

# Message from the Administrator



Before Christmas I was reminded of how easy it is to take things for granted, particularly those experiences which happen regularly. Indeed Christmas is a good time of year to express our gratitude for what we take for granted.

This thought occurred to me as I drove along the main street of Korumburra during December and looked at the flower displays in both the garden beds in the middle of the road and the rose display on the embankment. The roses were spectacular. They enhanced the attractiveness of the town and would have been a reason for people driving through Korumburra to remember it.

Later in December I drove through Meeniyan and noticed how the perennials and the trees were flourishing and how they make an important contribution to the attractiveness of the village.

The state of the garden beds in main streets and the parks and gardens in the Shire is not an accident.

It is due to the efforts of the staff responsible for maintaining the parks and gardens. Their diligence and dedication brings great credit to the Shire. The condition of the gardens and parks is important not just because it makes South Gippsland a more pleasant place in which to live. It also makes a visit to South Gippsland a more enjoyable and rewarding experience and hopefully a reason to come again.

Their beauty and attractiveness also are a reminder of how blessed South Gippsland is to have the climate and soil it does.

It is important that we do our best to make the most of these advantages to develop the Shire.

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