery of brilliant customer service. By completing this survey, you can help us understand your priorities and preferences in relation to customer service. This will be an ongoing process and your feedback will help to shape the way we plan for, and deliver, customer service into the future. Visit <http://yoursay.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/customer-service-preferences-2> or pick up a hard copy survey at any of council's customer service centres.

Further information: Swathi Kartik

Save the date: Mallacoota Local Incident Management Plan Community Meeting

The Mallacoota Local Incident Management Plan was developed and distributed in 2013 and is now due for review. The review process will start with a community meeting to look at the current plan and develop the process of producing the next version of your plan.

To start the review process, council staff will hold two community meetings at the Mallacoota Golf Club on Tuesday September 19, commencing at 2.00pm and 6.30pm. If community members are unable to attend either of the meetings, council staff will be available to discuss the review process between the meetings.

Since your plan was developed, several East Gippsland communities have been impacted by the 2014 bushfires. The recovery process implemented after these incidents aimed to build resilience by addressing adaptive capacity at the individual, family and community levels. A modified 'Asset Based Community Development' (ABCD) model was used.

The aims were to:

- Focus on trusting and workable relationships;
- Empowering people to take a lead in their own individual and community processes;
- Working in collaborative ways on mutually agreed goals;
- Drawing on the individual and community resources of motivation and hope; and
- Creating sustainable change through learning and experiential growth.

As part of Local Incident Management Planning, communities are now developing community information booklets that can provide communities with information such as:

- What health organisations services are available and how to access them;
- The types of community resources available during and after an incident;
- What initial relief and recovery resources are available within your community; and
- Resources that inform community preparedness, etc.

Examples of Local Incident Management Plans and Community Information are available on our website: http://www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/Community/Emergency_Management/Local_Incident_Management_Plans

Further information: Lindsay Griffin

Bushfire Management Overlay changes

As a result of the 2009 Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission, the Victorian Government is considering changes to the Bushfire Management Controls in planning schemes across the state.

While this means more areas will be affected by the Bushfire Management Overlay (BMO), it also means that we can build more resilient communities with the objective of saving life and protecting property.

When the changes are introduced by the Minister for Planning, a planning permit will be required on top of the building permit 'bushfire attack level' construction requirements.

When the BMO is formally introduced, we will inform the community through the local newspaper, council's website and writing directly to businesses and practitioners who will be a part of the development process.

Further information: Elaine Wood

Mallacoota Recreation Reserve Pavilion

Significant upgrades to community recreation facilities were identified in the Mallacoota Recreation Reserve Master Plan. These actions will come to fruition in early 2018, with the construction of a major new sports pavilion at the reserve. Designs for the Mallacoota Recreation Reserve Pavilion were developed in consultation with an active project steering group with the aim to meet the needs of the community now and into the future.

The project will build a new pavilion and storage including new accessible change rooms and multi-use meeting rooms and will provide:

- Improved opportunities for accessible social gathering spaces;
- Environmental sustainability in design, development and operation;
- Maximised opportunities for multi-use;
- Reinforce the reserve as a recreation service hub for the community; and
- Improved opportunities for informal activities.

Construction is scheduled to commence in early 2018 and with the aim to be completed by mid-2018. The project has a total budget of \$1,325,590 made up of \$975,590 Australian Government grant funding, and \$350,000 East Gippsland Shire funding.

Further information: Anthony Nelson

Locally Made in East Gippsland – Expressions of Interest now open

We are calling for Expressions of interest from local artisans to promote their Locally Made products in the Mallacoota visitor information centre. A cross section of saleable product is sought from Mallacoota based artists, organisations, businesses and community groups. It is essential that all products achieve a high level of workmanship, presentation and display value.

Expressions of interest forms can be obtained from the Mallacoota customer service centre. Current candidates need not re-apply.

Further information: Andrea Court

Explore your Customer Service Centre

Mallacoota Customer Service Centre is first point of contact for any library and council enquiries you may have. Customer Service Centre hours are: Monday to Tuesday 10am to 2.00pm, Wednesday to Friday 2.00pm to 5pm.

We have a Holiday Storytime Activity planned for Wednesday September 27 from 2pm to 3.30pm.

We value the many volunteers who give freely of their time to promote the region and its attractions. Visitor Information hours are: 9am to 5pm Monday to Sunday. If our Volunteer Service Desk is unattended please help yourself to the self-serve brochures and maps.

