

Message from the Administrator



This week has certainly been busy following the Council Meeting where as Administrators we continue to gather information and consider all options on a range of issues before we make decisions on behalf of the community.

One of the key decisions made was to implement a Community Leadership Program which will aim to encourage people to become leaders in South Gippsland. We will be working hard to develop participants' skills during nine sessions over nine months that we hope will be a driver for positive influence in our communities.

The program will also be supported with a Youth Leadership Program so that we can also support our future leaders. More information is still to come for these programs so I encourage anyone interested to please keep watch for further details as they become available later this month.

I have also been out attending meetings and visiting different community groups recently including Foster Rotary and the Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee (MEMPC). It always is wonderful having the opportunity to meet such passionate members of the community and the Foster Rotary was no exception. Their volunteer work is inspiring and they are another community group that is passionate about our region that many of us can look up to.

As for the MEMPC, I would like to express my gratitude to our emergency services and volunteers who have been working tirelessly over the summer break at keeping us safe and assisting our neighbours in what has been a terrible tragedy with the bushfires. Their operations are quite complex and it was a great opportunity to hear about their efforts and future plans.

I must also take the time to recognise Council's Director of Corporate and Community Services Faith Page who will be finishing her role at Council on 19 March. Faith has been a great asset to our team and as Administrators we would like to wish her all the best on her future endeavours.

I know that it was a tough decision for Faith to leave Council, after being offered an opportunity in her previous field of advisory services/consulting in information and technology, risk and among many other areas but I personally wish her the best of luck.

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