

Message from the Administrator



Given that this is my first message as the Administrator of South Gippsland Shire Council, I'd like to start by thanking everyone in the community for giving me such a warm welcome. South Gippsland is a beautiful place with a wonderful pristine environment and to have the locals be so hospitable makes me immediately feel at home.

There has been a lot in the press about the problems with the Council, so I don't think I need to go into all of that again: I am all for looking forward, not back. With that in mind I'd like to reassure all of you that I am here to work with the community to restore confidence in the governance of Council. I will be making myself available to meet with individuals and groups over the coming months.

While I have never been an Administrator before, I have been a Councillor and a Mayor. This experience will stand me in good stead as I find my feet in this new role. I have only been here for a week and already I have had a multitude of briefings, been sworn in and conducted my first Council meeting – I have certainly had to hit the ground running! In addition to my time as a Councillor, I have also served on a number of boards, am a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and am a member of the Victoria Grants Commission. All in all I feel well equipped to fulfil the responsibilities of my new position.

I think that for my appointment to be considered a success that I must re-build bridges between Council and people right throughout the South Gippsland Shire. I want to work with members of the community and to undertake extensive consultation on issues that matter to you. I am effectively your representative and the best way for me to know what decisions are in your best interests is to understand the aspirations of the residents and ratepayers of the Shire.

I am very much looking forward to meeting more residents as we work together over the coming months to shape the future of the towns and regions across the breadth of South Gippsland.

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Administrator