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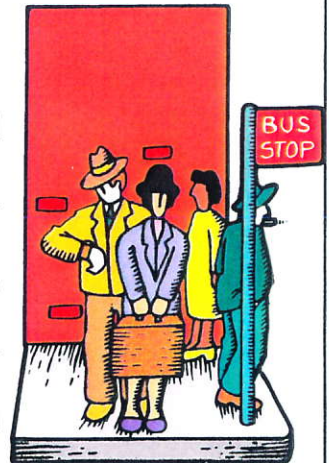
### TRANSPORT ISSUES

A public meeting was called by Terry Bertalli on behalf of concerned locals for the transport issues in South West Gippsland.

At this meeting a steering committee was formed and named "South West Gippsland Transport Group."

The key challenges for the South East Corridor and South West Gippsland are:

- Growth in SE corridor of Melbourne and its impact on mobility and accessibility to Melbourne and the regions
- Congestion on Monash freeway impact on travel times
- Transport and the need for rail services
- The impact of oil and escalating energy prices and its impact on families and businesses in the region.
- The need for appropriate investments in road, rail, freight and public transport
- The need to address the freight load on South Gippsland Highway (sand, dairy, wood)
- The need for a green logistic system for a sustainable low carbon dairy industry
- With increasing congestion, rising energy costs and carbon pricing the need for more intermodal freight centres to service the area
- The impact of Port of Hastings and Port Anthony on transport need in the region
- The need for La Trobe Valley for access to bulk export facilities and for access for heavy prefabricated plant and machinery into the Valley
- The need for 20 year forward planning for transport accessibility and mobility



We need to start now so that our children and grandchildren will reap the benefits! A charter now needs to be drafted, a committee selected, more research needs to be undertaken, discussion undertaken with local councils and the Public Transport Users Association. Community input is extremely vital.

The next meeting will be in July. Andrew McEwen chaired the meeting and he can be contacted at 0488242478 or [m.m.loughrey@bigpond.com](mailto:m.m.loughrey@bigpond.com)



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