

Message from the Administrator



A couple of weeks ago Ned Dennis, the Coordinator of Community Strengthening, retired from Council. Council was formed about 25 years ago and Ned has been part of the scene for 16 of those 25 or so years. He is well and truly part of the furniture.

Prior to joining Council he was the Coordinator of what is now the South Gippsland Bass Coast Local Learning and Employment Network. Thus Ned has spent much of his working life supporting the South Gippsland community since moving to Wooreen in the late 1970s.

During that time Ned has been involved in most programs and initiatives designed to support, encourage and strengthen local communities including the development of community planning statements, the allocation of community grants, encouraging the arts, the creation of a youth strategy, celebrating indigenous culture and road and truck safety initiatives.

Indeed for many people Ned has been the public face of the Shire.

Anyone would be hard pressed to find a town, area or community that has not benefitted from Ned – be it from his local knowledge, passion for the region and his commitment to empowering local people and communities.

Few of us are able to say, after retiring from fulltime work, that the community is better off for having done what we did. Ned Dennis is one of that select group.

The Shire should take pride from the fact that it is able to inspire the commitment, loyalty and dedication as demonstrated by people like Ned.

The Administrators would like to wish Ned all the best for his next chapter and thank him for all that he has done for South Gippsland. Ned's career at Council is a valuable reminder of the wonderful work that is possible when we have the community working alongside us for the benefit of the region.

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