

Mayor's Message



As we come closer to the end of the year it is certainly time for our community to consider the Australia Day Awards for 2019. Applications are closing on 31 October meaning there is a quick turnaround time for any last minute applications!

The Australia Day Awards are a fantastic opportunity to recognise our community members who make great contributions to our region. This year we will be awarding three categories including Citizen of the Year, Event of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year/Youth Community Contribution.

Those nominated will be recognised at the Australia Day Awards Ceremony on 16 January 2018 where the winners will also be announced. It is a wonderful night where we take the time to acknowledge all the hard working volunteers and community groups who dedicate significant amounts of time and effort for the benefit of South Gippsland.

Although many nominees do not seek recognition, nominating someone for an Australia Day Award is just one small way we can ensure credit and gratitude is given where it is certainly due.

Nominations can be made online at www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/AustraliaDay or please contact our offices on 5662 9200 for a printed copy to be distributed to you. I wish everyone who is nominated the best of luck and look forward to the celebrations early next year.

Last week I was also thankful for the opportunity to meet the successful tenderer Francis-Jones Morehen Thorp for the Korumburra Railway Station Masterplan and the Detailed Designs of the Community Hub. They have been responsible for the architectural designs of Bunjil Place, Port of Sale and the Frank Bartlett Memorial Library in Moe all of which have been fantastic results for the local communities.

Their designs create projects that are place making and anyone who has seen their work in Gippsland and beyond know the buildings they design are the perfect mix of stunning and functional.

The masterplan and detailed designs are part of the Korumburra Revitalisation Project, a priority project for Council in 2018/19. It is truly exciting to see this project starting to take shape and I cannot wait to see what Francis-Jones Morehen Thorp design for Korumburra.

Cr Lorraine Brunt
Mayor