

# Mayor's Message



This week we have a busy Council Meeting awaiting my fellow Councillors and I on a range of important topics. We will need to consider grant applications including funding for the Venus Bay Jetty Redevelopment and consider awarding the contract for the Korumburra Railway Station Masterplan and the Detailed Designs of the Community Hub.

Coming to us this month is the results of your feedback for the Leongatha Collaboration and Leadership project and public transport in South Gippsland. I would just like to thank each community member who took the time to take part in the OurSay forums for these topics and joined in the face-to-face workshops with our officers. In order to make effective decisions Council must know the sentiment of the community and these types of activities really do assist with this process.

We also will consider the 2017/18 Draft Annual Report for the potential release to the community for comment. The Annual Report is a fundamental document for our function and demonstrates the complexity of Council's operations. An interesting achievement to date has been the successful advocacy efforts which have led to grant funding of over \$157 million being received in the past few years.

Continuing to have opportunities for you – our community – to share your ideas, thoughts and any concerns on projects is of utmost importance. It's the only way to ensure we can govern South Gippsland effectively and make a positive impact for South Gippsland in the future.

We are currently asking for your thoughts on a potential cat curfew and dog leash order by filling out a quick survey. This is being considered for the protection of our community and local flora and fauna. These surveys can be accessed at our website or by visiting Council's offices or your local library.

Don't forget if you do want to be involved in these types of activities to sign up to In The Know Council's fortnightly e-newsletter at [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/intheknow](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/intheknow)

**Cr Lorraine Brunt - Mayor**