

Nineteen New Citizens

Last night South Gippsland welcomed 19 new Australian citizens at a ceremony in Leongatha. Acting Chair Administrator Christian Zahra oversaw proceedings, which was particularly fitting given that he had been through the process of becoming an Australian citizen after being born in Malta.

Also in attendance were Danny O'Brien, Member for Gippsland South and Acting South Gippsland Shire Council CEO, Bryan Sword.

The following conferees were granted citizenship:

- Susan Braker from Nerrena
- Veerle Fierens from Fish Creek
- Dane Hawley from Leongatha
- Rekha Ravi and Chiranjib Mondal from Leongatha
- Melissa and Charlie Preston from Leongatha South
- Pretchelle (Sam) Ringeri from Korumburra
- Luis Ernesto Robles la Riva from Leongatha
- Joseph, Marie Laetitia, Julien and Marie Agnes Rosse from Korumburra
- Sheena Tomy, Joel Tom and Angeline Tomy from Leongatha
- Cornelis van Leeuwen from Bena
- Ranjodh Singh from Leongatha
- Zhiqin Xiao from Leongatha

Administrator Zahra said that he was very proud to have had the opportunity to be part of such a significant event for the new citizens.

“I had great feedback from the new citizens and their families who had a great night and felt very welcomed. It was an honor and a privilege to be involved.”

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