

Administrator's Message



We are proud to continue making decisions in the best interests of the South Gippsland community, which was demonstrated at our Council Meeting last week. For anyone who missed the meeting a couple of key decisions were made surrounding the planning permit for the Korumburra Community Hub and Phase Two of the COVID-19 Community Support Package.

Phase Two of the COVID-19 Community Support Package allocates a further \$393,110 to assist with mental health training, a creative and cultural arts program, regional promotion and a tourism grants program. If you would like to watch these decisions made in action you can watch our livestream on demand at www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

We are also very excited to announce that we have been successful in our \$99,070 grant application to the Victorian Government's Rural Councils ICT Infrastructure Program to upgrade our livestreaming equipment. Livestreaming is now more important than ever with COVID-19 and our virtual meetings, so we are excited to upgrade this equipment and bring a better online experience for our community members.

A special thank you is needed for one of our staff members Penni Ellicott who has finished her role as chair of the Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee after five years. This week the 20+ members of the committee thanked Penni for her contribution to the community, including her role as Municipal Recovery Manager for nine years, and we wish to reiterate that thank you in this message. This committee is essential to the functioning of our community and the pandemic has only further highlighted this. We look forward to continue work with Penni on major projects across the municipality and we wish Luke Mullen all the best for his new role as chair of the committee – he certainly has some big shoes to fill!

We would also like to extend our thanks to the community for following the Stage Three directions – it is only by your wonderful cooperation that we will hopefully look forward to a positive spring. By staying home unless it is for the four reasons, wearing a face covering while you are out and getting tested if you are not well you are keeping yourself and those around you safe.

Speaking of, spring is only just around the corner and will bring much needed brightness for us all – with more daylight, baby animals filling our paddocks and many flowers starting to bloom including our daffodils which are out in full force. We really do envy those who have been able to see the daffodils of

late and we hope we will be able to see them again for ourselves soon.

We hope you all stay well and keep an eye out for one another – our communities are strong and we can get through this together.

Julie Eisenbise, Christian Zahra AM and Rick Brown –Administrators