Mallacoota Waste Information Session and Just Eat It Screening

We recently partnered with Mallacoota District Health and Support Service (MDHSS) and the Friends of Mallacoota to present two great waste themed events in Mallacoota. In the afternoon, a waste information session was held giving the community an opportunity to discuss waste issues and have their questions about recycling, Kitchen to Compost and waste management answered.

Later in the evening a free community screening of the documentary film Just Eat It was held. A hot soup dinner was prepared by volunteers was enjoyed by all.

Celebrating strong communities in East Gippsland

As part of our commitment to contributing to “Strong Communities, where East Gippsland has connected, inclusive and vibrant communities” (Council Plan 2017-2021), we are inviting groups and organisations to host activities that align with the following annual celebrations.

- **Senior’s Week:** October 8 to 15
- **Children’s Week:** October 21 to 29
- **Social Inclusion Week:** November 25 to December 3

A calendar of events, promotional booklet and targeted marketing will be provided to help support the promotion of your event. The booklets will be distributed to all of council’s customer service centres and will be available to download from our website.

The Senior’s Week Festival officially runs from October 8 to 15 however we are celebrating for the entire month of October. If your community group or organisation would like to offer an event during October please contact Kathryn Macdonald kathrynm@egipps.vic.gov.au.

Education has the power to transform children’s lives is the theme for Children’s Week this year. The 2017 East Gippsland Children’s Week Committee invites groups and organisations to host activities and events that support and involve children and their families. Please contact Kylie Pinkerton kyliep@egipps.vic.gov.au if you would like to add your event to the calendar of events.

Social Inclusion Week 2017 runs from November 25 to December 3. In the interest of inclusion, we will only be including FREE events in the Social Inclusion Week booklet. We aim to help all East Gippslanders feel included and valued, giving everyone, young, old, those with varying abilities and from diverse backgrounds the opportunity to participate. For more information or to add your event to the calendar please contact Rebecca Pantry rebeccap@egipps.vic.gov.au before 27 October 2017.

New fish cleaning tables for Boat Ramp Jetty



Mallacoota residents and visitors are already putting the new fish cleaning tables to good use at the Boat Ramp Jetty. The \$25,000 facility was funded by the East Gippsland Shire Council capital works programme. Council staff have received very positive feedback so far, with lighting to be installed onsite in the coming weeks.

