

# Mayor's Message



Council has worked through a number of key issues on the agenda of our Council Meeting this week. While each month a number of topics are brought to us, this month in particular we had highly sensitive decisions to make in regards to Amendment C90 and the motorcycle track in Leongatha South.

Managing the needs of our community while balancing development is always a difficult task but nonetheless we aim to create solutions that can appease everyone involved. In the case of Amendment C90 we have moved to accept the amendment but have requested the Minister for Planning, the Hon. Richard Wynne MP, appoints an independent planning panel to consider issues raised by the community

The panel will work with affected community members to deliver solutions that ensure the amendment can proceed while taking into consideration the needs of residents. It also has been requested that Port Welshpool be given special consideration for the restructure component of the overlay. I am confident that with this work we will find success – after all Amendment C90 has been a major task for our Planning team and we want to ensure that effort is followed through on.

The motorcycle track at Leongatha South was another delicate issue to navigate; on one hand we had motorcycle users needing a space for events and on the other nearby residents concerned about potential impacts. In these situations Council can understand the perspectives of both user groups and acts as a mediator between their requests.

Allowing the motorcycle track to proceed but under strict conditions meant we could ensure both parties were considered and we could create a situation that ensures the area is used amicably. We look forward to seeing the amended plans from the applicant that will address concerns raised by the community.

These two topics were only a couple of those considered and I would suggest that you watch the live stream on our website if you're interested: [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live)

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