Administrators' Message



As we continue to fight the spread of coronavirus it is evident now more than ever that we must continue to be vigilant and take the current precautions seriously. It has been unfortunate to hear of the increase in Victorian coronavirus cases and the outbreak at Cedar Meats but it serves as a reminder for us all on the importance of our actions.

We will get through this crisis but we must all do everything in our power to stay safe and reduce the spread. We know this has been a long-haul and we may still have a bit to go yet, but by looking out for one another and being compassionate we can do this.

Our current Be Kind campaign has been a wonderful opportunity to remind everyone in our community to be kind to each other and themselves as we work through this difficult time. We have heard some lovely stories and thought we would share them below:

- "In the midst of the toilet paper shortage a friend messaged me that Woolies had stock.
 Unfortunately, it was gone by the time I got there. I was down to my last roll for a family of three but a kind lady in the same aisle gave me the toilet paper from her own trolley!"
- *"Harvested excess home-grown garden produce and delivered it to the local hospital catering manager, using appropriate social distancing, of course."*
- "Whilst in hospital due to an accident two members of the community came and mowed my lawns, cleaned out my fridge, checked on my chooks and fed my cat."
- "My lovely neighbour Liz Marsh is cutting our front hedge right now and even dropped off some fresh bread on our verandah."

These stories demonstrate the goodwill of the South Gippsland community and these community members should be looked up to for their efforts and give inspiration for us all to share more kindness. If you wish to submit your act of kindness - it could be big or small and you can stay anonymous – please visit <u>www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/bekind</u>. The page will be updated regularly with stories as they come in which are equally heart-warming.

We would also like to note that due to COVID-19 Victorian legislation has been changed to allow planning documents that were required to be physically available to view are now only required to be available online and Planning Panels Victoria will meet their public requirements if they are available to view online. These changes mean that planning processes can continue during the pandemic. Those wanting more information can visit <u>www.planning.vic.gov.au</u>

Please stay kind to one another and we will continue to provide updates as we can during these uncertain times.

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