Mallacoota Ocean Access Boat Ramp Dredging

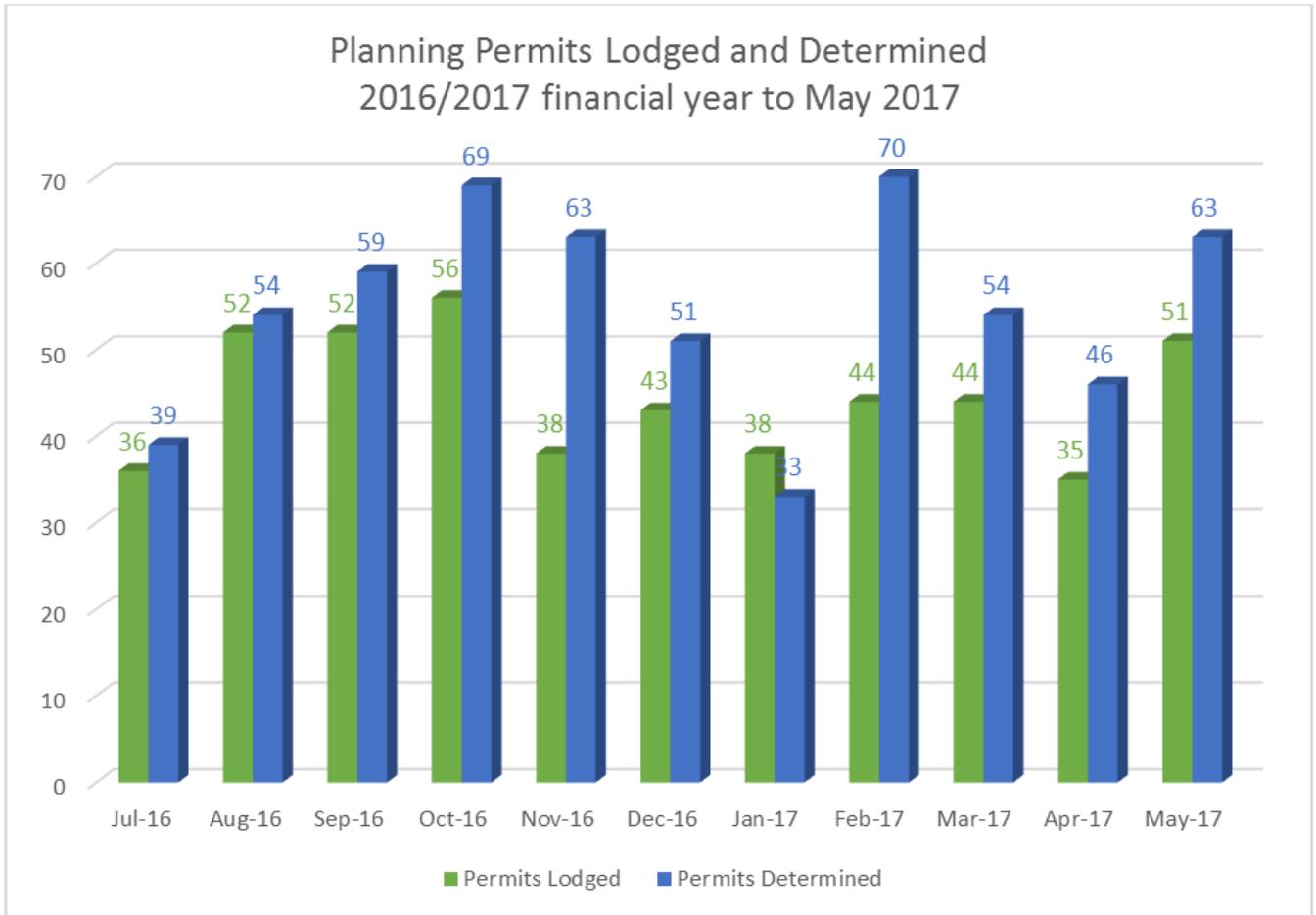
Dredging operations at the Mallacoota Ocean Access Boat Ramp will continue over the coming months as a part of council's works programme. Weather permitting, the works will be completed before the peak season arrival in order to maintain the Bastion Point facility.

We will use an aerial drone to monitor progress onsite and help us better understand seasonal sand movement around the facility. For more information about the drone flight visit our website:

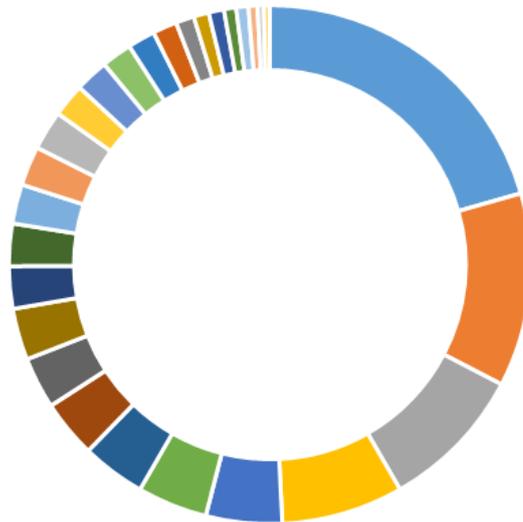
http://www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/Council/News_and_Media_Releases/Drone_flight_planned_for_Mallacoota

Planning statistics

The graphs below provide a snapshot of planning permit lodgements, decisions and locations.



Planning Permits Determined
2016/2017 financial year to May 2017
Permit Locations



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| ■ Bairnsdale | ■ Lakes Entrance | ■ Metung | ■ Paynesville | ■ Raymond Island | ■ Kalimna |
| ■ Wy Yung | ■ Mallacoota | ■ Eagle Point | ■ Newlands Arm | ■ Bruthen | ■ Lindenow |
| ■ Marlo | ■ Forge Creek | ■ Nicholson | ■ Orbost | ■ Hillside | ■ Lake Tyers |
| ■ Swan Reach | ■ Buchan | ■ Nungurner | ■ Omeo | ■ Tambo Upper | ■ Cann River |
| ■ Ellaswood | ■ Eastwood | ■ Bengworden | ■ Benambra | | |

Value of permits approved
2016/2017 financial year to May 2017
Total: \$136,402,666

