

Mayor's Message



Council has had a number of engagement opportunities happening recently where we have been asking our community members their opinions on topical issues. In particular we have been seeking feedback on a Leongatha community network and on public transport, specifically bus routes.

We are aware that community members have been asking the Victorian Government and transport authorities to increase access to public transport services in South Gippsland. It is our hope that we can utilise the feedback received in partnership with the South West Gippsland Transport Group to advocate for these services.

Ultimately we understand the need for connections between our towns and to other regions; we too want to ensure our residents and visitors have easy access to South Gippsland and beyond. Having feedback that advises where you need to travel to and from and why public transport is required will make demonstrating this need for our region easier.

In regards to Leongatha, Council wants to work with the local community to improve social, cultural, recreational and economic activity in Leongatha and surrounds. While we do already work closely with a number of local groups – and they regularly work together – this is often an informal process. We want to know if it would be beneficial to formalise this process.

A similar structure has worked well in some of our other towns with groups like the Korumburra Round Table, and the Mirboo North and Loch Community Development Organisations. Council is also open to ideas from the community on how they think such an arrangement could work to benefit Leongatha and its surrounding areas.

There is still one community session remaining as an opportunity to share your thoughts on the Leongatha network in person:

- Tuesday 14 August - 10.00am to 2.00pm (drop-in) - Council Chambers, Michael Place Leongatha

If you haven't yet had an opportunity to have your say on the Leongatha Network please make sure to visit oursay.org/southgippsland. The Leongatha Network forum closes on 17 August so make sure to get your ideas in quick!

Cr Lorraine Brunt
Mayor