

Message from the Administrator



Last week I represented South Gippsland Shire Council at the Korumburra Remembrance Day service. It was an opportunity to pay my respects to the servicemen and women who fought and died in all wars and conflicts and to reflect on the sacrifices of our forefathers. It was a very thoughtful and well-prepared service. After this service I met with the Korumburra Probus Club another great example of an active community group in the Shire. It was great to hear their views and I thank them for the warm welcome.

I have been attending many community events and meetings to hear from local residents. In four months I've met with over 500 community members. I am glad to have had the opportunity to hear many views from across our community and to listen to ideas for the region. One thing that has really impressed me has been the extraordinary amount of volunteerism that happens in South Gippsland.

One volunteer group that I was fortunate to visit recently was the combined Men's Shed in Nyora. I enjoyed hearing their guest speaker talk about the importance of defibrillators and to hear about the group's local activities. It was pleasing to hear that Bunnings has been working with the Men's Sheds by donating materials.

Last week I visited Dumbalk for a well-attended community meeting that was organised by Council staff. Here we discussed Council issues but, more importantly, we were present to listen to local residents. A key topic that came up was the Local Law Amendment. The Local Law review is generating some good discussion in the community but unfortunately there is some misinformation. Councils review local laws to ensure that they continue to reflect community standards. I encourage everyone to take the time to read through the consultation material and provide us with feedback.

Submissions to the Local Law review are open until 10 January 2020. You can make a submission online at www.oursay.org/southgippsland/locallaw or by visiting one of over 24 locations across the municipality including Council's office in Leongatha. Making a submission is the only way to make an impact. We want to ensure the Local Law reflects the needs of our community but we need everyone's help to do so effectively.

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