

Message from the Administrator



It's great to be back in South Gippsland! Thank you to Christian and Rick for carrying more of the load in my absence.

I have certainly been making up for my time away in the last week. Tuesday night I was in Mirboo North with Christian and Bryan. It was inspiring to hear from the local community about the numerous projects that they have on the go. They take on all sorts of challenging tasks with vigour and it has led to a strong, friendly group with whom consultation will continue as they outline their plans for their future. I'd like to congratulate them on being such an active group of volunteers who manage events during every month of the year.

On Wednesday we had our monthly Council Meeting and resolved a number of issues such as land acquisition to progress the path to the Korumburra High School and the Local Law review, which will be out for public comment over the next two months.

On Thursday I was at Manna Gum in Foster, then at the opening of the terrific refurbishment of the Foster library with Rick. The local library is now available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Quite extraordinary. So, no matter what time of the day or night you want to grab a book, borrow a DVD or use a computer, you can simply swipe your membership card and it's all there waiting for you.

From Foster we headed to Fish Creek for the sod turning at the new kindergarten. We had the honour of hosting the Member for Eastern Victoria, Jane Garrett MP at both the library and the kinder. It was a wonderful opportunity to talk to her about the exciting things that are going on in South Gippsland. It was obvious from the interactions she had with the locals in both towns that she could get a sense of the potential that this area has.

When I talk about South Gippsland, I used to talk about the rolling hills and pristine beaches. More and more I find myself talking about the people. It is the people that make this such a warm and inviting place. It is also the people who will be the energy that will make the potential of this region a reality.

Finally, I spent Saturday night judging the costumes at the spectacularly spooky Halloween event at Coal Creek. What a wonderful week!

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Chair Administrator