

## Volunteers Supporting Local Service

South Gippsland Shire Council would like to recognise the hard work and dedication of its volunteers particularly those currently assisting Council's Waste Management and Parks and Gardens teams.

Volunteers have been dedicating their time to assist these departments of Council to deliver some aspects of their services.

Nic and Wendy Jongebloed have volunteered over 120 hours to help collect windblown litter at the Koonwarra landfill since August. They have also been cleaning up litter in Council's parks and reserves.

Volunteers Robyn Schmidt and Keitha Raabe have also assisted recently by undertaking a condition audit of all of Councils public litter and recycling bins, improving the accuracy of their mapped locations and identifying maintenance requirements.

Thea Thompson and Anthea Spehr have mapped, photographed and measured all the significant trees across South Gippsland as part of their efforts.

South Gippsland Shire Council's Waste Management Supervisor Peter Roberts said these volunteers make a significant difference to the level of service that is able to be provided to the community.

"By having volunteers assist whenever they can our officers are able to focus their time on other tasks as required.

"Their selflessness and dedication to our community helps us provide the best service possible to our residents," said Mr Roberts.

For more information about volunteering please contact Council's Volunteer Officer Dana Hughes on 5662 9200 or visit Council's website <a href="https://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/volunteers">www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/volunteers</a>

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