

Mayor's Message



Following another countback of votes from the general election in 2016, James (Jim) Fawcett has successfully been elected as a Councillor for the Tarwin Valley ward. Jim is dedicated to the role, his depth of experience with Council over many years ensures he is ready to take on the task of moving forward and implementing the Council Plan

Jim will no doubt return to representing the Tarwin Valley Ward with the integrity and strength he has demonstrated in the past. He understands the responsibility we all have as Councillors and the trust our communities place in us.

Jim will be sworn-in on Wednesday 14 November at 11.00am in Council Chambers, Michael Place, Leongatha. This will ensure Council is fully represented in time for the Mayoral Election on Wednesday 21 November at 12.30pm also in the Council Chambers.

I am thankful that by Wednesday we will have each Councillor position filled ensuring we are ready for anything that comes our way during the remaining two years of our term. Looking forward it is my hope that as a Council we can now work to secure the trust and respect of our community.

We acknowledge the concern and dismay some of our community members have had in recent months. It certainly has been a challenging time to say the least – something we can hopefully now move past.

We now all have a job to do and that is to make sure the voices of our community are heard and decisions are made in the best interest for our region. Our Council Plan and the initiatives outlined for 2018/19 certainly demonstrates the hard work needed to achieve our goals.

In particular we all need to focus on advocating for the region to secure the necessary funding for many of our required projects. Keeping South Gippsland at the forefront for funding opportunities is our priority.

Ultimately these projects will create prosperity for our region – something we can all agree is needed. I am certainly looking forward to seeing what the remainder of our term shall bring.

Cr Lorraine Brunt
Mayor