

# Message from the Administrator



There has certainly been a lot going on this week and the Council meeting was no exception. Decisions were made on a range of topics ranging from planning amendments, planning applications, petition responses and provision of kindergarten services.

As Administrators we are dedicated to the South Gippsland people and making decisions in the best interest of the region in good time. Each Council meeting is an opportunity for us to do so and to make progress as we move further into our term.

In particular Planning Scheme Amendment C90 and the planning application for 250 O'Gradys Ridge Road, Foster North generated significant community interest demonstrating the need to be diligent not only in these cases but for all our decision making. In both cases there was significant participation and input by local community members and I took the opportunity at the Council meeting to thank all of those people who have contributed their perspectives to these processes.

As part of the meeting I was also humbled to be elected to the role of Deputy Chairperson. As Deputy Chair I will ensure the continuity of Council business in cases where our Chair, Administrator Julie Eisenbise, is absent.

Those wanting to learn more or even see us in action are of course welcome to attend any of our future meetings or watch past meetings on-demand at [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live)

Outside of Council there was a flurry of activity going on for the Leongatha Daffodil Festival which has celebrated its 63<sup>rd</sup> year. This is certainly a real achievement for the community as these types of events do not happen – and thrive for such a long time - without hard work and enthusiasm from incredibly dedicated and public spirited people.

The Leongatha Horticultural Society produced a beautiful Daffodil and Floral Show which was accompanied by Leongatha Rotary's Art Show. The Leongatha Business Association hosted another successful Leongatha Daffodil and Dairy Street Festival lining Bair Street, Lyon Street and Michael Place with market stalls, food trucks and live music.

I would like to thank all of the community groups and volunteers who put in a lot of time and effort to ensure the Leongatha Daffodil Festival was such a fantastic success. What a wonderful way to celebrate horticulture and the arts. It truly is fantastic to see what is possible for the region with a bit of commitment and team work.

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