Mayor's Message South Gippsland Shire Council

As your elected Councillors it is our responsibility to ensure that we act with integrity for the greater good of our community. Our roles come with obligations to ensure we serve those who elected us and make decisions that benefit the area.

It is an understatement to say that I am disappointed that one or more of my colleagues – your elected representatives – may have acted inappropriately with information relating to a legal case. This self-serving behaviour – if substantiated – goes against all our teachings as Councillors and negates our responsibility to one another and to you, the people we are here to represent.

This is a serious issue and if it is found to be true there could be severe consequences. Releasing confidential information to someone in a legal dispute with Council undermines the integrity of your local government and exposes each and every South Gippsland resident and ratepayer to greater risk and unnecessarily increased costs. It is inexcusable and will not be taken lightly.

On a much more positive note, I am pleased that we are getting that little bit closer to the 123rd Korumburra Show! I have been working with the A & P Society of Korumburra and it has been fantastic to see the last pieces come together in the planning.

The Korumburra Show is important to me and holds a special place in my heart. When I was younger my parents used to attend shows where I rode horses all over Gippsland. In those days every town had a show; now we're down to just a handful, so it is vital that we support those that are still running.

It is with this in mind that I urge everyone who can to attend the show. Not only will you be helping a long-standing community event, you can also join in on the fun.

Those who read the Mayor's Message last week will know the show is on this Saturday and Sunday at the Korumburra Showgrounds. Make sure to book it in your diary and come along to support such a fantastic event.

Cr Lorraine Brunt Mayor