

Message from the Administrator



As I begin to settle into the Administrator's role I have been exposed to a number of South Gippsland's local community groups and their volunteers. I must say it has been inspiring to see so many people feel connected to this region who are dedicated to making it prosper. South Gippsland will only be as good as the people that foster growth – so it is promising to see those making their mark.

Council would like to thank those who work on committees and spend many volunteer hours to ensure that diverse community needs are met. I know it's not always an easy task to manage all of the required governance of committees with the role of presidents, secretaries and treasurers but the rewards are what make it great.

Wonderful new and old friendships, positive outcomes for the community and a sense of achievement are only a few of the countless and varied reasons volunteering is rewarding. While several will humbly say volunteering is something they 'just do' it truly deserves to be acknowledged.

This passionate work builds public activities that help bring people together with shared interests – but it is much more than that. These opportunities build the social space in which a community thrives, it builds a common culture where positive outcomes are shared. At Council we encourage everyone to join in, to work together, share together and create a space we all are proud of.

In order to support these ventures Council provides rounds of funding to local groups and opportunities to seek funds for programs. We encourage all volunteer groups to visit Council's website to see if their priorities could meet the Community Grant criteria. This information is all available at www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/grants

It really is such a pleasure to see these groups flourish and I am excited to see the future development they are capable of.

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