

## New Mayor and Deputy Mayor elected

Councillor Lorraine Brunt is the new Mayor of South Gippsland Shire following the Mayoral Election at the Special Meeting of Council this morning.

Councillor Aaron Brown was elected Deputy Mayor.

Mayor Councillor Lorraine Brunt and Deputy Mayor Councillor Aaron Brown will retain their positions for the next 12 months.

“The job of electing a Mayor is not an easy one as it has great responsibility. I will commit myself to the role with energy, pride, fairness, commitment and above all integrity.

“We need to support and encourage good working relations and give equal opportunity to all Councillors. All Councillors will have a voice, an equal voice that will be respected and listened to.

“Our role in guiding and shaping development has never been more important than right now. The decisions we make today will be the legacy that our future generations will inherit,” said the Mayor.

Cr Brown was humble in accepting his new role. “I believe I have the ability to work with a variety of different people in a constructive and coherent manner,” said the Deputy Mayor. “This is a very important year. I am hoping we can get some great outcomes and achieve a lot.”

The next Council meeting will be held at 2.00pm on Wednesday 22 November in the Council Chambers, Leongatha.

Photo caption: Newly elected Mayor, Councillor Lorraine Brunt and Deputy Mayor, Cr Aaron Brown were congratulated by outgoing Mayor Councillor Ray Argento and outgoing Deputy Mayor Councillor Maxine Kiel on their new positions.

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