

Riders Ready for Great Victorian Bike Ride

South Gippsland is counting down to the Great Victorian Bike Ride that will tour the region this week.

The ride will begin in Tidal River on Sunday 26 November, head from Foster to Yarram on Monday 27 November and will continue around Gippsland through to Trafalgar on the 3 December.

As part of the first day festivities, Foster will be holding a street party with market stalls from 10.30am and live music and entertainment throughout the evening. Sections of Main Street will be closed to traffic from 9.00am to 11.00pm; rear car parking will be available.

Foster was named the favourite and most welcoming town by riders in 2007 which the community will try to uphold for 2017.

South Gippsland Shire Mayor Councillor Lorraine Brunt said the Great Victorian Bike Ride was a great way for visitors to see and experience South Gippsland and beyond.

"Council is proud to support the Great Victorian Bike Ride and is pleased to host riders for the first two days of their travels.

"We look forward to welcoming our new and returning riders and expect it shall be a fantastic event, particularly with all the efforts made by the Foster community to entertain the riders on their first night.

"With 3,200 riders expected to be travelling in the region it is important for motorists to be wary when travelling in the area," said the Mayor.

Road closures (including the closure of Wilsons Promontory National Park until 12.30pm) are expected on Sunday 26 November with traffic disruptions on Monday 27 November.

For more information on these changes to road conditions please visit <u>www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/greatvicbikeride</u>.

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