INFRASTRUCTURE

Strong infrastructure is important for many reasons including basic health and safety; quality of life; and economic productivity. The Council has set some challenging objectives that will lead to a more robust infrastructure across East Gippsland. We will expand the range of leisure and recreation facilities on offer – and will ensure all new developments include quality public spaces. We will advocate a range of infrastructure improvements to support our communities.

The design, management and delivery of infrastructure are key issues for Council. The Infrastructure Design Manual (IDM) prepared by the Local Government Infrastructure Design Association has been adopted by Council and includes guidelines for the design and construction of infrastructure within the municipality, including (among other things) roads, drainage, stormwater, car parking, landscaping, access, earthworks, public lighting and intersection infrastructure. The IDM complements the objectives and standards of Clause 56 for residential subdivision applications. This Clause provides local content to support Clause 19 of the State Planning Policy Framework.

Education Facilities

Objective 1
To encourage a range of education options in the region.

Strategy 1.1
Support Advanced TAFE with the development of its campuses and services.

Strategy 1.2
Support the development of additional education facilities.

Strategy 1.3
Identify suitable sites or premises for delivery of education services.

Distribution of Social and Cultural Infrastructure

Objective 1
To meet the recreational and cultural needs of residents and visitors to East Gippsland.

Strategy 1.1
Provide or encourage the provision of upgraded and new leisure and recreation facilities.

Strategy 1.2
Improve the standard of beach amenities for users.

Strategy 1.3
Ensure that high quality public spaces are included in all major development projects.

Strategy 1.4
Encourage development of new and innovative venues.

Objective 2
To ensure social considerations are integral to decision making processes for all development and land use proposals.
Strategy 2.1
Require applications for development, infrastructure and land use to include a social impact comment (SIC) or Social Impact Assessment (SIA) in accordance with the East Gippsland Shire Council Social Impact Assessment Guidelines for Development Applications.

Development Contribution Plans

Objective 1
To ensure that appropriate physical, social and community infrastructure can be provided in a timely and predictable manner.

Strategy 1.1
Require developers of new residential subdivisions to provide services appropriate to the scale and nature of the development.

Strategy 1.2
Developers may also be required to contribute to upgrading of existing facilities.

Telecommunications

Objective 1
To encourage upgrades to the communications network.

Strategy 1.1
Encourage the extension of mobile phone networks to cover the whole of East Gippsland.

Strategy 1.2
Support the expansion of networks to those areas of the Shire currently without access to these services.

Strategy 1.3
Ensure that all new communications facilities are located and constructed so that cultural, landscape and natural values are protected.

Waste and Resource Recovery

Objective 1
To establish waste management services that are environmentally sound, equitable and efficient and meet the needs of the residents.

Strategy 1.1
Improve siting and management of municipal landfill operations and waste transfer stations and minimise the quantity of waste being disposed of to them.

Strategy 1.2
Support necessary works to be undertaken on waste disposal.

Implementation
The strategies in relation to infrastructure will be implemented through the planning scheme by:

Application of Zones and Overlays
Applying the Public Park and Recreation Zone on urban open space areas managed by Council.
Applying the Public Use Zone on land that is required for public purposes.
Applying the Public Use Zone to land used for public utility and community services and facilities.

Other Actions
Identify a future network of waste disposal sites to meet the needs of residents in the far east of the Shire, including a new disposal facility at Deddick.

Further Strategic Work
Undertake and implement Outline Development Plans, where necessary and incorporate Development Plan Overlay, the Design and Development Overlay and the Development Contributions Plan Overlay if appropriate.
Undertake a planning scheme amendment to introduce and apply an Environmental Significance Overlay as buffers to sewerage treatment plants.
Undertake a planning scheme amendment to introduce and apply the Public Acquisition Overlay to secure an appropriate site for the future landfill in Lakes Entrance.
Integrate the Social Impact Assessment Guidelines for Development Applications in to the East Gippsland Planning Scheme, as appropriate.
Develop and adopt an Open Space Strategy to provide standards and specialisations for leisure and recreation facilities in each of the towns and districts across the Shire, ranging from major regional venues to facilities to meet local needs.
Complete current planning work on waste disposal in the eastern part of the Shire, including:
- Investigate the potential to extend the life of the Lakes Entrance landfill site by better management of compostable wastes.; and
- Identify an appropriate site for longer-term development as an alternative landfill for the Lakes Entrance district and undertake necessary land acquisition and planning.

Reference Document
- Waste Collection and Disposal Strategy, East Gippsland Shire Council 2010-2030
- East Gippsland Shire Council Social Impact Assessment Guidelines for Development Applications (EGSC May 2013)
- East Bairnsdale - Lucknow Precinct Structure Plan, November 2013

Infrastructure Planning, Design and Construction

Objective 1
To provide clear and consistent guidelines for the planning, design and construction of infrastructure.

Strategy 1.1  Encourage a consistent approach to the design and construction of infrastructure across the municipality.
Strategy 1.2  Encourage new subdivision and development that has regard to the objectives and requirements of the IDM or an approved Precinct Structure Plan.